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# VIEWPOINT

A quarterly Newsletter providing information for and about people who  
have a physical or sensory disability

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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Winter edition of Viewpoint.

Where has the year gone? The Christmas holidays are upon us once again and 2004 is only a few weeks away.

2004 will be an exciting year for us. Firstly, because the third stage of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) will be implemented in October 2004. This gives disabled people rights in the way they receive goods, services or facilities and every business must comply with the DDA. (See page 14)

Secondly, Disability Stockport, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and in partnership with Stockport MBC, will be taking part in a celebration of the cultures that make up Stockport today. We will produce a video, audio and photographic record of the history and traditions of disabled people in Stockport through the Disabled Centuries Project, which spans three centuries. We need your help with this. (See page 3).

Thirdly, we would also like your help in the production of an Access Guide for Stockport. With this issue you will find a form 'Access Stockport'. Please fill it in and post it, telephone/textphone/fax or e-mail your replies to us. (See page 5).

The executive committee, staff and volunteers of Disability Stockport appreciate your assistance with any of our projects.

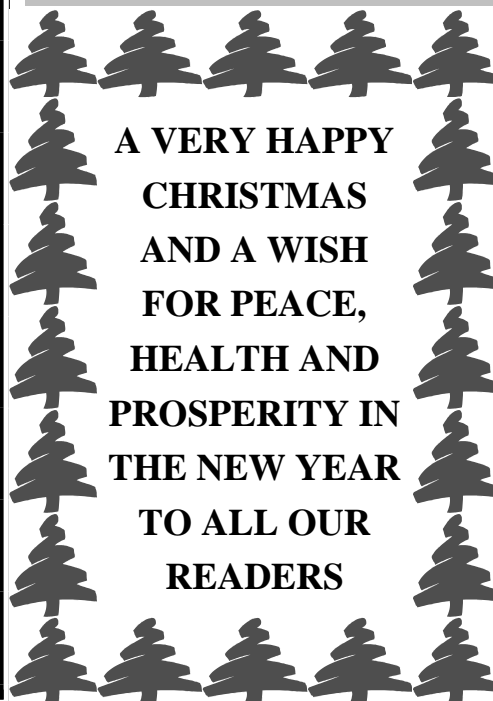
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**Let's make 2004 a year to remember.  
We can do it if we all work together!**

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**A VERY HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND A WISH  
FOR PEACE,  
HEALTH AND  
PROSPERITY IN  
THE NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR  
READERS**



I have been in post for three months now and am beginning to get a flavour of the task ahead. It is a fascinating time as I meet many new people and ponder many new issues.

It seems I have gone from being in a position of knowing a great deal about the area I worked in – which was mental health, to being a complete beginner with physical and sensory impairment. I have no shame in saying this –or to tell you I had to ask how to push a wheelchair, how to fold one and a hundred other questions. I will go on asking these things and hopefully learning from the people who matter, the people themselves, who experience or care for someone with physical or sensory impairment.

I am still not sure if Disability is a good word to use or not. Some people like it, others not. I'm not even sure what it means when I think about it for too long. If you have an ability it means you are able to do something. Disability does not necessarily mean the opposite, that would be an 'inability'.

Is it right to focus on what someone cannot do or finds difficult? Similarly, is it right to ignore it? Not that I need to find these answers because it's more important to help people on their own terms than to be 'disabled' by dogma. More people are inclined to turn away from disability because they do not understand it and therefore fear it. They often only see a condition or impairment, not a person, which is a barrier that usually takes personal experience or practice to overcome.

It also takes some understanding from people with a disability that it is human nature to avoid things that you are unfamiliar and inexperienced to cope with.

I have been incredibly impressed by the patience shown by people who are quite happy to show a 'greenhorn' like me how they have to cope on a daily basis. While at the same time I am aware that the average person in the street may want to help but are afraid because they do not know where to begin. I will be happy to hear views from readers on this and related issues.

## Can you help?

Disability Stockport, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, is about to begin a project to produce an exhibition of the local Disability Movement across three centuries, your contributions will be most welcome.

If you have a story, item or artefact you wish to contribute, or a good idea that would be of interest, please contact us. You may have a photo, anecdote or knowledge of who to talk to - any contributions will be helpful. Should you wish to undertake any research or help assemble the material this too would be welcome.

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# TRANSPORT AND MOBILITY

## Disability Stockport Transport and Access Forum

Your chance to become involved or influence the Transport Strategy

**The next two meetings are scheduled for:**

**Wednesday 14 January 2004 at 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm**

**Wednesday 11 February 2004 at 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm**

at

Stockport Town Hall

Edward Street

Stockport

Stockport SK1 3XE

**Telephone/fax/textphone us on 0161 480 7248**

**E-mail [disabilitystockport@btinternet.com](mailto:disabilitystockport@btinternet.com)**

## Access Guide for Stockport Can You Help?

Three members of Disability Stockport, Leila Sheerin, Rod Simpson and Peter Rowe have been awarded a Millennium Help the Aged Award to produce an Access Guide for Stockport.

This guide will list leisure venues in Stockport that are accessible to disabled people. These will include pubs, restaurants, cafes, cinemas etc. It will be for the people of Stockport and we want your help in producing it.

If YOU know somewhere that is accessible for wheelchair users, for people who don't get about too well, or for those who have a sight or hearing impairment, please let us know.

- ◆ Is there level access?
- ◆ Are there steps and if so, how many?
- ◆ Are there steps inside?
- ◆ Is there a Braille menu?
- ◆ Is there a wheelchair accessible toilet?
- ◆ Are the staff known to be helpful towards customers who have a sight or hearing impairment?

It will be your guide. We depend on you to help make it a useful and accurate guide!

**Use the form on page 5 and send the information to: Peter Rowe,  
Disability Stockport, 16 Meyer Street, Cale Green, Stockport, SK3 8JE  
0161 480 7248 (telephone/fax/textphone)  
E-mail: [disabilitystockport@btinternet.com](mailto:disabilitystockport@btinternet.com)**

# ACCESS STOCKPORT

**To be used for pubs, restaurants, cafes and other places of leisure**

**Name of Establishment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**The main entrance, how many steps does it have?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Can wheelchair users get in on their own or do they need help?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**If it is impossible for wheelchair users to get in at the front door, can they get in at the back of the building?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Is there a ramp for access?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is there any parking on the site?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Where is the parking area if not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is there an adapted toilet for disabled people – one a wheelchair user can get into?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are there large print menus for partially sighted people?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are menus printed in Braille for blind people available?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Any other comments?** \_\_\_\_\_

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# TRADING STANDARDS ADVICE



As regular readers will know Stockport Council's Trading Standards Service offers advice to local consumers on their rights and how to get things sorted out if they have a problem with a purchase they have made. You may not know that they also do a lot of 'behind the scenes' work. The Service carries out lots of preventative work and if all else fails they prosecute businesses that break the law.

The Service has in the past undertaken a number of inspections and surveys to check whether businesses are complying with consumer protection laws. Here are some snippets of information about what they've done previously.

Officers regularly test all sorts of equipment to make sure you get the correct amount of goods for your money. They tested all 36 nozzles at a large petrol station to ensure there were no short measures being dispensed. You'll be glad to know that the measures were all fine!

The Officers also test weighing machines at local factories to ensure you will get the right weight in your packets of biscuits, loaves of bread, and boxes of chocolates. These were also fine.

Trading Standards enlisted the assistance of the Police when they did checks on some of the lorries using the Borough's roads. The Police stopped the lorries and Trading Standards Officers checked to make sure they were not overloaded and dangerous. Any overloaded lorries, which would be difficult to steer and nearly impossible to stop safely, were taken off the road immediately.

Inspectors from the Trading Standards Service also visited local supermarkets to check that no food was being sold past its 'use by' date. Not all food has a 'use by' date marked on it, only things that may make you ill if you ate them when they had gone off. When the inspectors found food on sale that was past its 'use by' date they immediately removed it so there was no longer any danger to customers. The owner of the supermarket was prosecuted by the Council and fined £1,200.

If you find food on sale that is outside its 'use by' date please report it to your local Trading Standards Service. Remember that some goods are marked with a 'best before' date. That date is just there as a guide to the customer and the shop. Anything eaten after its best before date may be stale and past its best but it is not illegal to sell it. Always check the 'use by' or 'best before' dates marked on goods before you buy.

Trading Standards Officers have also prosecuted businesses for selling falsely described goods. A large supermarket was prosecuted for selling a vegetable pasta salad with pieces of ham in it. The man who brought it was a vegetarian. The local magistrates ordered the shop to pay £1,000 in fines and costs.

This is just a sample of the work undertaken by the Service on your behalf.

**For more information contact Stockport Trading Standards Service on 0161 474 4248, visit Stopford House, Piccadilly, Stockport SK1 3XE or E-mail [trading.standards@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@stockport.gov.uk)**

# HOLIDAYS



## NEW LUXURY CARAVAN



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You can get away from everyday pressures, be 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.

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*“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”*

**Book early and you will have a better chance of securing the week of your first choice.**

**For all your caravan enquiries contact:**

**Caravan Bookings on 0161 480 7248 (Telephone/fax/textphone)**

**Or E-mail [disabilitystockport@btinternet.com](mailto:disabilitystockport@btinternet.com)**

**BOOK  
NOW  
FOR 2004**

### **ORLANDO FLORIDA**

Disabled Travellers, don't miss this spacious,  
luxury adapted bungalow  
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2 telephones,  
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15 minutes from Disney World

**For availability and booking  
Contact paraplegic owner  
Sue Fisher on 0161 792 3029  
Email [rita.suefisher@ntlworld.com](mailto:rita.suefisher@ntlworld.com)**

### **HOLIDAY 2004**

As you know, we would much prefer it if you decide to holiday at our specially adapted caravan.

If, however, you insist on going elsewhere, begin your search for the ideal holiday location both at home and abroad by checking with Disability Stockport.

**Contact us on Telephone/textphone/fax on  
0161 480 7248.**



## **The future for Connect Plus**

Since the Community Fund funding came to an end in June, it has become apparent that many people are unclear about whether connect plus will be able to continue, and if it does in what format.

At present we don't know all the answers ourselves, but the project will definitely continue, although staffing levels, and consequently the level of service we are able to offer will depend on whether we can secure additional funding,

At present we receive a modest grant from Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, which covers the cost of running a basic service with limited staffing.

Sara left at the beginning the November and we cannot consider replacing her until new funding comes in. Therefore staffing at present consists of Tony (full-time) and Allie (part-time). This is how the service will continue until March, when we will be looking at what funding we have, and re-assessing how our resources can be best utilised.

We will continue to keep people updated of any developments.

### ***Sara Johnston***

As mentioned above, Sara, Connect Plus Organiser for the 18-25 age group, left us at the beginning of November. She had been with Connect Plus since June 2000 and had successfully set up the younger people's project.

Originally working full time, after 15 months Sara switched to part-time, to enable her to study for her Diploma in Social Work. She successfully combined work and study for two years, but she has finally decided to concentrate full-time on her course.

Although Sara was the Organiser for the younger age group, she worked with all Members and Volunteers of Connect Plus and whilst she will be missed by them and their carers and other professionals, I am sure all of them will be wishing her all the best for her new career.

## **Christmas Closing**

I would like to remind you all that the Connect Plus office will be closed from midday on Wednesday 23 December 2003 and will re-open on Monday 5 January 2004 at 9.30 am.

A very happy Christmas to you.

Tony Williams

## Leyfield Centre

### Disability Stockport takes over the Leyfield Centre

Leyfield Centre members were very upset and angry when Social Services announced its closure in 2002. A vigorous campaign to keep it open was launched.

At a full meeting on the 29 May 2002 Social Services announced that Disability Stockport would be taking over the Leyfield Centre from mid-June. Members will continue to benefit from the special qualities of the Leyfield Centre for the foreseeable future.

Hasn't time flown by? The Leyfield Primus is now in its second year with Disability Stockport. The protests at the proposed closure almost a distant memory.

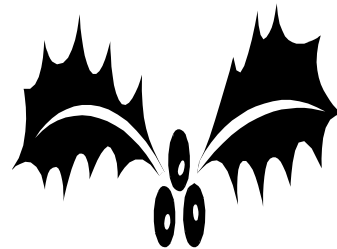
The past eighteen months have been exciting for Leyfield Primus, as the centre is now called, and it is very encouraging to see the representatives, chosen from the people who attend the centre by the members themselves, come together to plan and implement the decisions on the various activities.

Here is a quick reminder of the sorts of things  
at the centre

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- ◆ aromatherapy
- ◆ crafts
- ◆ painting
- ◆ computer skills
- ◆ cooking
- ◆ camera Club
- ◆ movement to Music
- ◆ exercises
- ◆ discussions

which go on



These are just a few of the activities you can get enjoy if you become a member of Leyfield Primus.

We also welcome volunteers who would like to teach a skill or craft and those who would like to support a disabled person at the centre. We are waiting to get your call.

**Congratulations** to all the people who were involved in raising much needed funds for Leyfield Primus and many thanks also to the volunteers and staff who assist in day-to-day activities.

**If you would like to join us at the Leyfield Primus either as a user of the centre or a**



## Dismissal for Sickness

Whilst there are no specific laws about dismissal for illness, the procedures outlined in the Greater Manchester Low Pay Unit Factsheet are based on decisions made by Employment Tribunals over many years. An employer who fails to follow these procedures is likely to lose an Employment Tribunal case.

### Dismissal for long-term illness

There are three key steps your employer should take before they can dismiss you on the grounds of long-term illness. They are:

- your employer should consult with you about your illness
- your employer should contact your own doctor or medical representative
- your employer should offer you another job if it is appropriate.

### Consulting you about your illness

Your employer should find out about your illness by talking to you in person. An Employment Tribunal ruled that an employer should have discussions with the worker who is ill at the start of their illness and at various periods throughout the time the worker is ill.

Your employer should ask for your opinion about your illness. This may include when you are likely to return to work and whether you will be able to do your old job. Although an employer may ask for your opinion, this does not mean they can dismiss you because you were proved wrong about your illness. For example, if you said you would be off work for eight weeks but did not return for ten weeks your employer could not sack you because your opinion was wrong.

### Consulting your doctor

Your employer should consult with your own doctor before they make any decisions about your future employment. Your employer should not contact your doctor without your written agreement. If you agree to let your employer contact your doctor, they will probably ask the doctor whether you will be all right to return to work in the future.

You have a right to check that the health records kept by your doctor are correct or are not misleading in a way that could affect your employment **before** your employer sees them. You can also refuse your employer permission to see the report altogether or have your own statement attached to it. However, if you do refuse to let your employer see the medical report, they might be entitled to dismiss you on the basis of information they already have, even if the available medical facts are not enough to give a full description of your illness.

If your employer asks you to visit a doctor who is being paid by them, such as a company doctor, and relies on the doctor's advice alone to dismiss you, this might be seen as unfair

# EMPLOYMENT



Your employer may want you to be examined by a specialist depending on the nature of your illness. If you refuse to see a specialist then your employer might be entitled to dismiss you even if they do not know all the facts about your illness.

**It should be remembered that your employer cannot dismiss on medical evidence alone. Your employer should also talk to you about your illness because dismissal on the grounds of sickness is an employment issue.**

## **Alternative Employment**

After consulting your doctor about your illness, your employer should look at whether there is an alternative form of work that you can do in the company if you cannot continue in your present job.

A tribunal ruled that even when an employer has no suitable alternative at the time they give notice of dismissal, they should still consider whether there is any alternative work at the actual time of dismissal.

## **Dismissal for persistent short-term absences**

In the case of persistent short-term absences your employer does not have to follow procedures laid out for long-term absences. **However, if you are absent for short periods because of the same illness, your employer may have to treat these periods of absence as a long-term illness and therefore follow the procedure outlined above.**

Where you suffer from a series of unconnected illnesses, your employer may dismiss you 'fairly' by:

- reviewing your attendance record and the reasons for the absences;
- giving you an opportunity to say why you have been off work;
- warning you of dismissal if your attendance does not improve.

Your employer must also be clear about the reason they are dismissing you. For example, poor attendance may be classed as misconduct, sickness or as 'some other substantial reason'. An Employment Tribunal must consider whether the reason given by your employer is appropriate, eg if they have dismissed you for incapacity due to illness but have not consulted you about your illness a tribunal may decide you were dismissed unfairly.

**If you need more information about dismissals on the grounds of sickness, pay and employment rights contact:**

**Greater Manchester Low Pay Unit  
23 Mount Street  
Manchester M4 4DE**

**Telephone/textphone 0161 953 4024, 10.00 am – 8.00 pm Mondays  
10.00 am – 4.00 pm on other weekdays.**

# DID YOU KNOW?



## Stockport Sharecare

A new service is starting which will give parents with disabled children in Stockport flexible childcare.

This service will help parents who find it difficult to get reliable child care because of the nature of the child's disability.

**If you would like more information on the service, please contact**

**Stockport Sharecare, Overdale Centre  
Powicke Drive, Romiley, Stockport SK6 3EF  
Telephone 0161 494 5771**

## New Service at Stockport Law Centre

Is Your Child Having Problems at School? Get free advice, assistance and representation

They offer help in relation to:

- Exclusions
- Admissions
- Special Education
- Sex Discrimination
- Racism
- Truancy

**Please phone first for an appointment on 0161 498 0905**

## THE STOCKPORT & DISTRICT BRANCH OF ARTHRITIS CARE

is seeking to enrol new members

Membership is open to anyone with  
Arthritis,  
Rheumatism or anyone supporting  
Arthritis Care.

They are a Social Group who offer a warm  
friendly welcome.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of  
each month  
from 7.30 pm at the Millbrook Centre,  
Millbrook Street, Stockport.

Door to door, accessible transport may be provided and there is a varied programme of entertainment. There is also the chance to make new friends and exchange ideas for coping with this often painful and disabling condition.

**For more information contact chairman  
Sid Cox, on 0161 485 3427**

## Stockport Social Services

Please contact the following numbers if you would like Social Services to carry out an assessment of your needs to see if you are eligible for services:

**Help for disabled people  
0161 477 3700**

Help for older people  
0161 427 7011 or 0161 428 3241

Help for children and families  
0161 474 4700

Help for people with mental health problems  
0161 419 4678

Help for people with learning disabilities  
0161 491 4376

**For emergency help only, out of normal  
office hours  
0161 718 2118**

**Why not visit their website:  
[www.stockport.gov.uk/socialservices](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/socialservices)**

# HELP AND SUPPORT



**Flu - Take Cover** flu jabs are **FREE** to the following groups of people:

- Aged 65 or over
- Respiratory diseases, eg asthma
- Heart disease
- Kidney disorders
- Diabetes
- Difficulty fighting infection (eg chemotherapy patients)
- People living in nursing, residential or other long-stay homes or facilities

Ask at your doctor's surgery reception for details of how to get your FLU jab.

Most people feel no after effects at all after their jab. A few may feel a little tired or a touch feverish, or may get a headache.

**Remember** – if you already have certain health problems, as already mentioned, you may get a much more serious bout of FLU than other people. So this is why it is important for you to get a **FREE FLU JAB**.

**Breast Cancer Care** plays a vital role in promoting breast awareness to women.

Being breast aware means knowing how your breasts look and feel normally so that you notice any change that might be unusual for you.

It is important that all women follow the breast awareness 5-point code:

1. Know what is normal for you
2. Know what changes to look and feel for
3. Look and feel
4. Report any changes to your GP without delay
5. Attend for routine breast screening if you are aged 50 and over

Breast Cancer Care are committed to campaigning for better treatment and support for people with breast cancer and their families. If you need other information

**Contact the Breast Cancer Care helpline**

## No Panic

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Live again!

For help with Panic Attacks, Phobias and Obsessive Compulsive Disorders

**FREEPHONE 0808 808 0545**

**E-mail: ceo@nopanic.org.uk**

**Website: www.nopanic.org.uk**

**Pharmacies are open as usual** Monday 22 and 29 December, Tuesday 23 and 30 December and Saturday 27 December .

**Pharmacies may close** earlier than usual on Christmas Eve 24 December and New Year's Eve 31 December.

**Emergency Pharmacy, Town Centre, Cohens, 236 Wellington Road South, open 10.00 am – 10.00 pm on 25, 26 December and 1 January**



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# DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT

As a disabled person you have rights of access to goods and services. From October 2004 these rights will be extended and service providers will have to consider making changes to physical features which make it unreasonably difficult for disabled people to use their services.

Throughout the coming year we'll try to cover some of the questions and supply answers which may help to address some of your concerns about the DDA. The following questions are a sample taken from the booklet by the **Disability Rights Commission (DRC): '2004 – what it means to you a guide for disabled people'**.

**Do service providers only have to make changes when it's completely impossible for me to use their services?**

No. They also have to make changes when it's unreasonably difficult. They should think about whether your time, inconvenience, effort, discomfort or loss of dignity in using the service would be considered unreasonable by other people if they had to endure similar difficulties.

**Service providers are expected to make "reasonable adjustments" to physical features but what is "reasonable"?**

This isn't something we can give a straight answer to. The law uses this phrase to allow different solutions in different situations. However, the Code of Practice does say that what is reasonable may vary according to:

- the type of services provided
- the nature of the service provider and its size and resources
- the effect of the disability on you

These are some of the factors that service providers might have to take into account:

- whether taking particular steps would overcome the difficulty that you face in accessing their service
- how practicable it is to take the steps
- the financial and other costs of this
- how disruptive it would be
- how much money and other resources they have available to spend on it
- how much they have already spent
- what financial help is available to them

You will need to look at these factors when looking at whether the service is reasonable.

**You can contact the DRC Helpline Telephone: 08457 622 633**

**Textphone: 08457 622 644 Fax: 08457 778 878**

**E-mail: [enquiry@drc-gbn.org](mailto:enquiry@drc-gbn.org) Website: [www.drc-gb.org](http://www.drc-gb.org)**

**Post: DRC Helpline, FREEPOST, MID 02164, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 9BR**

# MISCELLANEOUS



## Shopmobility's Annual Carol Concert

**Friday 19 December at 1.00 pm  
St Mary's Church  
Stockport Market Place**

Come along and enjoy one of Christmas's best events - a selection of everyone's favourite carols performed by Offerton Methodist Choir  
You can join in too!

For just one hour, escape everything that is wrong with Christmas, and enjoy everything that is right with it!

Admission is FREE and seasonal refreshments will be available.

**Please note that Shopmobility is closed on the following days over the Christmas period:**

**Wednesday 24 December  
Thursday 25 December  
Friday 26 December  
Saturday 27 December  
Wednesday 31 December and  
Thursday 1 January**

**Contact Shopmobility on 0161 666 1100**

## Open all Hours

Essential public services, such as **meals on wheels and home care, will continue as normal**, with other public services and facilities offering a holiday service. **All through the holiday, the council's Control Room will be on call 24 hours a day for emergencies.**

**Contact 0161 477 2626**

## Social Services

Offices and family centres will be open as normal on 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31 December. On Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day services will be available for emergencies only. Please contact the **Emergency Duty Social Worker on 0161 718 2118**. Normal services resume on 2 January. Over the Christmas holidays please be a good neighbour and if you have any concerns contact the police or Social Services.

**Disability Stockport** will close at midday on Christmas Eve and re-open on Monday 5 January at 9.30 am.

**Leyfield Primus** will close Tuesday 23 December and re-open on 2 January.

## Doctors

**If you need to contact your own doctor between 24 December and 1 January telephone the usual number.**

If your own doctor is not on duty, your call will either be transferred to the duty doctor or you will receive a message telling you where to phone. The majority of surgeries will close earlier than usual on Christmas Eve 24 December and New Year's Eve 31 December.

## Contact Numbers for Utilities

**Electricity** Manweb: 0845 272 2424  
Norweb: 0800 195 4141

**Gas Emergency Service**  
Gas Transco: 0800 111 999

**Water United Utilities**  
Leaks: 0800 330 033  
Water Supply: 0845 746 2200

## Repairs

For any repairs, Council tenants should either phone their local housing officer or the Council's **out of hour control room on 0161 474 5555**

# 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



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IMPROVE**

## FOR SALE

1996 N Reg White **Renault** Traffic  
2 litre diesel **7-seater bus**  
wheelchair accessible

Unwin tracking 2 removable seats  
Ricon Lift  
MOT to April 2004  
2-monthly service 6-monthly lift check  
176,000 miles

**£2,200 ONO**

**Contact: Christine Walker on**

## FOR SALE

M Reg Red **Renault**  
**Gowring Chairman** Extra  
adapted to take one  
wheelchair user

**£1,500 ONO**

**Contact: Mary Rigby  
on 0161 429 8338**

## FOR SALE

3-years old **Levo stand-up  
wheelchair** (one which will help  
you to stand up).

**Sell for £1,500**

With **E-motion** assisted wheels

**Sell for £2,000**

Open to offers

**Contact: Tony Montford  
(Mondays to Fridays 10.30 am –  
2.00 pm) on 0161 613 3117  
Or Val Maguire on 0161 285 3133**

## FOR SALE

**Car Seat Elap**  
rotating grey front  
passenger  
Cost £650

**sell for £250 ono**

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If you would like a  
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## FOR SALE

**Stannah Stairlift**  
Covers 12 steps  
right hand wall

**Contact: (evenings)  
Mrs Lynham  
on 0161 486 9930**

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residents but will  
consider non-  
Stockport people

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