



Your Service News

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Better Neighbourhoods Grant

We are pleased to announce that Staines Shopmobility has been awarded a grant of £300 from the Better Neighbourhoods scheme run by Spelthorne Borough Council. This scheme enables the borough councillors to award grants to local groups working to improve their neighbourhoods and benefit the local community. This grant was given to the charity by the local Staines town Councillors, Cllr. Bannister; Cllr. Patterson and Cllr. Francis.



The grant money will enable the charity to purchase 2 new wheelchairs helping us to meet the increasing demand for these chairs.

The new wheelchairs are on order and we hope to have them in service and available for hire by the end of August. The holiday hire scheme is proving extremely popular and we have, on occasion, run out of loan chairs.

CLOSED - AGM 20th September

Staines Shopmobility will be closed on Friday 20th September for its Annual General Meeting and will re-open on Saturday 21st September. Members attending the AGM will be able to collect equipment to attend between 11am and 12pm. All loan equipment must be returned immediately after the AGM finishes. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Annual General Meeting - 20th September

Staines Shopmobility will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Friday 20th September 2013 at the Methodist Church hall, Thames Street, Staines. A buffet lunch will be available from 12.15pm, prior to the meeting starting at 12.30 pm.

This will be a good opportunity for members to show their support for Staines Shopmobility and to emphasise the importance of the service to the local council. It is vital that Staines Shopmobility continues to receive funding and a good turnout will help local councillors understand the need for a Shopmobility in the town.

The guest of honour this year will be The Worshipful Mayor of the Borough of Spelthorne, Cllr. Isobel Napper.

Free parking is available in the Riverside car park and permits can be obtained from the Shopmobility premises. Mobility equipment can be picked up from Shopmobility, free of charge, between 11am and 12pm; all equipment must be returned immediately after the AGM finishes. **Please note that the service will be closed for general use on this date.**

We hope that you are able to attend and look forward to seeing you there. For those that cannot attend, copies of the Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements 2012/13 will be available from the shop or online at www.stainesshopmobility.co.uk

Members can also nominate a member of Staines Shopmobility to stand for election to the board of trustees or nominate one of the following already standing for election:

Mr G. Ceaser - Chair

Mrs C. Bannister - Vice Chair

Mr T. Collier - Treasurer

Mr K. Goldson - Trustee

Mr S. Bhadye - Trustee

Mrs G. Warner - Trustee

Mrs M. Roberts - Trustee

Mrs M. Rough - Trustee

Mr G. Little - Trustee

Relocation Update



As some of you may have seen, work has now begun on the new Shopmobility unit opposite Vue Cinema. Work is scheduled to be completed in a couple of months and we hope to re-open in the new unit in the early part of November. There will be dedicated parking bays for Shopmobility users directly outside and a drop off point for accessible transport.

We will be organising a grand opening to celebrate the move and to thank our members for their support and understanding during the time spent in our temporary home in Norris Road. We will be sending invites nearer the time and will keep you advised on when exactly we will be moving.

Please Drive Slowly

It has come to our attention that some people are driving into the Shopmobility unit at full speed when returning scooters and electric wheelchairs. This can be extremely dangerous and is against the terms and conditions of hire that all members sign before hiring equipment. We would therefore kindly ask that all users use minimal speed at all times when using powered mobility equipment.



The terms and conditions of hire clearly state:

To use equipment with due care and attention at all times, using minimum speed when entering or exiting any premises in the town and also when in public areas and shops.

We thank you for your co-operation with this and look forward to all our members continuing to safely use mobility equipment to enjoy all Staines town centre has to offer.

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Monday to Saturday

Staines Shopmobility — Board Of Trustees

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Christine Bannister — Vice-Chairman

Terry Collier — Treasurer

Simon Bhadye — Trustee

Keith Goldson — Trustee

Gary Little — Trustee

Margaret Roberts — Trustee

Marian Rough — Trustee

Penny Wright - Trustee

Gill Warner - Trustee

Do you have a story or info you would like to see included in future newsletters? Please speak to a member of staff or contact us via the details listed at the top left of this page. We would also welcome any comments or suggestions to help us improve your service and / or newsletter.



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If you would like to support our work by way of a donation then please send a cheque payable to 'Staines Shopmobility' and post to the address above. To make a donation online please visit:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/stainesshopmobility>



Useful Links

Spelthorne Committee for Action Now (SCAN)

SCAN promotes improved access to premises, services, information and leisure in Spelthorne. Telephone: **07967 499829** www.spelthorneaccess.org.uk

Age Concern Spelthorne

Age Concern provides help and advice for older people and services include holidays and outings, insurance, library service for the housebound and a handyman service.

Telephone: **01784 444200** www.ageconcernspelthorne.org.uk

Spelride / Dial A Ride

Spelride is the accessible transport service for Spelthorne and Dial A Ride covers residents of Runnymede. Spelride Telephone: **01784 446253** Dial A Ride Telephone: **01932 425875**

Spelthorne Borough Council

Spelthorne Borough Council provides local services and information for Spelthorne.

Tel: **01784 451499** www.spelthorne.gov.uk