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have a physical or sensory disability**

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Editorial

Welcome to the Spring issue of Viewpoint!

Here we are at the start of 2003, hasn't the last year flown by?

Spring – we can only imagine it – as a blanket of snow covers the land and the cold weather holds us firmly in its grip. Uncertainty seems to prevail everywhere. The terrorist threat, imminent war, the economy, - where will it all end?

Enough doom and gloom, let's forget all of life's unpleasantness and plan for the lighter, brighter, warmer days to come.

You will find the usual mix of news, views, leisure and sporting activities, ideas of how to help us and how you can be of service to other disabled people.

Read all about ways you can help the work of Disability Stockport by becoming active in the work of the organisation. You can help gather information which will ultimately benefit all disabled people. Find out how on page 3. Maybe, your talents lie elsewhere and a group dealing with issues such as Transport and Access is something you are interested in, have a look at page 4.

The Independent Television Commission (ITC) asked us to take part in a Consultation in order to find out the opinions of disabled people, both young and old, on whether they feel that they are correctly portrayed on television. This is an example of our work with large national organisations and we can only hope that something positive will come from this exercise. Read about it on page 8.

Your assistance will help influence change where it is needed so more disabled people can get access to opportunities and facilities which would make all the difference.

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Want to put an article in Viewpoint?

If you have news, ideas, events, or other information you want to share with others interested or working in the field of disability, please send your item to:

Viewpoint
(Address details in the editorial opposite).

Send your material in by
15 April 2003 for the summer

ARE WE GETTING A RAW DEAL?

Work and Leisure denied to young disabled people

Young disabled people are being denied jobs because of their disabilities, according to a new report from the Disability Rights Commission (DRC). Many are also excluded from taking part in sports and from going to clubs. As a result, they are left feeling trapped at home because most public transport is also inaccessible.

The findings were revealed after a survey of young disabled people in England and Wales. The report found that many of the 157 young people questioned had at some stage been illegally turned away from work. One in six believed they did not get a job because of a disability or health problem. All those questioned said they wanted to be able to travel; but 81% missed out on going on holiday due to transport problems.

Lorraine Gradwell, of Manchester-based Breakthrough UK Ltd said

“This report confirms what many disabled people have always known; that society is often neither welcoming nor accessible to us. Young disabled people come to us for employment support, but our primary task is often to rebuild their confidence and self-esteem and offer them positive role models.”

In 2001 research by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation found that one in three disabled people found themselves out of work within a year of starting a new job. The study also found that disability-related costs meant that as many as 40% of disabled people had net incomes below the Government recognised poverty line.

The report called for policy proposals which ensure that disabled people have significant incomes to secure a standard of living comparable to their non-disabled peers. It also called for greater support for disabled people starting a job and for those who become disabled whilst in work.

It is indeed sad to see that in 2003 there seems to be no further progress!

Disability Stockport Needs you!

In our quest for improved access for all of Stockport's residents
we would like to compile a database of information on accessible places

Have you come across

- dropped kerbs which do not appear to conform to regulations?
- hotels, restaurants, and pubs you have visited recently and found to be fully accessible?

Tell us what you find when you are out and about.

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Stockport SK3 8JE**

Telephone/fax/textphone 0161 480 7248

E-mail disabilitystockport@btinternet.com

TRANSPORT AND MOBILITY

Disability Stockport Transport and Access Forum

Your chance to become involved or influence the Transport Strategy

The next two meetings are:

Wednesday 19 February 2003 at 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Wednesday 12 March 2003 at 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

at

Disability Stockport

16 Meyer Street

Cale Green

Stockport SK3 8JE

Telephone/fax/textphone us on 0161 480 7248

E-mail disabilitystockport@btinternet.com

Local Transport Groups

Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority (GMPTA) hold local meetings regularly in each of the ten districts to discuss a whole range of issues relating to public transport.

The next two Stockport meetings are:

Tuesday 25 March 2003 at 10.30 am

Tuesday 29 July 2003 at 10.30 am

The Council Chamber, Stockport Town Hall, Edward Street, Stockport SK1 3XE

If you would like more information please telephone 0161 234 3335

or just turn up and join in!

Blue Badges

We have not done an analysis of the most asked question which comes in to our **info line** telephone service, but we are sure the result of such an analysis would be "Where can I get or renew a Blue Badge?". You can get a Blue Badge by applying to two Social Services Area Offices in Stockport.

If you live in Bramhall, Brinnington, Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme, Gatley, Hazel Grove (parts of), Heald Green, Lancashire Hill, Lower and Middle Hillgate, Portwood, Reddish, or The Four Heaton, you will need to

contact Cheadle Area Office on 0161 428 3241, Fax 0161 491 6118.

If you live in Adswold, Bridge Hall, Bredbury, Cale Green, Cheadle Heath, Compstall, Davenport, Edgeley, Great Moor, Hazel Grove (parts of), Heaviley, High Lane, Higher Hillgate, Marple, Mile End, Offerton, Romiley, Strines, Woodley, or Woodsmoor you will need to

contact Marple Area Office on 0161 427 7011 Fax 0161 426 0247.

BENEFITS



NEW TAX

CREDITS

Important changes to the Benefit System

From April 2003, existing tax credits will be replaced by two new tax credits, Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Working Tax Credit (WTC). Both Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit are made up of a number of elements, which include extra elements for disabled people.

Child Tax Credit is a payment to support families with children and will replace the existing means-tested support for children. Existing Income Support and Jobseeker's Allowance (income based) claimants will automatically transfer to Child Tax Credit.

- ◆ From October 2003 if aged 60 or over, or
- ◆ From April 2004 if aged under 60.

You don't have to be working to claim this credit and payments can be made to the main carer. You even qualify if your joint income is £58,000 (£66,000 if you have a baby less than a year old).

Working Tax Credit is a payment to top up the earnings of those in work on a low income. As with the old system there is some help with child care costs. An important difference is that **you do not need to have a child to qualify**.

If you are aged 16 or over **with children** you must work at least 16 hours a week. However, if you are aged 25 or over **without children** you must work at least 30 hours **unless** you are

- ◆ Aged 16 or over, have a disability that puts you at a disadvantage of getting a job and work at least 16 hours a week.
- ◆ Aged 50 or over, returning to work at least 16 hours a week after time spent on qualifying out of work benefits.

The new tax credits will usually be based on the gross income for the previous year, however, for 2003 – 2004 it will be based on the gross income for 2001 – 2002. You do not need to report changes in income below £2,500 however it may be in your interest to do so immediately so seek advice. At the end of the tax year the Inland Revenue will check whether the award has been correct or whether there has been an underpayment or an overpayment. An important difference from the old system is that there is **no capital limit**. In certain circumstances the new tax credits will act as a passport to free school meals, health and other benefits.

For further information or advice telephone Stockport Welfare Rights on 0161 474 3091 between 9.00 am to 1.00 pm Monday to Friday.

Or telephone the Inland Revenue helpline on 0845 300 3900 or their website www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/taxcredits

TRADING STANDARDS ADVICE

Once again Trading Standards has issued a warning to local residents. The latest tactic for parting householders from their money involves salesmen cold calling to make an appointment and then doing everything they can to sell 'fire prevention equipment'.

A business called "Fire Protection Unit" is operating in and around Stockport (although it is based out of the area). They are targeting elderly people and using scare tactics. They offer to sell a fire-retardant spray for carpets and furnishings and also products to seal doorways to slow the spread of fire. They charge several hundred pounds a time. Trading Standards have not tested any of the substances the company claims to spray onto carpets and cannot vouch for the efficiency of the products.

The Fire Service has issued a statement that the "Fire Protection Unit" is a limited company and is NOT linked in any way to the Fire Service.

The Fire Service offer **free** fire safety advice. You can contact them by telephone or by calling at any of the fire stations in the Stockport area. They will provide information on how to prevent fires in the first place, how to detect them early and how to plan a safe exit from your home in case of a fire.

- ◆ **Stockport Fire Station – King Street West – 0161 906 0603**
- ◆ **Whitehill Fire Station – Whitehill Street West – 0161 608 5403**
- ◆ **Cheadle Fire Station – Turves Road – 0161 608 1403**
- ◆ **Offerton Fire Station – Lisburne Lane – 0161 908 1603**
- ◆ **Marple Fire Station – Hollins Lane – 0161 608 1803**

Has your child's poem been chosen for publication?

If you have children who are at school you also need to be alert to a particularly nasty practice which has developed in the last twelve months. Parents are receiving letters from a publisher telling them that their child's poem has been chosen to go in a book of poems. The letters says that the book will have an official catalogue number and will be published in the summer (or some other non-specific time). There's a discount if you order in advance. Of course every proud parent is delighted to think their child's work will be published. They may think about ordering copies of the book for proud grandparents and for the child itself.

What's the catch, why are Trading Standards so concerned?

Schemes like this have been around for some time but were previously aimed at adults. The practice is known as '**vanity publishing**'. The company relies on the fact that everyone would like to see their child's (or children's) work in print. People will send their money off to secure their copy at the reduced rate rather than waiting until the book is published. History shows that many, many schemes asking for money up front never produce the goods – they just pocket the money and disappear. Please don't let your heart rule your head. If you are thinking of buying a book, wait until you have physically got hold of one before parting with any money!

Contact Stockport Trading Standards on 0161 474 4248, write to them at: Stopford House, Stockport SK1 3XE, or e-mail trading.standards@stockport.gov.uk

HOLIDAYS

BRAND NEW ADAPTED LUXURY CARAVAN

More spacious, sleeps six people, fully equipped and what's more you can book now! You can get away from everyday pressures, free to do your own thing and enjoy your surroundings in your own way and in your own time. You can join in a wide variety of on-the-spot facilities and entertainment or you can explore many accessible venues in Wales.

Here are just a few of the comments from holiday-makers who stayed with us in 2002

"Very impressed with the caravan. So Spacious"

"Super caravan. Very impressed with all the facilities on the site"

"Caravan well equipped and very spacious"

"Nice caravan, very, very spacious"

"Caravan excellent"

"Enjoyed our stay very much"

"Caravan is lovely and in a very good spot"

The 2003 season runs from March – October and prices range from £89 – £268 for Stockport residents.

**Contact: Caravan Bookings on
0161 480 7248 (Telephone/fax/textphone)
Or e-mail disabilitystockport@btinternet.com
for a leaflet, pricelist, booking form,
availability or any other information.**

**BOOK
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ORLANDO FLORIDA

Disabled Travellers, don't miss this spacious, luxury adapted bungalow
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**For availability and booking
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Email rita.suefisher@ntlworld.com**

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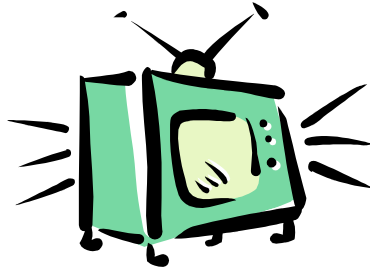
Is finding out where accessible hotels are located a problem? Do you have friends and family coming to stay and would like to know where there is accessible accommodation nearby? Would you like information on accessible holiday accommodation abroad?

If you answer yes to one or all of these questions then

**Call us on 0161 480 7248
(telephone/fax/textphone)**

CONNECT PLUS NEWS

Independent Television Commission (ITC) Consultation



As part of the Broadcast Disability Network Manifesto the ITC are conducting a national survey to explore the representation of disabled people on television.

As part of this survey Disability Stockport were approached to see if we could help them to find a cross-section of disabled people who would like to take part. One session was to be for under 35 year old, non self-transferring wheelchair users and a second for over 35 year old wheelchair users who could self-transfer.

connect plus were asked to organise this on behalf of Disability Stockport. The sessions took place on Monday 27th January 2003 at our offices. During these sessions the participants had a chance to put their personal views forward on the representation of different types of disability on television. A professional interviewer who used a set of selected video clips and questions led the sessions.

On asking the participants afterwards they agreed that attending the session was beneficial and they enjoyed taking part. The ITC thanked all the people for attending and staff for all the hard work that went in to organising the day.

If you would like to be invited to participate in any other consultation, please let us know so that we can add you to our list of contacts.



CONNECT PLUS NEWS

Volunteer Nights Out

As a sign of our appreciation for their contribution to the work we do, **connect plus** organised and put money towards evenings out for our volunteers.



In December, some of the younger Volunteers went for a meal at the Tung Hing Lau Chinese restaurant in Central Stockport.

Then in late January a dozen Volunteers and two Organisers from the 26 – 60+ years part of the project went for an enjoyable evening out at the Old Rectory on Churchgate. As well as a sociable drink, we had a wonderful meal, and as someone had collected some ‘special offer vouchers’ alongside our contribution it turned out to be a very inexpensive evening. Whilst they are relatively small gestures, we hope that evenings like these go towards showing our appreciation for what our Volunteers do.

(If you, or anyone you know would be interested in Volunteering with **connect plus**, please call the office for more details on 0161 474 0048)

A simple way to make donations to connect plus.

Like all charitable organisations we rely on donated funds to be able to offer a service to our members and we can always make good use of any extra donations that come our way.

We have been informed by one of our volunteers that there is a way of making regular donations to **connect plus** and they want to spread the word about how easy it is.

If you would like to make a regular donation to **connect plus** all you need to do is pick up a standing order form from your bank, ring **connect plus** and ask for our bank details, then complete the form and send it back to your bank. It couldn't be simpler!

If you would like to become a volunteer with **connect plus** please give **Tony Williams or Sara Johnston** a call on **0161 474 0048**
Fax 0161 480 7248 or E-mail disabilitystockport@btinternet.com

LEYFIELD PRIMUS

Leyfield Primus goes from strength to strength

Leyfield Primus, a day centre, is located in the centre of Romiley, Stockport and is a ground floor, fully accessible building with a room which is used for individual and group activities. **It is open Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 3.30 pm.**

Leyfield Primus offers a service to disabled people aged 18 – 65 whose disability is predominantly physical or sensory. Most people who currently use the service are over 30 years old.

From 1 April 2003 social workers will be able to make referrals and anyone using the voucher scheme will be able to use vouchers to pay for the service.

A wide programme of leisure and social activities is offered, both on the premises and outside. Members of Leyfield Primus make the decisions about their own interests and what is most suited to their wants and aspirations.

We are always interested to hear from people who would like to volunteer their services. Maybe you have a skill you would like to share, or you would like to find out how you can be of service.

If you would like to join us at the Leyfield Primus either as a member of the centre or as a volunteer then call us to have a chat about how you can become a member or how you can help as a volunteer.

We want to hear from you!

**Please contact Disability Stockport on
0161 480 7248 telephone/text/fax or
E-mail disabilitystockport@btinternet.com**

SPORT AND LEISURE

2003 has seen the re-launch of the **Stockport Disability Sports Forum**. The main aim of the Forum is to provide a link between different organisations. This will involve meeting and discussing new ideas, improvements and issues which will aid in increasing sporting opportunities for young people with a disability.

For more information contact Steve Harp, Community Health and Leisure Development Officer for People with a Disability on 0161 474 4464

Steve Harp is the new Disability Officer for Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. His full title is the Community Health and Leisure Development Officer for People with a Disability.

The position covers all aspects of health and leisure for disabled people in the Stockport area. As part of the Sports Development team, the new officer, Steve Harp, aims to provide opportunities for people of all abilities to participate in physical activity, and to make sure all members of the community have access to these opportunities.

For advice, information and a copy of the booklet *Activ 8 Sport*.

Please contact:

Steve Harp

Sports Development Department

**Community Services, 4th Floor Stopford House, Piccadilly,
Stockport SK1 3XE**

Telephone 0161 474 4464

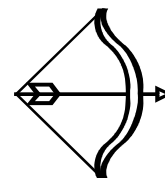
E-mail steve.harp@stockport.gov.uk



Activ 8 Sport

Activ 8 Sport is a booklet which is full of information about sports for disabled people to take part in around the Stockport area.

- Abseiling
- archery
- table tennis
- or yoga are just some of the different activities on offer.



You can get a copy of the booklet from the new Disability Officer, Steve Harp. (See article above for contact details).

SPRING INTO HEALTH

The **Community Exercise programme** is run by the Sports Development Section of Community Services. The programme aims to encourage people of all ages and abilities to increase their general level of physical activity.

The programme consists of:

- ◆ Gentle Exercise
- ◆ Body Conditioning
- ◆ Low Impact Aerobics
- ◆ Line Dancing
- ◆ Step Classes
- ◆ Yoga
- ◆ Tai Chi

If you would like to get involved in any of these activities please call Sue Walker at Sports Development on 0161 474 4517 for more information. (Creche facilities are available at some of the activities).

Walk your way to health

A walk can cheer you up and will be good for your health. You can come on your own or bring a friend, and **there will always be a route suitable for wheelchair users.**

Walking is a great way of meeting people, keeping fit and getting to know the wild places of Stockport.

Best of all these walks are open to everyone. Walks can be up to three miles but there are much shorter routes depending on what people want to do.

Dates and routes are currently being finalised and information will be in

KEEP WARM, DRESS WELL

Some ideas from the Department of Health's **Keep Warm, Keep Well** booklet

As the cold weather persists this information could come in very handy!

There's an increased risk of becoming ill if you get cold, outdoors as well as at home. These simple steps will help to protect you.

At Home

- Wear several thin layers of clothes rather than one thick layer – the warmth from your body will get trapped between the layers.
- Choose clothes made with wool, cotton or fleecy synthetic fibres that are designed to be light and warm.
- In the coldest weather, a good way to keep warm in bed is to wear bed socks and a night cap or scarf round your head, as well as thermal underwear and a warm nightdress or pyjamas.

Outdoors

- Several thinner layers of clothing under your coat will keep you warmer than one thick layer.
- Wear something on your head, otherwise you'll get cold very quickly.
- Wear warm, dry, flat, non-slip shoes or boots, especially in frosty weather.

For more information please contact the Winter Warmth Advice Line on 0800 085 7000 8.00 am to 8.00 pm, Monday to Friday. Textphone 0800 085 7857

HELP AND SUPPORT

The Whizz Kidz No Limits Awards

Part of a £200 million programme of awards made possible by the Millennium Commission and funded through the National Lottery, the scheme is open to young people aged 12 – 18 years old who have a disability affecting their mobility and use a wheelchair (or other mobility equipment) to get around.

All they need is an idea for a project. It might be a website, a youth club, writing a book, creating a film or video, or perhaps a research project into access issues or perceptions of disability.

The closing date for the third and final round of applications is 4 March 2003.
Further information is available on

Fancy trying something new?

Would you like to ...

- ◆ **Be more confident?**
- ◆ **Meet new friends?**
- ◆ **Help other women?**
- ◆ **Use a computer?**

Why not go along to Stockport Women's Centre and join one of their Personal Development Courses, run in conjunction with Stockport College.

It is run by women, for women, in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Childcare facilities are available.

Please contact Stockport Women's Centre on 0161 355 4455 for more details.

STOCKPORT LAW CENTRE FREE LEGAL HELP

Free independent legal advice, assistance and representation in **Housing, Debt, Employment** and **Immigration**. They are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm, Thursday 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm by appointment. They may be able to see urgent cases without an appointment but please telephone first.

On Wednesdays they can see people without an appointment:

Housing and Employment drop-in 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

Immigration drop-in 10.00 am to 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Telephone 0161 476 6336 Fax 0161 476 2719 Debtline 0161 476 2882



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HELP AND SUPPORT

Springboard Officers

In the last issue of Viewpoint you were introduced to the Springboard Officers for Stockport, Gill Bailey and Philip Griffin.

Springboard Officers are there to assist anyone claiming Incapacity Benefits who may be considering their future work options.

To launch this new service and give interested individuals the chance to find out more about the range of opportunities and help available to them, Stockport officers are holding an information and advice event, which will be known as 'Pathways Fairs'.

Please visit them at Stockport Town Hall between 10.30 am and 4.00 pm on Tuesday 25 February 2003

Contact the Springboard Officers, Gill Bailey or Philip Griffin on the following numbers for confidential advice without obligation.

Telephone 0161 429 2043 and 0161 429 2014

Textphone 0161 253 8342 Fax 0161 429 2140

STOCKPORT CARE SCHEMES

There are four Care Schemes in Stockport: Offerton, Reddish, Gatley and Edgeley.

The aim of the scheme is to introduce volunteers to vulnerable people and carers who need a little extra help and support in addition to that provided by the statutory agencies such as Social Services.

The schemes offer support to disabled people of any age and their carers, families and elderly people.

To contact the Stockport Care Schemes, please ring

Offerton	0161 477 8782
Gatley	0161 428 7146
Reddish	0161 476 2812
Edgeley	0161 477 0207

For details of programmes of events please contact the Care Scheme in your area.

Infoline

find out

find out is a free guide to services in the Stockport area for the people of Stockport.

We are pleased to tell you that the 2003 edition of the guide is **now available**.

If you have a copy of the Millennium or an earlier edition and you haven't already contacted us you can get your **FREE** copy now.

Contact Disability Stockport on 0161 480 7248 telephone, textphone and fax

Email:
disabilitystockport@btinternet.com

MISCELLANEOUS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Breda Johnson, Reddish Care Scheme

Dear Editor

I would like to draw your attention, and that of your readers, to be aware of car park charges in Stockport.

Most of the car parks are run by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) and they waive the cost of parking for disabled badge holders for three hours maximum.

However, much to my cost I used the Peel Centre car park recently with two disabled elderly passengers, used the disabled badge, parked for one hour and was fined £40 as they DO CHARGE regardless.

My disgust is with the Company involved and their lack of understanding when questioned about the charge. Having to pay £40 for anyone is a large amount, but for elderly people on a pension this is diabolical!

The passengers in question were very upset at this incident and asked me to phone the Company direct. I looked at the phone

number and it stated that all calls would be charges at a premium rate of 50p per minute, so they get you at every direction.

We have learned the hard way that not everyone is as generous at letting people with disabled badges park free.

To all your readers always check first as it could become a very costly mistake!

**From B. O'Leary
Edgeley**

Dear Editor

Just a couple of items that might be of interest.

“Come to us for your Gas”

“Come to us for your Electric”

How many times do we hear it?

I have studied the topic for 12 months – my findings are “TXU” are the cheapest for Gas.

“British Gas” are the cheapest for electric.

I have just changed and will save £80 in 12 months.

**SHOPMOBILITY STOCKPORT
Commercial Wheelchair Hire
Now Available**

**For further details contact
Shopmobility Stockport, Level 2
Merseyway Car Park
Stockport SK1 1PD
Telephone 0161 666 1100
Fax 0161 666 1101**

**Networking Evening
Back Pain**

**Wednesday 26 February 2003
Pinewood House, Stepping Hill Hospital
At 7.00 pm**

The evening will be an opportunity to find out about many things that affect our backs and what you and the medical profession can do to help. If you need more information **Contact Fran Holmes on 0161 419 5066**

NOTICE BOARD

CHEADLE GATLEY AND STOCKPORT ROUND TABLE

Disability Stockport is very grateful for the financial help from the Cheadle Gatley and Stockport Round Table



**ADOPT
ADAPT
IMPROVE**

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE LEYFIELD PRIMUS

Leyfield Avenue
Romiley
in the evenings from 5.00 pm
Hours of use and price
negotiable

Contact: Disability Stockport
on 0161 480 7248

FOR SALE

Electric Hoist to enable the lifting of a wheelchair in and out of the car.

£400

Contact: Joe Middleton
on 0161 320 8513

WANTED

second hand manual
wheelchair
(not too expensive)

Contact: Mr Mohammed
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FOR SALE

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Brand new, battery operated,
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£20 plus p&p

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FOR SALE

Electric Phoenix
wheelchair DL 4.2I
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will sell for £800 ono

Contact: Mr Rutter
on 07931 161 282

FOR SALE

Commode

with adjustable legs

Cost £51 will accept £25

Contact: Mrs Schofield
on 0161 439 7034 evenings

FREE

Black/chrome steering wheel knob

Contact: Mr Pollard
on 0161 484 2206

FOR SALE

Uniscan Walker
Reduced to £80

Contact: Mr Healey
on 0161 221 2654

Thank you to all those who contributed to this issue and to Keith Turner, Stockport Talking Newspaper, for copying Viewpoint onto tape. Viewpoint is a **FREE** publication and is available in large print on audio tape or disk. Please let us know if you would prefer either of these to be sent to you.

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Email disabilitystockport@btinternet.com

Website MyStockport.org.uk/community_groups/disability_stockport

Telephone/textphone/Fax 0161 480 7248

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available for it

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Mrs Bentley
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