



# Exeter Community Transport Association Mobility Matters

October 2006

## Exeter CTA 2006 Awareness Day

Following the success of the Guildhall Shopping Centre Shopmobility Challenges, ECTA held a fun obstacle course in the Guildhall Shopping Centre on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

Our awareness day was held to encourage and enable people to understand the issues faced by people who have limited mobility within the city centre and to provide the opportunity to experience Exeter from a new



perspective. The Lord Mayor joined representatives from Exeter CTA to try our

scooters and learn more about our services and the requirements of our users

## Exeter CTA Goes Christmas Shopping in Exeter...

**Christmas is coming and Exeter CTA is helping people with mobility difficulties to enjoy the spirit of Christmas shopping.**

Leisuremobility will be at Guildhall Shopping centre on 30th November and 14th December, providing vehicles to help less mobile people to enjoy the festive atmosphere of the late-night shopping experience.

For the first time, Exeter will host a traditional German Market in Sidwell Street for four weeks from Monday 27th November to Saturday 23rd December, with a whole host of sights, smells and tastes for everyone!

**Debenhams will be hosting a mobility friendly shopping night on Thursday 23rd November for anyone who finds it difficult to manoeuvre.**

Debenhams have just installed new special access lifts to enable access, for persons with mobility impairment, to more difficult to reach areas of the store, with an emphasis on access to the mezzanines on the ground floor.

All walkway obstacles will be removed throughout the store to enable free access to all areas and dedicated staff will be on hand to help customers with their purchases. The special access will be available on the

evening of 23rd of November. We will also run the Ring & Ride for anyone who has difficulty in using the bus service to get into the city centre for this shopping evening. Anyone requiring a scooter or wheelchair can book in advance by calling Exeter CTA - 494001.

Shopmobility and Ring & Ride will be open on Sunday 26th November 10am until 4pm.

For late night shopping on 30th November and 14th December, Leisuremobility scooters can be collected for late night shopping from the Guildhall Shopping Centre on these dates.

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**Welcome to the Winter 2006/2007 Mobility Matters.**

**This edition is available to all of our users as a one-off special.**

**To continue to receive ECTA's Mobility Matters, you can become an ECTA member for just £7.50 a year.**

**Benefits to our members include regular newsletters and early-bird booking services.**

## What's On... *Visiting Exeter? Here's a quick handy guide to what's on in the city*

### November: November 26<sup>th</sup>

Shopmobility and Ring & Ride  
Sunday Shopping

### November 27<sup>th</sup>—December 23<sup>rd</sup>:

German Market in Sidwell Street

### November 30<sup>th</sup>:

Late Night Shopping with ECTA.  
Book a scooter or wheelchair.

### December:

#### Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jan 14<sup>th</sup>:

Exeter Christmas Ice Rink:  
Wheelchair friendly Ice rink, next  
to Exeter Bus Station **01392 265  
885**

### December 4<sup>th</sup>:

Ring & Ride Christmas Lunch:  
Bernaville Nurseries

Carol Service outside the  
Cathedral

### December 6<sup>th</sup>:

Ring & Ride Christmas Lunch:  
Otter Nurseries

### December 14<sup>th</sup>:

Late Night Shopping with ECTA.

### January:

#### January 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>:

Exeter CTA collecting at Tesco  
Exeter Vale – can you help?



Ring & Ride  
Christmas  
Lunches...

Have you booked  
your place?

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
December:

Bernaville Nurseries

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
December:

Otter Nurseries

Call now to book  
your Ring & Ride  
Christmas Lunch

## Grant Received from Charitable Trust

Exeter CTA has received a £400 grant from the Leonard Laity Stoaite Charitable Trust to continue to provide to run and develop the service through the continued high standard of our wheelchairs, scooters and vehicles.

The Leonard Laity Stoaite Charitable Trust was founded in 1950 initially as a vehicle through which

he could make donations, especially to rural Methodism and to West Somerset causes, but mindful that it would carry on long after his lifetime. Over the last 50 years the increase in income has enabled the trustees to broaden the scope of grant giving of the trust.

Fundraising and  
Publicity  
Officer, Deborah

Redden, says "We are delighted to have received this funding from the Leonard Laity Stoaite Charitable Trust. We depend upon donations and funding such as this grant to be able to provide invaluable services to people who are suffering from limited mobility to help them to lead a richer life in and around Exeter and to play a full role within their community."

## Exeter CTA Team Building

Exeter Community Transport Association welcomes two new members of staff to the team here at Exeter.

Janet joins us as the Reception and Administration Assistant and gets on well with all of our staff, volunteers and users,

sharing her infectious smile and happy disposition with everyone in the office.

Debs is enjoying the role of Fundraising and Publicity Officer, and comes to us having worked as a volunteer fundraiser with RSPCA and ChildLine.

Both Debs and Janet are enjoying their new challenges and look forward to meeting and working with all service users, volunteers and staff.



Back Row: Janet & Debs

Front: Mary & Kay

## Charity Concert needs venue...

Exeter Shopmobility user, Paul Roberts, who is a professional violinist and performs with his fiancée, flautist Tia Wilkins (also a volunteer for Exeter Community Transport Association), will be performing a concert for Exeter Community Transport Association in March 2007.

The proceeds from the concert will benefit our users, by providing money to enable the services that we provide to continue to develop and provide mobility solutions for disabled people in and around Exeter.

We are now appealing for a venue in which to hold this concert. Do you know of a school or church hall or other suitable venue which would be open to providing a venue for this event?

If you know of anywhere that would be suitable and have a contact, please do let us know. The concert is being co-ordinated by Exeter Community Transport Association's Fundraising & Publicity Officer, Deborah, who would be happy to hear from you if you have any



information which could help us to secure a suitable venue. Deborah can be contacted at Exeter Community Transport Association on 01392 494 001 or at [deborah@exetercta.co.uk](mailto:deborah@exetercta.co.uk)

## Collections benefit local community transport

An Alexandra Rose Day collection at Tesco Exeter Vale on Thursday 31st August raised a wonderful £178.96 in addition to a street collection in Exeter City Centre on 17th June which raised £102.90

Fundraising & Publicity Officer, Deborah Redden, said "We are delighted to be involved with the

Alexandra Rose Day collections. It works by local charities taking up collections organised by ARD, we arrange for our volunteers to collect on their behalf, and we benefit from the collection with 30% of the money collected going to Alexandra Rose Day, which is used to contribute towards a

fund which is redistributed through a rolling programme of grants to various charities across the country."

"We, ourselves, have benefited from Alexandra Rose Day grants and are happy to be able to help ourselves and other charities in this way."

Don't forget our Christmas Draw...

Taking place on Monday 18th December

Lots of prizes to be won.

Tickets on sale at the office or from Tony on Ring & Ride for just 50p

## New Scooter Sponsored by Gemini Charitable Trust...



ECTA has received funding of £2,200 from Gemini Charitable Trust for a new Rascal Scooter for our Shopmobility service.

Gemini Charitable Trust has previously assisted ECTA with

the purchase of a scooter in 2004 and we are delighted that they have chosen to help us again.

Exeter Shopmobility provides manual and powered wheelchairs and scooters to help

anyone who is having difficulty getting around the city centre. Shopmobility provides independence in accessing the city for anyone suffering from a disability, whether short or long term.

### The gift of a lifetime...

Have you considered including a gift to your favourite charity in your will? As the largest single source of income to UK charities, legacies make a vital difference to good causes across the country. A legacy allows you to make your mark on the world by providing for a good cause that is close to your heart. Free of inheritance tax, a donation made in your will can also help reduce the tax burden on your estate.

#### How does it work?

A charitable legacy could be a gift of money or of any other assets that you leave behind. While there are a number of options to consider, there are two main types of charitable legacies; pecuniary and residuary. Pecuniary legacies specify a sum of money or item of value to be donated, whilst a residuary legacy allows you to donate a percentage of the net value of your estate or the remaining sum after you have provided for family and friends.

#### November is Will Aid month...

An excellent way of helping more than one charity and also an affordable way of making a will is to take advantage of Will Aid, which is running during the month of November, Will Aid offers you the opportunity to have your Will professionally drawn up by a solicitor, but instead of paying their usual fee you can make a donation to help some of the UK's best loved charities. This is a fantastic way to get your affairs in order and at the same time help many thousands of people in need. Through Will Aid, many solicitors across the country will draft you a will at no charge. If that happens, then they will ask you to make a donation to charity.

This isn't forced and there's no fixed price, but £75 is suggested for a single will or £110 for a pair of wills.

#### What do you need to do?

To leave a legacy to Exeter CTA, you simply need to include details of the donation in your will. This can be done by writing a will, by making an amendment or 'codicil' to an existing will or by setting up a Trust. You should ideally consult a solicitor if you intend to make or change a will. This ensures that it is legally correct and will stand up in law.

A further way to assist is to request that donations be made to the Exeter CTA after your death in place of flowers at your funeral.

Nine charities will benefit: ActionAid, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, Help the Aged, NSPCC, Save the Children UK, Sight Savers International, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland). The solicitor can nominate the specific charity it wants to support.

For more information on how to include Exeter CTA in your will, contact Kay Yendall or Deborah Redden on 01392 494 001 or speak to your solicitor.



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