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SAVE MONEY THIS JANUARY – LIFT SHARE YOUR WAY TO WORK!

Sharing your journey to work is an easy way of reducing fuel costs and road congestion. Car commuters from Dorking to Horsham could save £789 a year!

Sharing your journey with other passengers that contribute to fuel and parking costs reduces road congestion and pressure on parking spaces.

Councillor Michelle Watson, Executive Member for Environment said, “In order to help reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions, I would like us all to consider our own journeys and how we can have an impact on this within Mole Valley.

“If you can’t find a practical and more sustainable way of travelling then lift sharing will save you money and benefit the environment.

“It may be that you don’t want to share your commute every day, but if you have a near neighbour who travels the same route as you– why not consider saving you both money and taking one car off the road once or twice a week?

“Fewer cars on our roads will mean less traffic on our roads and will be kinder to the planet. Lift sharing is sociable, reduces carbon emissions and helps to improve air quality. Mole Valley District Council links with www.liftshare.com , so finding someone to car share with outside of your own friends and family is easy.

For more information see, www.molevalley.gov.uk/liftsharing

Benefits of car sharing:

- Reduced fuel costs and parking charges
- Less congestion and shorter car journeys with fewer cars on the road
- More pleasant journeys, with company on the route
- Increased security, company when walking to and from the vehicle
- Better air quality and lower emissions due to reduced traffic fumes

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Notes to Editor

Potential Savings based on commuting with one additional passenger

Travelling From	Travelling To	Annual Saving to driver*	CO2 Emissions saved
Charlwood	Crawley	£371	352 kg
Dorking	Redhill	£510	526 kg
Leatherhead	Reigate	£696	751 kg
Leatherhead	Redhill	£742	800 kg
Dorking	Horsham	£789	856 kg
North Holmwood	Croydon	£1,067	1.017 tonnes

*Calculations based on information from Liftshare.com as follows:

Miles per gallon

For a car of unknown fuel, the average number of miles per gallon is 33.6.

Source: www.defra.gov.uk/publications/files/pb13625-emission-factor-methodology-paper-110905.pdf

Number of working days per annum

232 - This is assuming that you work a 5 day week and receive the minimum holiday entitlement of 28 days annual leave (including 8 bank holidays).

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/holiday-entitlement-rights>

They use a value of 171.1 gCO2/mile emitted for standard petrol car, according to an average of recent data of car carbon dioxide emissions.

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-car-carbon-dioxide-emissions>