

# SPELTHORNE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Newsletter No. 04



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## Price Increase from 1st November

**A**lthough the SVD are in a fairly comfortable financial position, our costs have been greater than our income for the past four years. Consequently, the SVD committee have decided they need to increase the mileage charge from 40p to 45p with effect from 1st November, 2017. This will be the first increase in the cost of the mileage charge since January, 2005, when the cost was moved from 35p to 40p per mile. So, we hope that this increase will still be seen as very good value for money.

The change means that the cost of trips to hospitals, and all clinics outside of Spelthorne, will rise from 40p to 45p per mile. The capped charge limits for trips to hospitals, and clinics outside of Spelthorne, will also increase.

A full list of our 'round trip' charges are as follows:

- All health centres, clinics, dentists, opticians, leisure/day/community centres, chiropodists, audiologists, etc within Spelthorne—Fixed charge of £3.50
- Local (but outside of Spelthorne) health centres, clinics, dentists, opticians, etc, eg, in Feltham, Walton, Egham—45p per mile, but capped at £9
- All other journeys—45p per mile, with
  - trips to Ashford Hospital capped at £6
  - trips to St. Peter's/Runnymede Hospitals, White Lodge Centre capped at £9
  - trips to Walton and Weybridge hospitals capped at £9
  - trips to all other hospitals capped at £22
- Journeys over 60 miles—60 miles at 45p per mile, then all additional miles at 25p per mile

Our drivers can claim, from SVD, 45p per mile on all journeys up to 60 miles, then 25p for each extra mile.

## Driver's Log Sheets Submission

We are at that point of the year when our Treasurer, Michael Wright, will be asking all drivers to submit their completed Driver's Log sheets (up to 31st October).

Therefore, could all drivers ensure their Log sheets are sent to Michael as soon as possible in November.



### SVD Committee:

Chairperson: Anne Grigg  
Secretary: Gill Peters  
Treasurer: Michael Wright  
Members: Judy Hall, Evelyn Lawrence, Stuart Surridge  
Surrey Community Action Advisor: Vicki Turton



## SVD Driver Profile

Our 4th Driver Profile features our Chairperson, Anne Grigg.

Name: Anne Grigg

Husband: 1

Children: 4 (3 boys and 1 girl) and 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter

Joined SVD: 2006 and became Chairperson in 2015

Favourite foods: Cheese, apples and cake

Hated Foods: Beef, lamb and pork

Dislikes: Rude people

Favourite Sports: Played tennis for 60 years and swimming

Hobbies: Gardening, reading and holidays. I enjoy driving for SVD and helping people



## SVD Annual Party

As in previous years, we will be looking to hold another Annual Party in January (details to be advised).

Drivers don't often get the chance to meet up with each other. They may, on the odd occasion, bump (sorry not a very good choice of word!) into each other in a waiting room at a clinic somewhere. But, this event provides a welcome chance for drivers to socialise with other drivers within our organisation, so is regarded as an important function.



## Royal Surrey Hospital Car Parking

The Royal Surrey Hospital in Guildford have now followed Ashford and St Peters Hospitals by introducing car parking charges for blue badge holders. The change came into effect from 1st October, 2017.

Fortunately, SVD's yellow 'Driver on Duty' badges will still enable all our clients to continue to have free parking there. Our thanks go to Vicki Turton of Surrey Community Action in helping secure this concession.



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