



Christmas 2008



Newsletter

Seasons Greetings and a happy New Year from the Chair of Shopmobility Manchester!



Firstly I'd like to wish all our members and their family's greetings for the season and welcome to our Christmas 2008 Newsletter.

Following our very successful Annual General Meeting back in October I'd like to welcome on board new trustees; Mr Ryan Dior and Neil Mullock who were both nominated and appointed at the Annual General Meeting along with June Latham and Audrey Sutton who were both reappointed to the committee.

I'd like to thank all those who attended the AGM back in October, all helped to make it a most enjoyable and informative event, and a special thank you to Passenger Focus Group and David Sidebottom for his presentation which provided an excellent opportunity for our members to share their opinions and concerns around future proposals for public transport and the potential impact on our members.

The last twelve months have been very busy and we have seen a great many new members joining Shopmobility Manchester, I am proud to announce that our membership now exceeds 4,950 and continues to grow on a daily basis. Volunteers new and old and have participated in many external events and exhibitions at Manchester Central, including the Labour Party Conference, The Retirement Show and the CTA Exhibition.

As you may know we commenced the replacement of our fleet with the purchase of 12 new electric scooters and wheelchairs in November 2007 and over the last 12 months been able to purchase a further 3 scooters, meaning that in a little under 12 months we have successfully replaced our entire fleet at a cost of over £25,000, although we've had a few bumps and scrapes the fleet is bearing up well. And finally I'd like to thank all our volunteers and staff for their superb efforts throughout the year in providing such a fabulous service.

Regards Connie

A Big Thank You

Shopmobility Manchester would like to say a big Thank You to Mr Richard Harris, Manager of Tesco's new superstore at Hyde Rd Gorton for their very kind donation, which will be a great addition to our next raffle

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Christmas and New Year Opening

Over the Christmas period there will be some amendments to opening and closing times for the service to coincide with closure of the Arndale Centre.

Shopmobility Manchester's opening times are:

Thursday's 4th, 11th & 18th	9:30am – 8:00pm
Christmas Eve	9:30am – 2:00pm
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed
December 27th	9:30am – 5:00pm
December 28	11:00am – 5:00pm
New Years Eve	9:30am – 2:00pm
New years Day	Closed
January 2nd 2009 - 9:30am – 5:30am	

Our Independence

Come to our free social group called "Our Independence"

We meet every Wednesday at the Salvation Army in Stretford between 1 - 4pm

In our sessions we have chit-chats, play bingo (and win prizes) problem solving, arts and crafts and loads more!

The first Wednesday of the month we go out bowling, swimming, gym, arts and crafts etc. There are free sandwiches with tea and coffee and soft drinks. So don't waste any more time at home feeling lonely and get yourself down to the group. Volunteers are also needed.

For more information contact Renu on 0161 980 0699 or 07737 881 613 or Barbara on 0161 976 2448/7



Transport Information

Please remember that there will be a reduced service across the holiday period with no services running Christmas Day.

List of Trustee's Shopmobility Manchester 2007

The following are members that have been elected to the Management committee of Shopmobility Manchester. The trustee's meet monthly where they review the service and agree any future development.

Constance Ashworth	Chair
Elizabeth Watson	Vice Chair
Audrey Sutton	Treasurer
Paula Moulton	Company Secretary

June Latham, Hilda McCarrick, Adhiambo Ashall, Rachel Marriott, Renu Duggal, Ryan Dior and Neil Mullock complete our full complement of Trustee's

If you have any ideas about how you would like to see the service develop, would like to offer some feedback or to put yourself forward to join the management committee, please write to Constance Ashworth here at Shopmobility Manchester.



Scooter for Sale

One of customers Renu Duggal has a scooter for sale. The scooter is in excellent condition and only been used indoors.

The Current owner has had the scooter approx 2 year's, and is selling it because they now have an electric wheelchair and a lack of space.

The scooter has all of its lights and hazards etc.!! The current owner would like to achieve £400 or near offers

For more info please call Renu for more info 0161 980 0699 or 07737 881 613

SUPA Scooter Training

Every Tuesday in the New Year we will be holding scooter tests for our members. The test takes about 30 minutes, is very simple and is a great way to brush up on scooter skills and ensure you're getting the most out of the equipment that you use.

It's simple to book just give Shopmobility Manchester a call to book your place now.
Tel: 0161 839 4060

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