



Help us to win £80,000 with The People's Millions



You can help us to win £80,000 to support independent mobility in Exeter.

ECTA has been selected as one of the final eight projects to be entered into The People's Millions competition to win £80,000.

What we want to do:

We know that people who need help to use transport have difficulty in getting the support they need.

We are appealing for funding for our ExeAccess project, to provide an accessible vehicle for people who need help with transport so that everyone can take part in their community.

Currently we have the Ring&Ride bus which operates to a set schedule. A smaller accessible vehicle will help us to operate individual journeys.

We want to buy the vehicle and have two trained drivers with volunteer helpers to get you out and about.

How you can help:

The competition will be aired during week commencing Monday 26th November on **ITV Westcountry News** with our appeal showing on **Thursday 29th November** with a dedicated phonenumber to vote for our project.

Please get everyone you know to vote for independent mobility!

How to vote:

The phone number will be available on the morning of 29th November and will be published in the Daily Mirror and on the ITV Westcountry News as part of our appeal film. **Please call us to get the number on the day.**

The voting numbers will only be valid on that day.

Votes can be cast by phone or text from 9am until midnight. Calls cost 10p and you can make up to 10 calls from any one phonenumber.

Remember, a vote for ExeAccess is independent mobility for you!

Thank you to everyone who came along to the filming of our appeal on Friday 2nd.

We need you to vote for us so that we receive the money that we need!

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Please help us buy this vehicle...





What's On With ECTA...***Call us on 01392 494001 for more info***

Every Thursday in Exeter:
Farmers Market: New venue at South St/Fore St: 9am-2pm

November:

November sees our regular spend survey

- please help us to prove the worth of Exeter Shopmobility - we need to show the retailers what we mean to them. Their funds help us to keep you moving!

Thursday 15th :
Late Night Shopping
Late Night Shopping Shopmobility available until 8pm

Saturday 17th:
Guildhall Shopping Centre Christmas Parade

Thursday 22nd:
Late Night Shopping

Thursday 29th:
Late Night Shopping

Thursday 29th November:
The People's Millions on ITV Westcountry News
Please watch the item and use the number to vote for us. You can vote up to 10 times at only 10p per call. Help us to support independent mobility.

December:
Sunday 2nd
Sunday Opening

Thursday 6th
Late Night Shopping

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th December
Christmas Spectacular... by the Stan Hacking Concert Band...
Tickets: £7 call 01392 447672.

Thursday 13th
Late Night Shopping

Sunday 16th
Sunday Opening

New Project to help Visually Impaired People to enjoy Exeter...



We are working on a new project to help visually impaired people to enjoy the city. The project, City Sights, will provide

sighted guides to help with navigating and describing the sights and scenes around our heritage rich city.

Exeter CTA volunteer, Mike Taun, who is registered blind, is helping to develop the project. Mike was previously involved in a similar stand alone project, Exsight, which folded in 2005.

We have sent funding bids out to trust funds to ask for

assistance with the costs of employing a project co-ordinator to recruit and manage the volunteers and work with the user group to ensure that the project is a success.

We are working hard to raise funds to put this project into place as well as to keep our Shopmobility and Ring&Ride services 'on the go'. Please give generously to help keep Exeter Community Transport Association going.

ECTA receives £300 from the Walk with the Echo...

On Sunday 12th August, Exeter CTA's Fundraising & Publicity Officer, Deborah Rylands took part in the Walk with the Echo Sponsored Walk along the quay, to the Double Locks and back again. We would like to thank

everyone who sponsored Debs for this walk, and helped her to raise a wonderful £196 towards the Echo's fund which was split between Exeter Community Transport Association, Hospiscare, the

Bramble Ward and Force Cancer Care.

Debs attended a cheque presentation on September 24th along with our administrator, Mary Widgery and one of our volunteers, David Addenbrook.

Lord Mayor, Hazel Slack presented a cheque for £300 from the walk's proceeds to each of the charities and thanked everyone for their time and generosity.

ECTA AGM

The Exeter Community Transport Association AGM took place on Tuesday 16th October at the new ECTA Centre in Paris Street. The meeting was chaired by the 2006/2007 Chairperson, Blondell Lilley. During the course of the year, three trustees have resigned from the board and a new committee was organised for the 2007 - 2008 year.

The new officers are: Alan Harley (Chairman), Blondell Lilley (Vice Chair), Brendan Hurley (Secretary) and Sally Reeve (Treasurer) assisted in their roles by the other trustees: Louise Harley, Helen Gilzean, Anderson Jones and Deborah Nott. We would like to welcome Alan as our new Chairman and wish him and all of our trustees the very best for the forthcoming year.

Christmas Fundraising Concert...



Don't forget that ECTA have been nominated to benefit from the Stan Hacking Concert Band's Christmas Spectacular.

The 80-strong band will be playing a wide range of Christmas, songs from the

musicals and light classical music at the Barnfield Theatre on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December. Representatives of ECTA have been invited to collect a cheque for £1,000 from Stan Hacking on the Sunday night.

To book a ticket for this delightful evening of musical fun please call 01392 447 672, but do hurry, as it is always a sell out!

Can you help?...

Please remember that ECTA is always seeking funding to continue to operate and develop our services to help independent mobility for anyone with any kind of limited mobility.

We are delighted to have shiny new offices to work from, but we still need to raise

money to pay for them.

Can you help? Do you know of anyone who can help us to raise funds or would like to volunteer for the organisation?

Please give generously to help keep us moving.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Don't forget your Christmas Draw Tickets only 50p from Shopmobility and Ring&Ride

Christmas Opening Hours...

We will be opening additional hours for Christmas to give you more opportunity to get out and about for your Christmas Shopping!

Shopmobility will operate the following additional hours:

Thursday 15th November: 9.30am - 8pm

Thursday 22nd November: 9.30am - 8pm

Thursday 29th November: 9.30am - 8pm

Sunday 2nd December: 10am - 4pm

Thursday 6th December: 9.30am - 8pm

Thursday 13th December: 9.30am - 8pm

Sunday 16th December: 10am - 4pm



Please call 01392 494001 to book Shopmobility or a place on the Ring&Ride bus.

Happy in our new home...

Exeter Community Transport Association are now happily settled in prestigious new easy to spot premises on Paris Street, next to the civic centre and opposite the bus station, with easy access to Exeter Community Transport Association are now happily settled in prestigious new premises in Paris Street, as part of the new Princesshay Development. The premises have been donated for our use by Land Securities for a period of five years.

Thanks to the helping hands of EDF volunteers, the move took place in just one day. The volunteers worked tirelessly to move our scooters and all of our office equipment and furniture from King William Street Car Park to Paris Street. We cannot thank them enough for all of their hard work and unstinting energy.

Our launch, on 21st September, was a great success, with service users, business representatives and local dignitaries coming along to witness the opening of our new centre and enjoy a light lunch. The Lord Mayor, Hazel Slack opened the centre and Olympic Showjumper, Mary King, agreed to cut our cake and say a few words about the organisation, as she is a previous user of our service, having used a scooter at the Devon County Show, due to a broken leg, some years ago.

We would like to thank everyone who came along to support us at our Launch Party and we look forward to a long and happy tenure here in Princesshay.

Our thanks also goes out to the companies which donated items for our Launch Party lunch:

Clive's Pies, Linscombe Farm, Stokes Greengrocers,
Tideford Organic Foods, Shaul Bakeries, Lloyd Maunder, Bovey Downs Farm,
Quicke's Traditional, South Devon Chilli Farm, Kenniford Farm, Penny's Parties,
Bread of Devon and Sidwell Street Somerfield

Christmas Draw Tickets Now Available for only 50p from Shopmobility or Tony on Ring&Ride

Fundraising News!

We are delighted to tell you of our fundraising successes over the last few months...

August's Sainsbury Collection raised a wonderful £255.53 and our City Centre Collection, earlier this year raised a further £95.64 We would like to thank all of our volunteers who collected, especially in the rain in the City Centre! And our thanks, of course, goes out to everyone who donated money to help keep us going.

A further £219 came in from sponsorships for the Great West Run and we are currently chasing yet more money from this!

Our Summer Draw, held at our Launch Party on Friday 21st September raised a fabulous £289.20 with many happy winners taking home prizes including a personal Will, shopping vouchers, a gent's watch, flowers, planters and much more.

Last month's Treasure Hunt kept our supporters amused for an afternoon of last month and also raised £96. One of our volunteers, Barry Mortimer, brought up the rear winning the booby prize of a road atlas!

Finally, we would like to remind you that we can reclaim gift aid on donations from UK tax payers. People who have given through our online donation service have their gift aid reclaimed automatically and this has brought in £35 on sponsorships made in August.