



Spare Seat

PRACTICAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

Spare Seat is a simple parish-level noticeboard for sharing everyday car journeys.

Drivers already making a trip can offer spare seats. Residents heading the same way can request a lift.

No new infrastructure. No new journeys. Just a better use of the journeys already happening.

Already supporting rural communities in reducing isolation, sharing travel, and making better use of empty seats.

Why this matters

Rural transport is becoming harder for many communities to sustain.

1. Bus services are often reduced or infrequent
2. Taxi costs are rising with fuel prices
3. Not everyone can drive
4. Social isolation remains a serious rural issue
5. Many cars still travel with empty seats

At a time of high fossil fuel costs and growing environmental impact, filling existing seats is a practical step councils can take now.

What Spare Seat provides

- 1. A private community notice board for car sharing
- 2. Ride offers from local drivers
- 3. Seat requests from residents
- 4. Contact details shared only after acceptance
- 5. Journey alerts for regular routes
- 6. Calendar confirmations for accepted rides
- 7. Simple usage reports for councils

Spare Seat is not a taxi service or commercial ride-hailing platform. It is neighbours helping neighbours, with any fuel contribution kept at a non-profit level.

The environmental case

Every shared seat can mean one fewer separate journey.

Spare Seat does not ask drivers to change their plans. It helps them fill seats in journeys they were already making.

- 1. No additional fuel use for the driver
- 2. Fewer duplicate journeys
- 3. Lower community transport emissions
- 4. Measurable miles saved through usage reports

For councils with climate action plans or net zero commitments, Spare Seat provides a simple, reportable way to reduce avoidable travel.

For parish councils

Spare Seat is designed for smaller rural communities and requires little administration.

- 1. No app to download
- 2. Works in any browser
- 3. Suitable for clerks, councillors, or trusted volunteers
- 4. Community data remains separate and controlled
- 5. Users can be blocked if needed
- 6. Reports show rides offered, seats shared, and miles saved

It complements existing transport schemes rather than replacing them.

Simple, transparent pricing

| Council Size | Annual Fee |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| Small parish (under 1,000 residents) | £245* |
| Standard parish (1,000–5,000 residents) | £345* |

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| Larger councils (over 5,000 residents) | £445* |

** All prices are inclusive — no VAT is charged.*

No long-term contracts. Start with a single year.

For most councils, this works out at well under £1 per resident per year.

Next steps

Request a short demonstration tailored to your parish.

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