

Shopmobility South Gloucestershire



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Shopmobility (South Gloucestershire) is a non-profit making charity and provides a service to people with mobility problems. South Gloucestershire Council, the National Lottery including donations, sponsors our charity and grants form a variety of organisations.

Our services seek to improve independence, social inclusion and social contact for people, often cited as one of the most significant benefits. We also sign post people to agencies that may be able to help on other related matters.

We are seeking to identify people with mobility problems most at risk of social isolation who may require additional support to access our service by forging closer working within the Council, Community Transport groups, paid carers and other organisations.

Scooters can enable people to access local amenities and shops including ability to transport goods in greater comfort.

Many with their own scooters with access to a car use our service as it reduces problems associated with:

1/Getting exposed to cold or rain when travelling by scooter.

2/Concern of scooter break- down whilst travelling.

3/Exertion and risk associated in lifting a scooter in and out of a car.

4/The inability to travel by scooter to local shops, amenities and social groups where there is lack of pavement or where roads may be hazardous to travel along (class 3 scooters only).

The hire of scooter may address the financial barriers people may experience and problems associated with lack of storage and inability to access their home. If people or their spouses have served in the forces you may be eligible for provision of a scooter free of charge through your local British Legion.

Longer-term hire of scooters may provide sufficient time for people to recover from an operation or temporary disability. People may wish to try a scooter to gain confidence prior to deciding whether to buy one for themselves. Longer-term hire provision may enable those visiting the area for a period of time, the ability to get out and about. It can also be useful for those awaiting repair of their own scooter. We have scooters that will dismantle and fit within most car boots that can be taken on holiday.

We recognise that people may feel particularly isolated if they do not have access to a car or public transport. The impact of sudden loss of health through accident or illness and associated lack of confidence may compound the social isolation a person experiences.

We believe front line staff within statutory and community organisations are in a good position to identify, signpost and support isolated people with physical disabilities access our service independently. If you require some leaflets please get in touch.

Limited support from a carer or social care staff may be very beneficial in this respect.

Longer-term support may be required for those who are severely isolated without access to transport and those with limited sight or cognitive difficulties or onset of sudden illness.

Please feel free to contact us if you feel we can help you or somebody you know.