**DRIVING OUR MINIBUS**

**Any safe car driver with reasonable**

**experience can volunteer to drive our bus!**

**DVLA Requirements:**

Cartmell Community Minibus is hired on a not-for-profit basis only to approved organisations that serve social purposes (such as schools, charities, residential homes, youth groups and sports clubs). The bus meets the maximum seating and weight requirements for vehicles of its type and has no provision for towing a trailer.

All our drivers are volunteers who receive no payment for driving the bus (other than petrol and parking expenses) or who are supporting ‘extra curricular’ activities incidental to their employment.

Those with a licence issued after 1st January 1997 do not have “D1” eligibility on their licence, but may still drive the Cartmell Minibus as it meets all the above requirements. The remaining restrictions are that the driver:

* Is 21 years or older
* Has had a driving licence for at least 2 years
* Has no health impediments that could effect his/her driving.

Those over 70 years old (or who soon will be) are required to reapply for renewal of their standard driving licence and must be assessed as fit to drive by their GP.

The current regulations for those volunteering to drive the Cartmell Community Minibus are defined by the DVLA on the web page:

<https://www.gov.uk/driving-a-minibus> where you can also check the information relevant to your individual licence.

**Introduction to the bus**

For everyone’s peace of mind, our detailed Drivers’ Registration Form (available here) is designed to ensure that only those legally entitled drive our bus.

Our Training Director, Ray Sanderson will meet with you, introduce you to the vehicle, explain the instrumentation and procedures as well as approve your Registration as an accredited Cartmell driver.