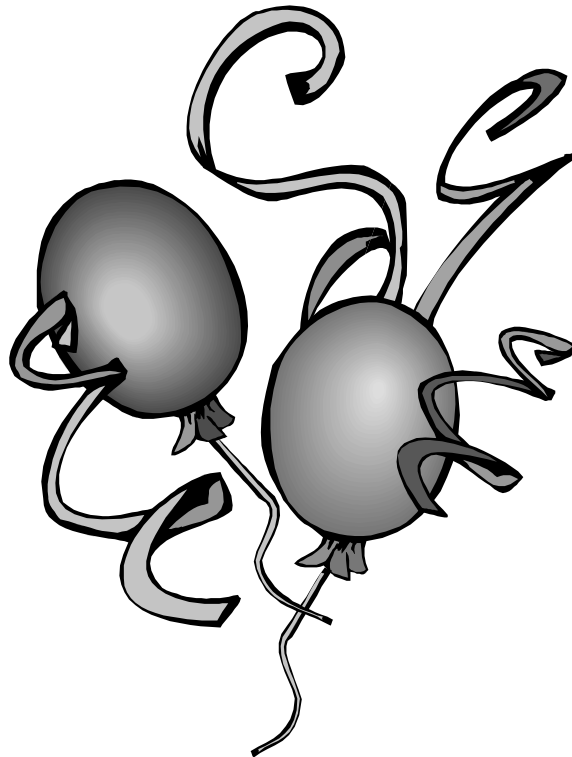


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## EDITORIAL



Welcome to the final edition of Viewpoint for 2004.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our silver anniversary year we would like to thank all those wonderful people who over the past 25 years have contributed to the work of Disability Stockport in whatever capacity that may have been.

We look forward to the next 25 years and we welcome all the trustees who will start us out on the journey:

They are:

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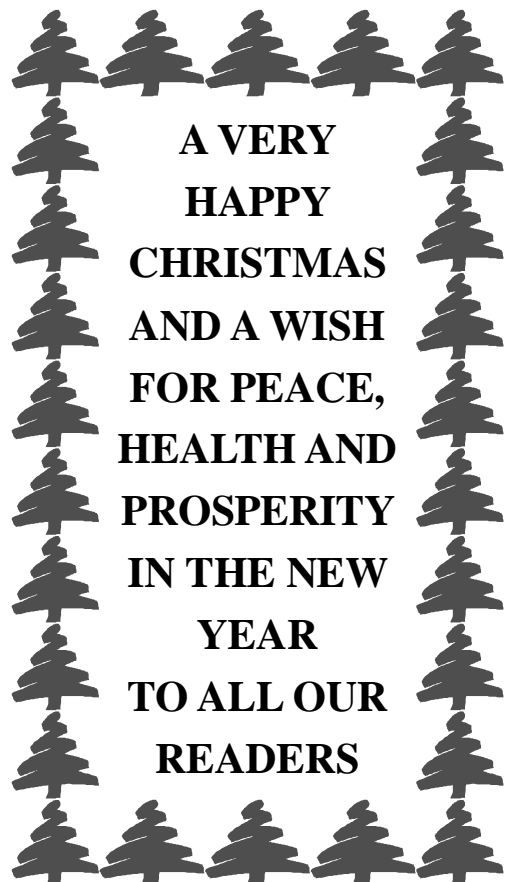
As always we welcome your views, articles, and letters. Please also keep us informed if you change or add anything to your name, address or other detail we have on our records. We like to keep an accurate database and we can only do this with your help.

Thank you in advance for this.

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# SILVER JUBILEE



**Congratulations** to Disability Stockport on reaching its Silver Jubilee.

Did the people who had the vision to set up The Stockport Association of Physically Handicapped People (SAPHP) anticipate this? Perhaps it was not 'vision' but the sheer frustration 25 years ago of not being able to access facilities and services, shops and holidays as all non-disabled people could.

During those years at least 13 Bills went before parliament in a vain attempt to gain civil rights for disabled people. Disability Stockport campaigned in support of the later of these Bills until eventually came the Disability Discrimination Act. Did those early pioneers and volunteer committee members whose aim was to raise awareness and provide assistance expect their work to be completed in a few short years?

SAPHP began as a sub group of Stockport Council for Voluntary Services in 1979. At that time there were regularly 22 members on its committee, representing various sections of the disabled community. By 1983 there was a real recognition that much more could be done if there was permanent funding for staff and this came in 1985/6.

A huge number of people have been involved with the organisation over the years - from the early volunteer workers, through the numerous chairmen and women to the current trustees, paid staff and numerous volunteers.

The ideas and plans have flowed and developed so that Disability Stockport can keep in tune with the changing needs of disabled people. Some plans came to fruition whilst others fell by the wayside. One such proposal I recall was to seek funding to set up a specific counselling scheme for disabled people, but as the chairman pointed out, why should disabled people want to talk about why they cannot go out, when by using the funding differently we could provide support to enable people to go out and have fun. So that's what we did and Connect and Connect Plus were born.

I would like to end by hoping that there would be no need for an organisation such as Disability Stockport because disabled people would be able to access all the facilities and services appropriately and on an equal basis, and that they would have easy access to all the information they need. Without the political will there is no pressure and no funding so the frustration goes on and Disability Stockport is still needed to campaign for improvements. Sadly I fear this state of affairs may continue for some years and therefore I wish Disability Stockport a great future and hope that at the end of another 25 years the work will be done.

**Liz Williamson**  
**Previous Director**

# THE DIRECTOR'S CUT



When reaching a landmark such as 25 years it is inevitable that we look back at the past. We reminisce on the trials and tribulations, successes and failures over the years. It's a time of saying 'Thank You,' to all those sung and unsung heroes who have made a difference to people's lives, and perhaps, to say 'I told you so,' to those who doubted progress would be made or things could be done.

However, it is also a time for looking towards the future for Disability Stockport as an organisation and for the people it serves. What then lies ahead for disabled people, their relatives, friends and for the organisations that serve them?

I might be wrong, but it seems to me that thanks to the lobbying of individuals and organisations, Government legislation is making the greatest impact on people's lives.

The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and The Draft Disability Bill will possibly have the most global influence in improving the lives of people with a disability. The DDA not only influences the way buildings are designed and services are delivered, it also helps to change the way people think and are trained in areas of disability. Like the buildings access regulations known as 'Part M,' the DDA is being regularly updated and improved. From October '04 anyone providing a service will have to address any physical features which make it difficult for people with a disability to use their service. There are also changes that affect employers and the workplace and changes for schools and education.

Transport and Services such as taxis and trains will also be included although for these two services they will be implemented in stages up to the year 2025 - no less! A Draft Transport Bill will also include new arrangements for school transport. In fact, the proposals to extend the Disability Discrimination Act will cover almost all activities of the public sector and include many more people diagnosed with progressive conditions such as HIV, Multiple Sclerosis and Cancer.

The Disability Rights Commission (DRC) - appointed by Parliament, have been the body responsible for establishing a society "Where all disabled people can participate fully as equal citizens." They have produced a Code of Practice for service providers, a large range of literature on the DDA and run many campaigns to raise disability awareness among statutory and voluntary organisations, business and employers, as well as providing Helplines, Advice and Conciliation Services to the public at large.

After an 18 month Consultation period the Government announced it will introduce legislation to establish a Commission for Equality and Human Rights. This will supersede the DRC, the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Commission for Racial Equality. This signals the first step in forming a single body to tackle discrimination in the UK. contained in current, let alone proposed legislation.

# THE DIRECTOR'S CUT



Finally, there will be a National Service Framework for Long Term Health Conditions. This will state minimum standards to be applied in regard to equality of access to services. It will also promote service user involvement, provision of information and local services that help to maintain independence.

All the above clearly demonstrate there is a National Agenda for improving equality and access. At the same time, we still lag a long way behind countries like the U.S. We have an enormous task ahead if we are to merely keep up with all the promise and good intention contained in current, let alone proposed legislation.

## **So what of the local picture and Disability Stockport?**

Thanks to the continued support of Stockport Council via Social Services Funding, Disability Stockport will continue to provide a vital role in delivering services and raising awareness. Grants from Connexions and the Youth Service have helped us target younger people for our Social and Leisure activities. A significant grant of £9,000 from Nationwide has enabled us for the first time to pay Connect Plus volunteers expenses and secure staffing levels. The tremendous success of Leyfield Primus Day Services means we will be able to enhance and expand the opportunities provided there. We will also be able to link in our services with other providers and look forward to the Voucher Scheme widening the opportunities for individuals to tailor services to their needs with more choice and opportunity.

Thanks to our committed staff, supportive hands-on Trustees, and not least our fantastic team of volunteers, Disability Stockport will continue to provide and develop services for the next 25 years. Hopefully, by then, many of the issues of equality and access will be consigned to the history books, as society in general becomes more tolerant and more inclusive.

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## **WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**Please contact Tony Williams on 0161 474 0048 or  
Barbara Bowden on 0161 480 7248 for an informal chat!**



Stockport Council has officially announced its partnership with DisabledGo - an internet service which enables people to check disabled access to all kinds of venues. Thanks to sponsorship from Stockport Council and Marks and Spencer, DisabledGo is about to launch a guide to our area.

In August DisabledGo joined forces with Stockport Council outside Marks and Spencer, Merseyway Shopping Centre to announce Stockport's involvement in the project and kick start the survey of venue accessibility taking place across the borough.

Councillor Mark Hunter, Leader of the Council, Councillor Martin Candler, Stockport Council's Executive Member for Social Care and Health, Kieran McMahon, Director, Disability Stockport and Raj Dave Section Manager, Marks and Spencer, Stockport.

Simply by logging on to [www.disabledgo.info](http://www.disabledgo.info) people can check, for instance, whether a venue offers access for a wheelchair user and an accessible toilet, whether a cinema can offer a hearing loop, whether a hotel can offer adapted rooms, or whether a restaurant offers menus in large print or Braille.

A team of researchers are carrying out specialised surveys into access across Stockport and are visiting over a thousand venues. The results will be live on the DisabledGo website from the autumn.

Councillor Mark Hunter said: "Tens of thousands of local disabled people, and over nine million disabled people across the UK, will soon be able to check out access to hundreds of shops, restaurants, hotels and attractions throughout Stockport. DisabledGo is something that the Council feels very strongly about supporting and we want to promote equal access for all in Stockport."

Stockport is the first borough in Greater Manchester to take part in the project and will join towns and cities across the UK, such as Kirklees, Kingston, Cardiff, Brighton, Croydon, Westminster, Edinburgh, Wolverhampton and North East Lincolnshire on the website.

DisabledGo was founded by Gregory Burke, himself a wheelchair user, who became fed up never knowing which public venues would be accessible. The project was underway before the key aspects of the 1995 Disability Discrimination Act came into force requiring shops and services to take measures to make their premises accessible to disabled people.

All venues featured in the guide will participate for free and receive a pack offering basic advice on how to offer a better service to disabled customers. If you can recommend a pub, restaurant, cinema, shop, hotel or any public venue which offers particularly good access and service, then DisabledGo would like to hear from you. If you are a local business who would like to participate in the guide, they would also be pleased to hear from you.

**For more information on DisabledGo or to speak to Gregory Burke please contact Steve Massey at DisabledGo on 01727 739 700**

**Check out the DisabledGo website at: [www.disabledgo.info](http://www.disabledgo.info)**

# HOLIDAYS



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

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**Sue Fisher on 0161 792 3029**

**Email [rita.suefisher@ntlworld.com](mailto:rita.suefisher@ntlworld.com)**

### **HOLIDAY 2005**

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.**

# CONNECT PLUS



**connect plus** is part of Disability Stockport and organises a variety of social and leisure activities for our disabled members who are supported by volunteers, these activities are normally held in the evenings or at weekends.

**Membership** is open to all adults aged 18 – 65 years old, who have a primary physical or sensory disability, are residents of Stockport Metropolitan Borough and need support to take part in everyday leisure activities.

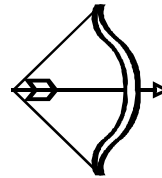
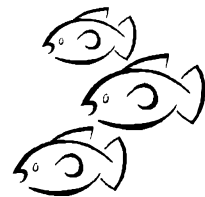
**Volunteers** come from the local community and have decided to offer some of their spare time to support the activities and events chosen by members.

Volunteers are aged between 16 and 60+ years old and they receive training to enable them to give competent support to the members.

Around 25 different activities and events are arranged every month these include:

- ◆ Arts Workshops
- ◆ Ballet
- ◆ Boccia
- ◆ Beer Festival
- ◆ Canal Boat Trips
- ◆ Concerts
- ◆ Dining Out
- ◆ Galleries
- ◆ Games Nights
- ◆ Museum Trips
- ◆ Picnics
- ◆ Shopping Trips
- ◆ Theatre Trips
- ◆ Wildlife Walks

**Call Connect Plus on 0161 474 0048 and speak to Tony Williams, Allie Cordes or Karen-Louise MacKenzie to hear more!**





Leyfield Primus  
the day centre with a difference!

Disability Stockport offers care and support for members with a physical or sensory disability to enable them to take part in a large number of activities on site including:

### Computers

With internet access and e-mail service, letter writing, photo club including the use of standard and digital cameras.

### Baking

Daily baking classes in an adapted kitchen with opportunities to learn to cook meals, cakes etc.

### Well-Being

Movement to Music a gentle exercise class, and Aromatherapy.

### Crafts

An assortment of crafts are on offer to suit all levels of ability. Hand-made cards, sewing, dress making, papier mache, knitting, producing hanging baskets.

### Gardening

Sowing seeds, potting and planting, maintaining a small garden, baskets and tubs

### Day Trips

An opportunity to join a trip out to local places of interest or perhaps go for a meal at a country pub.

Membership of Leyfield Primus is by referral from Social Services or by private arrangement.

# 25 YEARS OF SERVICE



Regular readers of **Viewpoint** may recall reading some of my reminiscences when this magazine reached its 50<sup>th</sup> edition (see issue 50 autumn 2001). On that occasion as I looked back, I was remembering how this publication began, how a great deal of effort by a few people with very little in the way of resources brought it into being. In the beginning, 'Information Bulletin' as it was called then was quite simply what its name implies, an information source on matters of interest to disabled people. Since **Viewpoint** came into being it has diversified tremendously. I look forward to many more editions.

As I write these lines I am thinking back to how Stockport Association of Physically Handicapped People (as it was called in the beginning) began with a steering group made up of members of the Local Authority, Stockport Council for Voluntary Service (SCVS) and several interested individuals from the general public, many of whom had disabilities.

John Luke from the Local Authority (whom I knew from the then infant Cheadle Hulme Access Group) invited me to join the steering group and we met at the Ada Kay centre. That was in 1979. Soon after, the group needed a minute secretary and I said I would take on that role for the time being - I was concerned about taking on more than I could cope with, as I was teaching and my hours were increasing. However, anyone who has served on a committee, especially a new one struggling to find its feet, will know that for the time being invariably leads to more work not less.

Pretty soon I found myself working one day a week in the Volunteers' Job Shop, Russell Morley House, on Lower Hillgate. Parking, then getting out of the car and into a chair and then into the building was a major operation, and quite stressful I might add! However, at the time this was the only office space available to us and we were grateful for it even though most of the files and paper work were kept at my home. All we had in the Job Shop to begin with was the use of Diane Granger's desk and the floor. My thanks go to Diane (who was Manager of CVS at that time) for putting up with us and a lot of paper work which at first had to be piled up on the floor in the corner of the Job Shop.

Later we had a small filing cabinet on wheels which rolled away every time I tried to take any file out. Incidentally, that name Stockport Association etc was a nightmare to say every time I had to answer the phone (which grew more and more often as the group became known), so I was delighted when the new name of Stockport Disability Group was adopted, in the mid 80s if I remember rightly. In 1998 that was changed again to our present name, which I feel says it all in two simple words.

Thinking back to those early days it's such a contrast to the present, and I for one couldn't be more pleased. In the beginning, as I have indicated, we had nothing but borrowed office space, willing volunteers and virtually no money. In fact, most of the time we didn't have any. Stockport CVS kindly gave us a few pounds for stamps and eventually we were given letter headed paper. As for the rest, we scrounged around for what we could or bought materials ourselves. Why did we do it? The answer is simple:

# 25 YEARS OF SERVICE



There were one or two other groups around at the time but these dealt with specific disabilities, there wasn't anything quite like what we were trying to achieve. I remember that I wrote on documents that we were 'an umbrella organisation representing the interests of all physically disabled people in Stockport' and another of my favourite lines was 'we exist for change'.

Well 25 years on, have we changed anything? I can honestly say 'yes!' and I hope you will agree. The first thing I always think of is the improved access to shops in and around Stockport centre. I remember discussing with one of the managers at Marks and Spencers how they would gain valuable paying customers if they made changes to their store to include ramp or lift access to every department, and above all, how desperately they needed to make the inner precinct entrance accessible as the only way to gain access then was to wheel all the way up the hill to Princes Street to gain access there.

Happily, as we all now know changes were made. Not all at once I know, but some appeared quite early in the 80s and other improvements have appeared gradually. I remember too how the architects came to a meeting at Ada Kay and laid the plans for Asda and Sainsbury on the floor. Then, that's all those stores were, just plans and I remember within minutes we pulled them to bits, pointing out that this was not acceptable and the whole committee spent hours doing our very best to make them acceptable.

Understand how important these changes were to us. Those poor architects must have gone home thinking "ugh back to the drawing board!" but I think it worked to some extent at least.. I know nothing's ever perfect, but I feel the group has had an impact and you can see the results of our efforts all over the town. I know I can hear many of you shouting there's still a lot to do and so there is. I would be amongst the first to say so, but I do feel on the occasion of our anniversary we can rejoice in our achievements. Something as recent as the Disability Discrimination Act is largely down to the efforts of groups like ours all over the UK. Groups that have lobbied for change at local level and at central government, have surely had a major impact and I for one feel a sense of satisfaction at having been a part of it.

I watched as the group grew and grew gradually gaining (after several moves ) its own premises and employing full and part time staff. It has been wonderful to see the creation of and now long term success of **Connect Plus**, and **infoline** has become a more and more recognised service, to mention but two of the Disability Stockport's activities.

When I consider that 25 years have passed by since the inauguration of this organisation, I groan a bit thinking how much older I am but then I check myself and really dwell on what that means. It means that an organisation that began with almost nothing other than the concerns and interests of a variety of people, that had no money and no home to call its own, has grown far beyond what any of us imagined I am sure. Many of our early goals have been achieved and this has empowered us with visions for now and the future. Over the years many individuals have given huge amounts of time and energy to the organisation (both paid and unpaid )in order to bring the dreams and aspirations of so many of us to fruition – long may it continue!

**Pam Nield**

# DID YOU KNOW?



## **Stockport Library and Information Service – a Quality Information Service**

If you need legal advice or information about your legal entitlements and obligations and you don't know where to start, contact your local library. The Community Legal Services Quality Mark Assisted Information standard means that staff at each library can help you find information or assist you to decide on the most appropriate source of help. The friendly staff have received training to make them more knowledgeable about information sources on the Internet and about the range of legal and advice services available locally. There are 24 information leaflets produced by the Legal Services Commission on such topics as Community Care, Family Mediation, and Rights for People with Disabilities, which you can take away. These are available in all our libraries.

Stockport Libraries and Information Service belongs to a local network of people and organisations that can offer help and advice called the Stockport Community Legal Service Partnership. The Partnership includes solicitors, Citizens' Advice Bureaux and Information and Advice Centres. The Community Legal Service's NorthWest Directory called How to Find Legal Help and Information, which can be seen at all libraries, lists all the organisations who have the Quality Mark. If you have access to the Internet you can find out about these organisations yourself on the partnerships own website at [www.stockport-clsp.org.uk](http://www.stockport-clsp.org.uk) or [www.clsdirect.org.uk](http://www.clsdirect.org.uk). The leaflets can be seen on the Legal Services website, [www.legalservices.gov.uk](http://www.legalservices.gov.uk)

The library staff can also help with general enquiries on a wide variety of topics and will always try to find the answer or signpost you to an appropriate source or agency. We have access to reliable and up to date resources, both printed and online, that include newspapers and journals, government and parliamentary publications, European and business information as well as dictionaries, directories and encyclopaedias. In every library there is a suite of computers which are free to use. You can use them to access the Internet and send emails, write a letter or design a poster. Free Taster sessions are held in the libraries to help you get the most from them.

Community Information Service Stockport or CISS is a database containing information about facilities, clubs, societies and organisations in Stockport and district. This is available on the Internet now and you can search for an organisation by name, its subject or its location, or any of these in combination. It is updated regularly. To access it follow the links on the Council website or the web address is <http://193.112.136.164:81/inform/cgi/Search.cgi>. If you have details of a group, club or society that you would like to see included, let us know about it.

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# HELP AND SUPPORT



## **TIME 4 U**

Do you live in Stockport? Are you between the ages of 18-25? Do you look after a relative, friend or partner (over the age of 18) who is ill, disabled, confused or frail? If you do, you are a Carer and Time 4 U Service is here to help you!

Stockport Social Services has funded Signpost Stockport for Carers to help cover the cost of your holiday or short break. The fund is not means-tested, and you may apply for any amount ranging between £50-£500 a year.

If this sounds appealing why don't you give the Carers Break Service a call for an informal chat, they will give you more information about the service and how to apply for that break you deserve!

**For more information call 0161 483 6600**

## **Disability Stockport Transport and Access Forum**

Your chance to become involved or influence the Transport Strategy

**The next meeting is scheduled for:**

**Wednesday 12 January 2005  
at 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm**

at  
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Edward Street  
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**Telephone/fax/textphone us on  
0161 480 7248**

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

## **Stockport Disability Forum**

The next meeting of the Stockport Disability Forum will be held on Wednesday 16 March 2005, 10.30 am – 12.00 pm at the Quaker Meeting House, Cooper Street, Higher Hillgate, Stockport.

**For more information contact:  
Kieran McMahon, on 0161 480 7248  
(telephone/textphone/fax).**

## **NHS Direct**

**This is a telephone service, staffed by nurses and health information staff, giving confidential healthcare advice and information 24 hours a day.**

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# HELP AND SUPPORT



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Friday 17 December at 1.00 pm  
St Mary's Church  
Stockport Market Place

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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:**

Saturday 25 December  
Sunday 26 December  
Monday 27 December  
Tuesday 28 December  
Saturday 1 January Mon 3 January

Contact Shopmobility on 0161 666 1101

## 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 20 – 23 and 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 4 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 Tuesday 4 January at 9.30 am.  
**Leyfield Primus** will close Thursday 23 December and re-open on 4 January, 2005.

## 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**

# DISABILITY STOCKPORT



## MEMBERSHIP OF DISABILITY STOCKPORT

If you are on our Viewpoint mailing list you are NOT automatically a member of Disability Stockport. If you would like to become a member, please fill in the Membership Form and post it to us at the address below. You will then become a lifetime member of Disability Stockport. **Membership is FREE.**

**If you have filled in, and returned a membership form before, you will not need to do so again.**

Members can be nominated for a place on the Executive Committee, have a vote at the Annual General Meeting and receive a copy of the Annual Report. We need your support in the promotion of disability issues in Stockport and beyond.

## DISABILITY STOCKPORT MEMBERSHIP FORM

**\* Please delete as appropriate.**

\*I / We would like to become a member of Disability Stockport

\*I am / know of someone who is interested in becoming a Committee member and would like further information.

Name: .....

Organisation (if appropriate): .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: ..... Telephone / fax no: .....

\* I am a disabled person / carer / professional / interested in raising awareness of disability issues:

Other reason: .....

\* I / We agree to Disability Stockport holding the above information on computer.

Signed: ..... Date .....

Send to Disability Stockport, 16 Meyer Street, Cale Green, Stockport SK3 8JE

# 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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## Deaf Services

Sessions at Regal House, Stockport on Mondays 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm and Wednesdays 9.30 am – 1.00 pm (not bank holidays). No appointment needed.

You can send any information through to be looked at, eg letters for hospital appointments, DSS letters etc. **Contact: Mary Kelly**  
**Textphone: 0161 474 1019**  
**Typetalk 18001 0161 477 3700 (deaf user) or 18002 0161 477 3700 (hearing user)**  
**Fax E-mail: [mary.kelly@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:mary.kelly@stockport.gov.uk)**

### FOR SALE

**Brand New George Foreman Grilling Machine.** Temperature control. Model No 10099 £59.99  
**Bargain £35 cash ono**  
**Contact: Sue or Rita on 0161 792 3092**

### FOR SALE

New Explorer 6  
**4-wheeler Scooter – 6 miles per hr**  
Cost new £3,000  
**£1,600 ono**  
**Contact: Keith on 0161 437 2519**

### FOR RENT

**7-bed mobile home SOUTHERN FRANCE**  
Montpellier. Flights from Manchester.  
**£300 per week**  
**Contact Barbara on 0161 428 2490**

### FOR SALE

Worldwide powered Wheelchair £350, **contact: Mrs Ley on 0161 432 3348**

### FOR SALE

4-wheeled **electric scooter** in very good condition **£499 ono**  
**Contact: Mr John Tovey on 0161 476 2023**

### TO LET

Atlas Applause **Static caravan** Regent Leisure Park, Westgate, Morecambe. The park has a 5-star AA rating and is about 15 minutes walk away from Morcambe beach and town centre.  
**For more information please visit: [morecambe.caravan.hire@ntlworld.com](http://morecambe.caravan.hire@ntlworld.com)**  
**Tel: 0161 285 2636**

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