

# TEST VALLEY COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

## “WHEELS TO WORK” MOPED LOAN SCHEME



This guidance aims to answer the most common questions about the Test Valley Moped Loan Scheme. Any other questions should be directed to the TVCS Community Transport Team, through the Andover office (01264 362600).

### **Q: What is the Moped Loan Scheme?**

A: It's a scheme for people aged 16-25 who have difficulty getting to employment or work-based training, because they have poor access to public or private transport. Loans are for up to six months initially, renewable for a maximum of a further six months, by which time the hirer should have been able to save up for their own vehicle or made alternative arrangements for transport.

### **Q: Where does it cover?**

A: Anyone aged between 16 and 25 who lives in the Borough of Test Valley can apply. It is likely to be focused on the following journeys, up to a maximum of 15 miles each way, where bus services are poor:

- Rural area to urban area (usually to Andover or Romsey);
- Rural area to another rural area;
- Cross-town journeys of at least 3 miles within Andover or Romsey;
- From Andover or Romsey to a rural location.

Applications from others not meeting these criteria may be considered under exceptional circumstances.

### **Q: Do I need any qualifications?**

A: You must have at least a provisional driving licence for motorcycles, and pass a Certificate of Basic Training (CBT) for riding a moped, passed a hazard perception and motorcycle theory test.

### **Q: What's the deal?**

A: There are detailed Terms and Conditions, but the key points are:

- TVCS pay for the purchase of the moped, the road tax and the insurance premium; also the costs of helmet and gloves, the CBT, and servicing of the moped.
- As the hirer, you must obtain the Provisional Driving Licence at your own expense, and must pay TVCS a £48 deposit. Once issued with the moped, you pay £15 per week; plus you pay for running costs (fuel, oil, light bulbs). You must keep within the law, and be the sole user of the moped. You can use it for pleasure, but the main purpose is for getting to/from work. At the end of the loan, you could be refunded up to £126 for a 6-month loan, less the costs of any repairs needed beyond normal servicing.

### **Q: How do I apply?**

A: There is an application form, which we can send you. Applicants must be supported by (a) a Referring Agent, and (b) a guarantor (who may or may not be the same person).

- Referring Agents include statutory bodies (e.g. Youth Service, Connexions, JobCentre Plus) or any other responsible body (employer or other recognised organisation).
- Guarantors could be the same as above, or a parent/guardian.
- Applicants under 18 must have a legal representative (usually a parent or guardian).

### **Q: What happens after I have returned my application form?**

A: The application is considered by a small committee. If it seems satisfactory, the Community Transport Manager will contact you and/or your Referring Agent, to arrange a meeting of the three of you (with parent/guardian also present if you are under 18). At this interview, your situation will be discussed, and the terms and conditions explained. You will be advised whether you have been accepted at that stage, and if so, will be given details of the arrangements for taking your CBT (if you haven't already done so) and collecting your moped.