

## Proposal for Shop mobility scheme in Lancaster and Morecambe District.

One Voice would lead this project and would work closely with Lonsdale Carers (also a charity) and Wrightcare Mobility to deliver this service. All funds raised from the service would be reinvested to cover associated costs in the hope of developing this into a sustainable social enterprise.

We will transfer the assets (scooters) from Preston Community Transport to One Voice on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and they will be serviced and stored by Wrightcare Mobility until we have finalised details. Space has been block booked in both buildings to accommodate the initial provision and we would look to promote the new service with a launch day at both buildings which will be publicised via local press, radio, television and community networks.

Initially we would run the service the same days and times as Preston Community Transport; however we would ideally like to run an additional day in Lancaster and Morecambe. To maximise take up of the additional service we would spend 3 months carrying out a community consultation to find out which days would offer the greatest benefit and what other services could be provided.

We would like to “grow” this project into a community resource and build in newsletters, community websites, events, discounts on products, promotion of the wheelchair voucher scheme and a dedicated training programme for users of electric wheelchairs and scooters .

The added value of aligning Shopmobility with charities already working with disabled people and carers provides the opportunity to access free confidential information and support, community café and signposting to a variety of other services including Help Direct, CAB, Welfare Rights and Self Directed Support packages.

Our long term objective would be to offer Shop mobility 5 days a week with late night and weekend provision. In addition we would work with our existing partners carry out a feasibility study into the need for provision in Carnforth.

Partners: Lancaster City Council, One Voice, Lonsdale District Carers and Wrightcare Mobility.

Proposed start date: First week in May or as near to this as possible.

Days and times of delivery:

Lancaster Fridays 9.30 – 4.30 @ The Cornerstone

Morecambe Thursdays 9.30 – 4.30 @ The Cartmel Centre

Charges:

Daily

Electric scooters and wheelchairs £3

Manual wheelchairs £1.50

Walker / pusher £1

Weekly

Electric scooters and wheelchairs £40

Manual wheelchairs £25

Walker / pusher £8

**OR**

Pay an annual subscription of £50 and enjoy regular use without weekly payments. (this represents a potential saving of over a £100 over a year)

Who can use Shopmobility?

The equipment is available for people with permanent, long term or temporary mobility impairments.

How do I join?

You will need to bring 2 forms of identification ( an easy read list will be available) and must be 16 years and over for insurance purposes.