



MobilityMatters

LATEST NEWS FOR SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME MEMBERS

Newton Abbot ShopMobility

December 2021

Welcome to the latest issue of your membership newsletter.

Welcome New Scheme Member that has just joined

FIFE ShopMobility



Newton Abbot ShopMobility

Enjoy these lovely Christmas photos from Kay Yendall from Newton Abbot ShopMobility.

A message from KayWe provided wheelchairs and scooters at Powderham Castle

on their opening evening and for the past three Saturdays – was rather cold for our volunteers and staff, but very much appreciated by our scooter and wheelchair users.



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Virtual TEAMS invite

After the Scheme Member Meeting held on 6th December we have decided to hold a "POP in and chat" TEAMS meeting once a month. This will enable any of your volunteers or deputy managers to join in on the discussions. I will take notes and take anything appropriate to the Steering Group. It will be a good time to discuss a variety of topics. First date to put in your diary 20th January 2022 11-12 on TEAMS. Please email me for a link to the Pop in and chat.

NEWS

**Weekly update from GOV.UK
Hundreds of disabled
University students are set to
benefit from a new passport
scheme that will support them
as they move into work.**

[New government 'passport' to help disabled graduates get in to employment](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-59514294)

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BBC News - Hand cycling has given me my freedom back  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-59514294>

Please join the Facebook Group to share knowledge and ideas with other scheme members.  
Click: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shopmobilityuk/>

Please tag @ShopMobilityUK on all your social media posts so we can re-share to help with promotion of your services.

Keep sending us great news and customers stories – so important to keep awareness high of ShopMobility.

Would you like to feature as our Scheme Of The Month? If so email: [shopmobility@drivingmobility.org.uk](mailto:shopmobility@drivingmobility.org.uk)

## Regional Meeting

Sadly because of the COVID variant Omicron, the NW Regional meeting was cancelled. We will postpone for 3 months and be holding this now in March 2022.

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*Santa's Magic Mobility Scooter!*

I couldn't resist another of these lovely photos sent in by Dawn From Aberystwyth ShopMobility.





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## More News

### How to sign up to the Disability Confident employer scheme

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/disability-confident-how-to-sign-up-to-the-employer-scheme>

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Business Plan – Edward Trehwella introduced the draft Business Plan to the Steering Group which he and Lisa Deacon had produced and focused on the main thrust of the document which is to encourage ShopMobility members to take responsibility for not only what the organisation generates in the way of benefits, but also in terms of managing its activities. To this end, now that the transition from BHTA is complete, the proposal is to form a single Board of Management to be chaired by Ann Frye, supported by Edward Trehwella and Lisa Deacon but with the Board Members being drawn from the member schemes. This would replace the current 2-tier arrangement with Driving Mobility Board members as one group and ShopMobility members as an advisory group. It was also suggested that at least one ShopMobility member join the main DrivingMobility Board in the course of next year. This was all agreed and all the scheme managers present agreed to join the ShopMobility UK Management Board.

The other main points within the Business Plan were to seek continuation funding, to attract more members and to set up and seek funding for some demonstration new ShopMobility projects.

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## **GALLAGHER**

We have been liaising with Gallagher meaning that they will provide a bespoke Insurance package for ShopMobility Centres if required.

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## Lowestoft ShopMobility (pic above)

Margaret Oldham M.B.E chair of Lowestoft Shopmobility and Hazel Co-Ordinator (right of picture) met with Jacky High-Caston Deputy Manager of East Anglian DrivAbility.

The meeting was arranged to show what good work Margaret and Hazel have been doing and the difficulties they face.





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## Brighton and Hove ShopMobility



### Brighton and Hove ShopMobility

Please see these lovely photos of our Shopmobility Christmas tree which our lovely volunteer Mick put up at the beginning of December. We're glad we put it up early and before Plan B restrictions came in place, so more customers could enjoy it.

Thanks

**Emily Keller**  
Office & Resources Manager





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## ShopMobility Starter Booklet

I have been tinkering away over the last couple of weeks developing a helpful ShopMobility Starter Booklet, with the helpful critique from the Steering Group and finishing touches from my colleague we are nearly there. I will in the New Year add the booklet to the information on the members section on the website.



# ShopMobility UK

## ShopMobilityUK Starter Booklet How To Start a ShopMobility Scheme

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## Driving Mobility Head Office Christmas & New Year 2021/22 Opening/Closing

We will be closing at 5pm on the 23rd December 2021 and re-opening at 9am on the 4th January 2022.



When I am not working on ShopMobility you can find me on the yard with these two beauties.

*Wishing each one of you a  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Best Wishes

Lisa