

## Five Step Guide to Starting Car Sharing

- 1** Log on to [2carshare.com](http://2carshare.com), click on 'register now' then choose which group you wish to fall under. When registering you may choose to join your work group, but you will get the option to open up your details to other groups. Then click on the 'sign up for free' button and follow the instructions, to register yourself.
- 2** **Register your journey** by adding details of where you usually start and finish your journey, the type of journey you are making and when you would like to travel.
- 3** You will then receive an e-mail from [liftshare.com](http://liftshare.com) which will provide you a link to verify your registration.
- 4** Click on '**search matches**' to find out potential car sharers and then contact them.
- 5** **Start car sharing!**



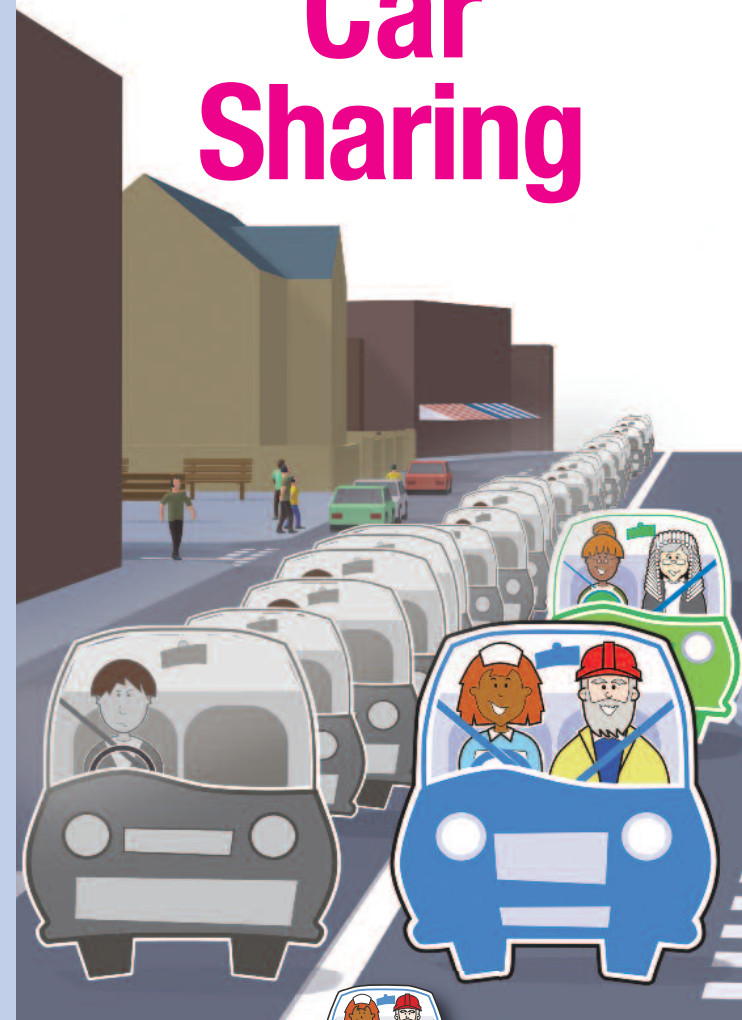
## FAQ

- **Why bother if I drive anyway?**  
You can save yourself lots of cash if you regularly car share. Help save the environment, pay debts off, go on a nice holiday or just save more!
- **How safe is it?**  
Initial contact is made anonymously through the [2carshare.com](http://2carshare.com) website. You should always take precautions to ensure your personal safety. Meet a potential car sharer in a public place and ask for ID. Exchange personal information when you are comfortable and walk away if you have any concerns.
- **I can't do it because I have irregular work patterns**  
You don't have to car share every day. You should fit it to your requirements.
- **If I want to do my bit for the environment shouldn't I just get the bus or cycle?**  
If you can do that every day we would recommend it, however, if you need to drive, see your car as a form of public transport. The more people you get sharing the more energy efficient it will be.

For further information, visit:

[www.2carshare.com](http://www.2carshare.com)  
[www.liftshare.com](http://www.liftshare.com)  
[www.carplus.org.uk](http://www.carplus.org.uk)

# Your guide to Car Sharing



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**“We've been car sharing for about a month now and it works well, I don't have to go out of my way at all and we can sail past everyone else on the 'High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)' lane along the long Ashton Bypass! My petrol costs are much reduced, and I guess we're saving the Earth a bit too!”**

Sylvia, North Somerset



**“I started car sharing last May and have saved money on petrol ever since. It is also nice to have someone to talk to in the car.”**

Jenny, Bath and North East Somerset



**“I have liftshared with three different people for varying lengths of time. It is great fun and a good way to make friends and help with petrol costs as well. You need to be a bit flexible and keep in touch, especially if plans change at short notice as they so often can with work. I would recommend it to anyone.”**

Hilary, Bristol



**“I am saving more than half the money I used to spend on travelling. I believe 2CarShare provides an excellent opportunity for sustainable travel, I can do my bit for the environment and save money as well.”**

Imran, South Gloucestershire

## What is Car Sharing?

Car sharing is also known as lift sharing or ride sharing. It is when two or more people share a car and travel together, it allows people to benefit from the convenience of a car whilst alleviating associated problems of congestion and pollution. This definition is given by Car Plus who are a charitable organisation who oversee and promote all forms of car sharing.

## What are the benefits of Car Sharing?

- Beat the credit crunch; cut down on car costs.
- The average person can save £1000 a year.
- Make new friends.
- There are over 38 million empty seats on our roads every year.
- If all motorists car shared one day a week congestion would be reduced by 20%.
- Use the 2+ lanes and save time on your journey
- This would mean less congestion, less pollution and fewer parking problems.
- Many companies are introducing priority parking bays and other benefits for car sharers.

(all figures from Car Plus/liftshare)

## What is 2carshare.com?

2carshare.com is a free web based matching service provided by Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol City, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils.

The site is operated by liftshare.com and all members sit within this family. It is the largest national car sharing network with over 300,000 people having registered so far.

