

SHOPMOBILITY NEWS

Welcome to the
Spring/Summer edition of the Shopmob News

SCOUT POST PRESENTATION

On Tuesday 2nd February 2016 Jerry represented Wired Shopmobility at a Presentation Of Scout Post Donations to Local Charities at Wirral Town Hall.

He was presented with a cheque for £3,000 by the Mayor of Wirral Les Rowlands. Jerry took one of our scooters along and was able to give a short presentation to the group on how Shopmobility works. He told them how vital this is in the community to promote health and wellbeing and keeping people with mobility issues independent.



AN EX-VOLUNTEER FROM WIRED RECEIVES MBE

Mike Elkerton joined **Wirral Association for Disability** (now called **WIRED**) as a volunteer after an accident in which he became disabled. After being with us for several years he went to Chester Zoo as a Disability Officer.

While there he trained to become accredited by the National Register of Access Consultants. And his expertise has helped improve access at Arsenal, Manchester City, Trafford Centre, Blackpool Pleasure Beach and many others.

Mike and four other access experts have set up **Access and Evacu8**, a company based in Birkenhead.

The company is now working with the University of Glasgow to produce an app which would automatically inform a venue that a disabled person is inside the building the moment they arrive.

For more information visit www.accessandevacu8.co.uk or telephone: 0151 345 3360

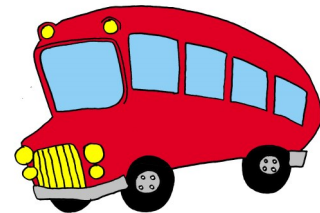


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MERSEYLINK

Merseylink is a dial-a-ride service for people with mobility problems or difficulties, they will pick you up from your home and return you there. To be eligible you must either live in Merseyside or receive the high rate of DLA (PIP is the new name) or receive Attendance Allowance or are registered blind.

Tel 0151 330 1660 for more information



FLEXEL - ALL YOU NEED IN ONE

Flexel are the leading specialist's supplier of spares and accessories for the ever growing mobility market.

They stock over 1,000 SKU's many of which are specifically designed for the mobility market.

They also have the most comprehensive stock of replacement tyres, solid tyres, batteries, casters, ramps and accessories in the UK. Their sales team will help you choose the right products for your needs.

They regularly check their prices to make sure they are offering their customers the best deal.

For more information Tel: 01280704141 or email them at sales@flexelmobiity.com

"Don't worry about shopping in Birkenhead any more"



Agencies for Carers Executive

Carers Grant



Are you an adult and do you provide care for someone over the age of 18?

YES - Then you may be eligible for a CARERS GRANT! This is a one-off payment and could pay for:

- Training courses such as Manual Handling, educational, hobbies etc.
- Health therapies such as massage or podiatry or leisure activities
- Travel/ costs to visit family or even help toward a laptop or tablet to improve social isolation through social media

To find out more about a Carers Grant and how the Carers Wellbeing Service can help you with your caring role contact the Carers Helpline on 0151 670 0777 or email: cws@wired.me.uk

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SCOOTER DONATIONS

Shopmobility scooters are mostly donated by the public. To make sure we can keep this great service going, if you have a scooter/wheelchair or powerchair working or not working we would love to hear from you. Also a big thank you to all the people who have already donated.



“Access to shops/Bank/Asda & meet friends enjoy freedom”



DLA CHANGING TO PIP

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is changing to (PIP) Personal Independence Payment

DLA is ending for people who were born after 1948 or are 16 or over. You will continue to get DLA until the DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) writes to tell you when it will end.

You will be asked to apply for PIP a new benefit that helps with some of the extra costs caused by long term ill - health or disability

You don't need to do anything until you get a letter then you will have 28 days to apply for the new benefit. Your DLA payments will stop if you do not apply.

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

Helping Wirral to stay Healthy

We want to know what you think about your healthcare services

The PALS team provides a confidential service helping you to sort out any concerns you may have about the care you are receiving, and guiding you through the different services available from the NHS.

Wirral PALS covers the following Wirral services:



Opticians



GPs



Pharmacies



Dentists

PALS can:

- Offer advice and support to patients, their families and carers
- Help sort out problems quickly on your behalf
- Listen to your concerns, ideas or queries
- Accompany patients to meetings with GP's if required to resolve an issue

We will do our best to make sure you get the help you need

You can contact PALS team directly on 0151 363 3948 or 0800 054 2137 or email them on WirralPals@wired.me.uk or speak to your Carer Connector who will make a referral to the team

Carers Wellbeing Service

Carer Connectors

Building Carer Friendly Communities

A Carer is someone of any age who provides unpaid, necessary care on a regular basis for a relative, partner or friend who could not manage without this help. This care could be for someone who is ill, frail, or has a disability. At Wired we may be able to help you.

Our Carers Support Services include:

- **Carers Helpline - 0151 670 0777 Mon Fri 9am-3.30pm** -for information, advice and support
- **Carers Register** - Providing regular local and national information
- **Access to the Carers Grant** – funding to access health and well being activities
- **Support from Carer Connectors** – helping to build a carer friendly community
- **Carers Emergency Contact Service**- peace of mind for Carers in the event of an emergency
- **Counselling Service** - open to all adult Carers and former Carers who would like to speak confidentially about their situation.
- **Carers Website** – www.wirralcarers.co.uk A source of information about organisations and services that can support you
- **Carers Employment Support** - offering advice, information and support with employment / training opportunities
- **Carers Information & Awareness Events** – locally delivered events informing and offering support for those parent carers/ young carers transitioning to adult services.

For more information contact the Carers Helpline 0151 670 0777 or email: cws@wired.me.uk

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Saturday 9.30-4pm



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