

What is MiDAS?

MiDAS is the **Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme** organised by the Community Transport Association which promotes a nationally recognised standard for assessment and training of minibus drivers.

MiDAS came about after a series of fatal road accidents involving drivers of minibuses who, without any further training beyond their ordinary driving licenses, drove and carried passengers in minibuses.

MiDAS is applicable to any voluntary or non-profit organisation that use, operate or hire minibuses.

MiDAS certificates are earned following two, or three, stages of training. A standard certificate is issued to successful trainees who complete a "classroom based" session, a theory assessment followed by a successful on-road driving assessment. A further session for wheelchair accessible minibuses will earn an accessibility certificate. Both types of certificate run for four years and are transferable between organisations. Refresher courses can be arranged after four years.

Areas covered in the training are:-

- Vehicle familiarisation
- Legal responsibilities of a minibus driver
- Passenger safety
- Child passenger safety
- Defensive driving
- Accident and emergency procedures
- Personal safety for drivers



Scarborough **Dial A Ride** can now offer **MiDAS** training. We have in-house driver/assessor trainers (DATS) who can instruct and assess drivers and issue certificates to successful applicants.

We can arrange training/assessment sessions at any time of the week (subject to availability) using your own minibus or, for a small extra charge, you can hire a **Dial A Ride** minibus. There is a minimal charge for training and literature packs. For further details of booking a course and price structure see the enclosed leaflet or telephone Scarborough 354434.

What MiDAS offers you

You and your passengers will be aware that your driving competence has been assessed to an agreed and consistent national standard.

You will receive up to date training in the skills and information needed to drive a minibus.

You will be able to drive the minibus of other **MiDAS** members without having your driving skills re-assessed.



Further details available from the Dial A Ride office on (01723) 354434.