



# Mobility *matters*

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ECTA MEMBERS

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## Local Banks Support Local Charity.

**Sarah Smith of HSBC** Presenting a cheque for £1500 to Mr Mike Ellis, Manager of Exeter Community Transport Association, for sponsorship of our fleet.



**Mr Ted Duley from the Co-operative Community Fund.**

Presenting a cheque for £1000 to fund volunteer training for our Transport Hub service.

# Meet The Staff.

Hello everyone kind enough to read our newsletter , I expect all of you know me in one way or another as I work on Reception, answering the telephone and face to face, dealing with service users' needs for Shopmobility , Ring and Ride, City Sights, Transport Hub and Taxi Card and I have this year been made Volunteer Coordinator .



I have worked for ECTA for over five years in a part time capacity and thoroughly love my job, meeting lots of people of all ages, from all walks of life who have various disabilities for which they need one of our many wonderful services.

I get great pleasure in helping someone who has perhaps been housebound through an illness or mobility issue enjoy the freedom of going shopping, by using our Ring and Ride service which brings them into town, visit a local supermarket or using Shopmobility where they can hire a scooter and get to places on their own and gain back independence. I know it can be very worrying trying something new if you are of a more mature age but so many of our service users tell me they wish they had used our services much earlier, so anybody reading this who has a mobility issue please contact us, we might be able to help. When time permits, I enjoy conversing with our service users at our regular Coffee Mornings and enjoy listening to all their anecdotes. I organise the Lunch Club outings and the Summer Trips and appreciate the feedback, good or bad! So feel free to contact me with any ideas you may have for future outings. Hope to hear from you. Janet Newton.

# Funding News

Gratefully received donations from various benefactors.

**£200**      **Northcott Devon Foundation**

**£300**      **Mrs D.H Gahan CH Trust**

**£500**      **The Frances Crabtree CH Trust**

**£700**      **Devonian Fund DCF**

**£1000**      **Leonard Laity Stoate**

**£1000**      **Dorothy Howard Trust**

**£1000**      **Co-operative community fund**

**£1500**      **Yorkshire Building Society**

# COMING SOON TO E.C.T.A

We have successfully obtained funding for our new venture **The Greater Exeter Access Project**



This project will provide access to parts of Exeter that currently are not available to people who hire out mobility scooters from ECTA. Our current fleet will only access Exeter City Centre: beyond that point, due to the hilly nature of Exeter, our existing scooters sometimes trip out.

Currently, our existing scooters overload on these hills, especially with larger people onboard (weight gain is unfortunately an issue with the onset of some disabilities). To counter this, ECTA wishes to purchase a Tramper scooter to add to its fleet. Tramper scooters are currently used in the countryside mobility projects around Devon to access countryside attractions: they operate on a similar principle to 4x4 vehicles (go anywhere type).

The purchase of one of these scooters would open up Exeter to residents of limited mobility to areas such as Exeter's Historic Quayside, St Thomas, Marsh Barton, The Canal Basin, The Double Locks, Countess Wear, Exwick, Pennsylvania and historic Topsham and the whole of the university campus. This new opportunity for access will undoubtedly enhance the quality of life for a group of people who, due to their disability, are often socially excluded. The scooter would be managed by ECTA who have been providing mobility to the disabled people of Exeter since 1995.

# Late-Night Christmas Shopping

Thursday 15th December, E.C.T.A Trustees will be out and about during late-night shopping in Exeter talking about the charity and what we do.

Please feel free to come and join them and show your support.

E.C.T.A will be open till 9pm on this night to help our service users enjoy the experience of late-night shopping.



# Summer Excursions

**The summer excursions were a resounding success with 78% of available tickets sold. The feedback we received about the trips was positive and so it is probable that we will run excursions again for our users next summer.**

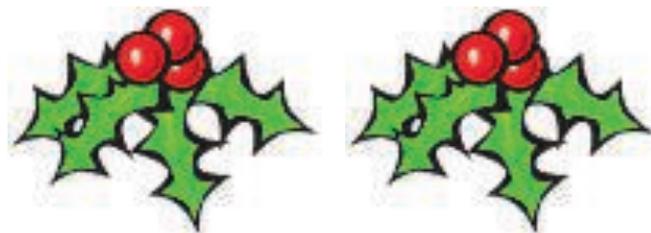
# Gig In The Garden

**The Gig in the Garden was held at Woodleigh Coach House on Saturday 3rd September 2011 and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large crowd of people of different age groups, all entertained by a variety of brilliant groups who played blues, soul, pop, rock and reggae, something for everyone. We raised a total of**

**£603.90**

# For Sale!

<b>Manual Wheelchair</b>	<b>£80</b>
<b>Large Commode</b>	<b>£75</b>
<b>Commode (as new)</b>	<b>£70</b>
<b>Manual Wheelchair</b>	<b>£50</b>
<b>Small Commodes</b>	<b>£20 (each)</b>
<b>Walking Frames</b>	<b>£15(each)</b>
<b>Handi-Reachers (new)</b>	<b>£12.50-£13.50</b>
<b>Walking Sticks</b>	<b>from £5</b>
<b>Wheelchair Cushions</b>	<b>£10 (each)</b>



**Christmas Cards now on sale in both the main office and shop 4 ECTA please support us .**

# Merry Christmas

As this is the last newsletter of 2011,  
The Trustee's, Management, Staff and  
volunteers of ECTA would like to wish  
all our Service

Users a very Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year and thank everybody  
for their support over the last twelve  
months and hope to see you all next  
year.



# Happy New Year