

Car sharing might help commuters bypass rail disruption



With regard to the 44-day disruptions hitting the Edinburgh-Glasgow rail line due to maintenance work the UK's largest car sharing site Liftshare.com might be able to help.

They have been in touch to tell us how it works:

Liftshare has 430,000+ members, and enables drivers to offer a lift to anywhere in the UK to whoever needs transport. All it costs is a split of the petrol money, so it's the same as giving your friend a fiver to cover a lift from Edinburgh to a gig at the SECC – for example. We find that whenever rail ticket prices rise or train strikes occur, we get many new members who are fed up of being let down by trains.

Car sharing is also far cheaper than rail, so it is a great alternative to trains during these strikes between Edinburgh and Glasgow. For example, a single ticket from Edinburgh to Glasgow costs commuters £12.50 on The Trainline.com, while the same trip is offered on Liftshare for as low as £4.70. You can also try out our Offer a Lift tool to see just how much you could save by car sharing. I invite you to give it a quick try at <https://liftshare.com/uk/offer>

The Liftshare community is currently offering 101 lifts to Glasgow and 45 to Edinburgh, and we also just struck an official partnership with the Festival Fringe to encourage cheaper travel to the capital this August while getting more people travelling together to reduce the amount of cars on the city's roads. This should go some way to reducing CO2 pollution and gridlock around the event.

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