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Update

Please share this newsletter with your family & friends.

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter for Shopmobility Basingstoke. We hope that you enjoy reading about our news and events and that you find out something useful. I know that Christmas seems so far away now but thank you so much for all your good wishes and Christmas goodies. You'll be pleased to hear that the gift wrapping service in Festival Place last Christmas raised £2,500 so a big thank you to those who were able to support this initiative.



Best Wishes from Anne

Shopmobility on Tour

Last summer saw the birth of 'Shopmobility on Tour'. A selection of vehicles were taken to various events over the summer months proving very popular. We shall be going on tour again this year and are trying to expand on the number of events attended. Usual fees apply and equipment should be booked in advance if possible. Due to the fact that outside events are invariably held on uneven ground we recommend that you use 4 wheeled scooters instead 3 wheeled scooters where possible.

Attendance at the following events is currently being planned:

13 th May	Transport Festival – Memorial Park
2 nd & 3 rd June	Kite Festival – Down Grange
8 th July	Alton Agricultural Show – Alton
3 rd , 4 th & 5 th July	Balloons Over Basingstoke – Memorial Park

Please ring Shopmobility on 01256 476066 for more information.

Trundle This years trundle takes place onBe a devil and join us. See inside for more information.

Shopmobility, Church Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7QQ
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**Basingstoke
and Deane**

Did you know that we average 500 new customers per year and that this newsletter will have been mailed to over 1,700 current customers?

You are Invited to an
Information Day for Older People
On
Wednesday 18th April
At
Age Concern Café, Church Cottage
(Behind St. Michael's Church)
10.30a.m. – 1.00p.m.
Information and advice for older people
from a wide range of people and
organizations.
Refreshments available.
For more information Ring Tracy at
Age Concern on 01256 423874.

Ladies Day

9th June, 11-3 Old Basing Village Hall

Here's a chance for all you ladies (your family & friends) to rejuvenate your wardrobe.

Let us sell those nearly new clothes lurking unworn and unloved in your wardrobe for a commission while you replace them with ones that you will enjoy wearing.

This isn't just a nearly new sale it's an opportunity for some pampering too. You can meet the therapists (beauty and holistic) and have a trial session. **Accessories, gifts and jewellery** will also be on sale together with **tea/coffee** and **delicious cakes**.

To sell clothes, shoes and accessories you will need to register before May 14th by sending a £1 coin selotaped to a piece of card/paper with your name and address on it to: Shopmobility (Ladies Day), Church Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7QQ. We will then send you full details of how to proceed. Places must be reserved and are limited.

Last year we had too many clothes to display properly so we will be much stricter on quality control this year. Clothes and shoes must be not more that 3 years old and in 'as new condition'. This will improve the event for everyone.

All proceeds will be going to the Shopmobility Vehicle Replacement Fund so please spread the word and help us to make this a very successful day.

For more information please ring Anne or Lin on 01256 476066.

Holiday Information

With the holiday season just around the corner here is some useful information:

1. Shopmobility equipment is available for days out and holidays. Manual wheelchairs cost £2.50 per day. Travel scooters/power chairs cost £5 per day. A damages deposit of £100 is also required. Equipment is covered by our insurance within Europe only. If traveling outside of Europe you will need to provide proof of adequate insurance.
2. There are over 300 Shopmobility schemes in the UK. Sometimes it's easier to plan your holiday around where there is a scheme. Directories are available from us priced £2.50 or you can have a look at our office copy and take down the information you need. If there is not a scheme listed in your chosen town contact the local Tourist Information Office as sometimes there is a service operating under a different name. If this fails then why not contact the local authority and ask why they do not have a scheme in their area? That's how Greenock Shopmobility was started!
3. In America, Virgin Atlantic can provide scooters and wheelchairs for hire along with your car hire with them. Ring 0870 990 8350 for more information.
4. Mobility abroad operates in a number of Spanish regions. They hire wheelchairs, scooters, bathing aids, commodes, hoists etc. For more information visit their website www.mobilityabroad.com or telephone 0871 277 0888

Please Don't Forget that we close at 4.30p.m. on weekdays and 4.00p.m. at the weekend. If you are late back, we are late going home!

Sunday Opening

Don't forget that we are open on Sundays from 11 o'clock until 4 o'clock. This is often a quieter time in the shopping centre or it might make it easier to go out to lunch, go to the cinema or visit Eastrop Park.

Shopmobility Trundle

Our now famous, annual trundle returns on Sunday July 2nd. For those of you not accustomed to our trundle this is a fun (compulsory) afternoon whereby you follow a route of approximately 4 miles devised by us using Shopmobility equipment (or yours if you prefer). This is followed by tea and cakes at Shopmobility on your return. The law of averages predicts that it should be dry this year so why not join us and see parts of Basingstoke that you didn't know existed.

This year there will be an entry fee of £5 per person which can be deducted from your sponsorship money if you choose to collect sponsors. Entry forms will be available soon so put your name down now. Friends and family are welcome to accompany you.

Walk of Witness

St. Michael's Church is organizing this year's Walk of Witness on Good Friday. Leaving the London Street United Reformed Church at 9.10a.m. accompanied by the Bishop of Winchester it will pass through the town stopping in Castle Square for readings and



hymns. The walk ends with refreshments in Church Cottage at approximately 10.30a.m. Everyone is welcome to join the walk.

Mobility Roadshow

This year there are to be two shows. **5th & 6th April** at the Royal Highland Centre near Edinburgh Airport and **8th, 9th, 10th June** at Kemble Airfield near Swindon. The show is open each day from 10a.m. and will feature hundreds of products and ideas to keep people mobile, including test drives in adapted and specialist vehicles. Admission and parking is free and there are wheelchair/scooter loans to help you to get around. Visit the website www.mobilityroadshow.co.uk or telephone 0845 241 0390 for more information.

Easter Opening Hours

We shall be open on Good Friday and Easter Saturday as normal. We shall be closed all day on Easter Sunday and Monday.

If you need to book a wheelchair for a holiday let over this period please do so as soon as possible as it is a very popular time.

Happy Easter from everyone at Shopmobility Basingstoke.