

Peak4x4Response is an independent group of Volunteers who offer their time and physical abilities, together with their driving expertise and vehicle capabilities, to support any Local Authority or Public Service organisation, primarily when 4x4 capabilities are a valuable asset.

While as independent as any other 4x4Response group within the UK, we are registered with the National 4x4 Response Network, which gives us access to a national point of contact with the Government, and the opportunity to share news, views and experiences, principally via the National Forum at <http://www.4x4response.info> .

We aim to have support agreements in place before they are needed, and so far have been asked to support Derbyshire County Council, Staffordshire Council, Raynet, St John Ambulance, and Mountain Rescue. Through the DCC Emergency Response team we naturally come into contact with the Police, and Utilities such as National Grid.

Priority is on helping people. Vehicles will be recovered if it is considered reasonable to do so, by the Responders on-site.

We are NOT an Emergency First Response service, nor do we provide response directly to any individual who may get in contact. That is, we are not a breakdown or recovery service such as the AA or RAC, etc.

Peak 4x4 Response typically operates in the Peak District and Derbyshire, but may be called upon to volunteer for duties in adjacent areas, or further afield within the UK.

It is up to the individual to decide if they can respond to any call.

We have been asked to carry people such as Nurses and Key Workers to their place of work. We have also been tasked to deliver medicines and food to people who are housebound, as well as deliver Utility engineers and auxiliary heaters to remote dwellings. We have recovered or removed vehicles that are blocking the highway.

The DCC will pay volunteers a small mileage charge, claimed via Peak 4x4 Response, but this is unlikely to meet the full cost of fuel used in the typically adverse conditions in which you are asked to operate. Otherwise we do not charge for our services.

As a volunteer you must expect 4x4 Response activities be a cost on you.

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## Membership Application.

### What we ask of you.

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We will provide advice, guidance, and support, but ultimately the responsibility for actions on site during a Response call will belong to people who are on site. You need to be prepared to accept that responsibility.

We ask that:

You make yourself available for both the mundane and the high profile call outs.

You equip both yourself and your vehicle to be reasonably self sufficient while responding in adverse conditions. This will mean carrying additional clothing and vehicle recovery equipment.

You are there to help solve a problem, not become another one.

You present yourself in a sober and responsible manner, such that a member of the public being assisted will feel confident to travel in your vehicle, should the need arise.

You carry a mobile phone, capable of being charged or powered from the vehicle.

You carry Peak4x4Response ID with you, to reassure civilians or Emergency Service personnel who may seek such reassurance. In this context we will ask for some proof of ID when you apply to join.

Your vehicle is maintained to a good standard, can be classed as reliable, and is insured for volunteer activities such as 4x4 Response.

You maintain a log of attendances, and mileage travelled etc, so we can have a viable record of the work done, and to support the travel expense claims we make on your behalf.

You have some ability to use navigational aids, whether your choice is paper maps or GPS, etc. You do need to bear in mind that you might be given an address or rendezvous point and be expected to get there relying on your own resources.

We expect you to have several years experience of public road driving, and also be able to display competence when driving in adverse conditions such as heavy snow, flood water, etc.

We do not:

Insist upon you holding any particular form of additional driving competence certificate.

You do not have to have any Medical Training, as we are not First Responders.

Time critical emergencies are dealt with in the normal way, via 999.

We do not insist that the vehicle is equipped with any particular modifications, such as a winch, etc.

We do not insist upon a particular standard of additional communication or vehicle tracking equipment, although as stated, a mobile phone capable of being charged or powered from the vehicle is considered essential.

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### What Peak4x4Response will provide.

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We will provide advice, guidance, and support, but ultimately the responsibility for actions on site during a Response call will belong to people who are there.

You need to be prepared to accept that responsibility.

We will keep any personal data about you private, although we will ask that some data will be disclosed to other Members, such as phone numbers and home address map references.

Assuming we have them available, and the request warrants it, we will try to send at least two Responders to each incident. (Transporting a single key worker will not require two vehicles. Recovering people from a vehicle stranded well 'off tarmac' will warrant two vehicles).

Given that you can supply a suitable passport style photo, we will supply a photographic ID card. We will supply vehicle stickers; displaying them is optional, but strongly preferred, especially when Responding. These will identify your vehicle purpose to others who attend incidents. When available, we will supply access to distinctive clothing bearing a logo, which will also identify the organisation you are representing.

We will give a list of other members who have agreed to be called for advice and assistance.

We will create Handbook pages to give information, advice, and to act as a memory jogger, to help you deal with situations that may be new to you. Handbook pages will also be a standard logging point for Response call details of activities and mileage.

We will provide training and advice sessions on an occasional basis, which if you attend, will be designed to boost your knowledge, experience, and thus confidence.

We will respond positively to requests from members for presentations and training, given by both Group members, and specialists outside the Group.

Access is provided via a Web Forum, to other Responders, both within the Peak District and Nationally, from whom advice can be obtained.

We will hold regular meetings to give members the opportunity to keep in touch, and to make suggestions on what activities the Group should be undertaking.

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## The Details.

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<b>About you.</b>	
<b>First Name</b> (+ your preferred name, if different.)	
<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Time your current Full Licence has been held.</b>	(If more than 5 years write '>5 Years')..
<b>Address1</b>	
<b>Address2</b>	
<b>City/Town &amp; County</b>	
<b>Post Code</b>	
<b>2 letter + 6 figure OS Map ref. of this address.</b>	e.g. SK 280 722 ...
<b>Land Line phone number</b>	
<b>Mobile phone number</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>About Your 4x4 Vehicle(s)</b> (Make and Model).	
<b>Vehicle available is</b> (Make + Model + Regn No.)	<b>Passenger seats in vehicle -</b>
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I confirm I have read and understood the sections of this Application titled 'What we are and what we do' and 'What we ask of you', and apply to join Peak4x4Response Group under those conditions.

Signature .....

I confirm the details given are accurate, and accept they will be held in a database, used under the control of the Peak4x4Response Group.

Signature .....

I agree to my name, phone numbers, and OS map reference being given to other members of the Group, for use in relation to 4x4 Response activities.

I agree to maintain the privacy of the similar details of other members that are given to me, and to use them only in relation to 4x4 Response activities.

Signature .....

Date .....

Fees are currently £12.00 per year per 'Single Person Responder Unit'.

A 'Single Person Responder Unit' covers one 4x4 plus one nominated Driver, plus family members or partners at the same address, and receiving one jacket.

Two 4x4 plus two responding Drivers, based at the same address, receive two jackets, but become Members in their own right, at £12.00 each.

Payment can be via a cheque payable to 'Peak 4x4 Response'.

Please bring both the signed form and cheque to the next Monthly Meeting.

Thankyou.