

DIAL-a-RIDE

for Vale of White Horse
West Oxfordshire
Oxford City



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of White Horse**



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When and where can I travel?

The service is available between 9:00am and 5:00pm as follows:

What's new?

Octabus dial-a-ride is now available on a first-come-first-served 'open' basis every day it operates. The previous 'localised' pattern of service, whereby various groups of parishes were served on set days of the week has now been dropped. Now you can travel anywhere to anywhere within each District Council area (and beyond on certain days – see details below). All travel is offered subject to vehicle availability.

From 1 April 2006 travel by Octabus is FREE* for holders of concessionary bus passes. *certain exceptions apply for some cross-boundary journeys.

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – open service allowing journeys within the Vale of White Horse District Council area, or to Oxford City.

Thursday and Friday – open service allowing journeys not catered for on Monday to Wednesday. Journeys will be available to any destination within the Vale of White Horse or West Oxfordshire District Council areas, to Oxford City, and (from Abingdon area only) to Didcot.

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

Monday to Thursday – open service allowing journeys within the West Oxfordshire District Council area, or to Oxford City.

Friday – open service allowing journeys not catered for on other days, to any destination within West Oxfordshire District Council area, Vale of White Horse area, or to Oxford City.

OXFORD CITY

Monday – Friday journeys anywhere within Oxford City.

What is OCTABUS dial-a-ride?

Octabus Dial-a-Ride is a door-to-door service for those who are unable to use or find it difficult to use public transport, such as elderly or disabled people. The drivers of the vehicles are trained both in first aid and in the assistance of wheelchair users and those with mobility problems.

Where can I go?



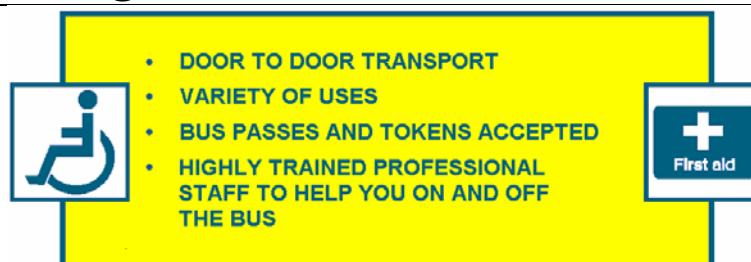
Whatever your journey purpose*, Octabus Dial-a-Ride is available to take you!

*The only exceptions are for journeys to hospitals for appointments, and to social centres operated by Oxfordshire County Council. For hospital appointments please speak to your doctor about travel schemes to enable you to make your appointment. Please speak to Social Services about getting to Oxfordshire County Council-run social centres.

How do I qualify to use OCTABUS dial-a-ride?

- You must live in the area served by the Vale of White Horse District Council, or Oxford City Council, or West Oxfordshire District Council.
- You must be unable to use other forms of public transport without experiencing some difficulty owing to disability or infirmity.
- Age and nature of disability are irrelevant. If you have no other easy access to transport, then you will qualify.

Advantages of using OCTABUS dial-a-ride



How much will it cost?

There is a charge of £5 per person for Membership, but this includes vouchers for two FREE single journeys! No membership is required for those escorting elderly or disabled people, and escorts travel FREE.

Fares: for any journey within Vale of White Horse or West Oxfordshire District Council areas or from within either District Council area to and from Oxford City Centre: **£2.00 single or £4.00 return. FREE for concessionary pass holders!**

Vale of White Horse concessionary bus passes are accepted for journeys within the Vale of White Horse District or for journeys to and from Oxford city centre, or to Witney and (from Abingdon area only) to Didcot.

West Oxfordshire concessionary bus passes are accepted for journeys within West Oxfordshire District or for journeys to and from Oxford City or Vale of White Horse District, so long as the journey starts or finishes in West Oxfordshire District. Concessionary fare tokens may be used to offset full fares.

For local journeys anywhere within the City of Oxford:
£1.50 single or £3.00 return. FREE for concessionary pass holders!

Oxford City Council concessionary passes are accepted for journeys wholly within the City.

For other journeys not shown above:
£3.00 single or £6.00 return. Free travel is not available on these journeys.

How do I register?

Complete the attached form and send it, with your remittance of £5 per person (payable to Walter's Limousines), to Walter's Limousines at Minchin Court Farm, Stanton Road, Forest Hill, Oxon., OX33 1EH

How do I book?

Bookings can be made between 8.30am & 3.00pm up to seven days in advance by ringing 01865 – 876176. Bookings will be taken on a first-come first-served basis and therefore we recommend booking early. Same day booking will be subject to availability.

Contact address

WALTER'S LIMOUSINES
Minchin Court Farm,
Stanton Road
FOREST HILL, Oxon.
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Telephone : 01865 876176

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Please telephone 01865-815585

APPLICATION FORM FOR OCTABUS MEMBERSHIP

Surname: _____ First name(s): _____ Mr / Mrs/ Ms / Other

Date of Birth: _____ Address: _____

Town: _____ Post Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Please tick relevant boxes:

Do you use any of the following?

Wheelchair (Is it Manual or Electric ?) Walking Aid. Please specify type _____

Will you normally require to bring someone along to assist you?

Yes No

Are you applying to be a user of Dial-a-Ride due to?

Age/Frailty Disability Inability to travel unaided

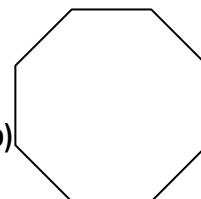
For what purpose do you normally require transport?

Training Job club Medical appointments Social activities Shopping

Will you normally require extra time to be seated on the bus?

Yes No

I certify that the above-named person is, in my opinion, disabled or mobility-impaired, and should therefore qualify to use the Octabus dial-a-ride service. (Doctor's stamp)



Do you hold a concessionary bus pass?

Yes; Number _____ No

Emergency Contacts

Next of kin / friend's Name & address: _____

_____ Tel.No.: _____

Doctor's Name & Address: _____ Tel.No.: _____

Please specify any special requirements: _____

Please note: We may ask for further details in order to fully meet your transport needs.

DECLARATION: I declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge. I undertake to inform you if my circumstances change for any reason.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

This information may be stored on computer and used for administration purposes within the Oxfordshire County Council or its Dial-a-Ride partners and operators only. All computerised personal information has to be registered and may be used and disclosed as described in the Data Protection Register, which is available for public inspection at main libraries.

Please send this completed application form with your membership fee of £5.00 to Walter's Limousines at Minchin Court Farm, Stanton Road, Forest Hill, Oxon., OX33 1EH