

DOLTON TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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Transport facilities and prices are subject to change, so please check first before relying on any of these services.

Much more details on travel information are available via the internet. If you do not have access to the internet and wish to obtain further information, internet access is available at Torrington library or you can contact the Parish Council.

BUS

Dolton is fortunate in being served by the main bus service 5b which goes from Exeter to Barnstaple (via Torrington & Bideford) with up to 8 services a day in each direction on weekdays, fewer services on a Saturday and no service on Sundays. The bus calls at the bus shelter on Rectory Road. There should be a bus timetable in the bus shelter, or it can be found at:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/pdf/rosemoor/stagecoach-bus-timetable-5b>

BUS PASSES

The qualifying age for a bus pass is changing with changes to the state retirement age; to qualify for a bus pass in April 2016 you will need to have been born before 5 April 1953. Further information and an application form are obtainable from any Devon Library or you can go to the web-site: <https://www.journeydevon.info/where-do-i-start/bus-information/nationalbuspass/who-can-apply/>

TRAIN

The Tarka Line train service runs from Exeter to Barnstaple; near Dolton the line runs close to the River Taw and the A377, with the nearest station at Portsmouth Arms (7½ miles). This station does not have a car park; the nearest stations with car parks are Eggesford and Umberleigh (both approx 11 miles). Further information on the Tarka line can be found at: <http://greatscenicrailways.co.uk/lines/tarka-line/>

CAR HIRE

- Practical Car Hire, Monkleigh Garage, Bideford EX39 5JS, (on the A388 approx 3 miles west of Great Torrington) Phone:01805 624449
- Blight's Garage Bideford, EX39 3ET, 01237 472282
- There is a range of the major National Car Hire firms in Barnstaple, unfortunately Dolton appears to be outside the range for the driver collection service offered by some of these car hire firms.

- Avis (0808 284 6666) will deliver and collect hire cars at a cost of £20 each way for locations within 40 miles of one of its rental locations (The nearest Avis depot to Dolton is Exeter airport)

TAXI

The following taxi firms are known to accept fares to and from Dolton:

- Chulmleigh & Witheridge Taxi; 07922 131473
- R & D Travel; Torrington; 01805 622 707
- Hatherleigh Taxi; 07809 207678

TORRIDGE VOLUNTEER CARS

This charitable transport scheme was set up to try and alleviate social exclusion and allows you to book a car and a driver, full details at: <http://www.torridgevolunteercars.co.uk/>

People from the Dolton area do currently use this scheme. The cost is currently a booking fee of £2.50 plus 45pence per mile for the whole journey, including the journey to and from the driver's house to your house. There are some drivers reasonably close to Dolton and when you book a trip they will try to arrange it with a local driver. If the only driver they can find lives some way away then they will come back to you to ask if you are prepared to pay the extra cost involved.

To book a trip please phone 01237 237200

Also, if you would like to be a volunteer driver, please contact Torridge Volunteer Cars on the above number or by email: info@torridgevolunteercars.co.uk

CANCER CARE CAR

Go North Devon operate a Cancer Care Car for people needing to travel for radiotherapy treatment. Contact Go North Devon on 01271 328866, for further details or visit their website: <http://www.gonorthdevon.co.uk/transporttohealth.php>

RING AND RIDE

The original Torridge Ring and Ride service finished in early 2015 when Torridge Community Transport Association ceased operations. As a temporary measure and somewhat confusingly, Ilfracombe Community Transport has agreed to provide a Ring and Ride service covering the Dolton area. The advantage of using Ring & Ride is that you can arrange a convenient pick up point and the buses used are adapted to help accommodate people with limited mobility. To book a trip, check details and dates phone 01271 863630. The services currently offered for Dolton are:

- A trip to Barnstaple each Thursday at a cost of £5
- Occasional Friday trips to places of interest @ £7.50 for a half day trip.

DOLTON COACH TRIPS

A number of coach trips to places of interest are organised by Dolton villagers, details can be obtained at the Friday coffee morning or see the village notice board.

COMMUNITY CAR CLUBS

These are community-based clubs which operate one or more cars that members can book and use as required. There are now a number of these clubs operating in urban areas and some in rural areas however, the nearest scheme to Dolton is in Barnstaple where Co-Cars operates 2 cars in the town. This is unlikely to be of practical help to Dolton residents but if you are interested the contact details can be found at <http://www.co-cars.co.uk/> . If anyone would be interested in a Dolton Community Car club please advise the Parish Council.

CAR SHARING

Clearly many people make their own transport sharing arrangements with friends and relations but there are organisations which will assist people in setting up car sharing arrangements;

Car Share Devon @ <https://devon.liftshare.com/>

Faxi @ https://faxi.co.uk/?gclid=CMyjwMOy_ssCFeQp0wodkUoPKg

CAR SERVICING & REPAIRS

The following local garages are known to be used by Dolton residents for car servicing and repairs.

- Dolton Beacon Garage; EX19 8PS, phone: 01805 804240
- Beaford Garage; EX19 8LJ, Phone: 01805 603212
- Mr Steve's Garage; Great Torrington, EX38 7HP, Phone: 01805 624239
- Mid Devon Motor Co; Winkleigh, EX19 8JJ, Phone: 01837 83334
- The Car Workshop; Hatherleigh, EX20 3LP, Phone: 01837 811800
- Hancocks Garage, Market Place, Hatherleigh. EX20 3JN, phone: 01837 810210