

## Wheelchair loan and hire

When someone needs a wheelchair because of illness or disability, it can be difficult to know where to find appropriate help. People with serious long-term conditions are entitled to a wheelchair, provided free of charge by the National Health Service (NHS).

If a wheelchair is needed because of a 'short-term' illness (less than six months) for any reason other than terminal illness, neither the NHS nor the local authority is obliged to supply a wheelchair. To meet this need several local organisations operate loan schemes and there are a number of mobility shops that provide hire services.

The organisations listed in this factsheet provide wheelchairs or mobility scooters for loan or hire on a short term basis. We advise you to book in advance and check the charge or deposit required.

### NHS Wheelchair Service

If you, or someone you know, require a wheelchair for long-term use, it may be provided free of charge by the NHS Wheelchair Service. This service can be accessed by a referral from a GP, Consultant, Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist, and includes a full assessment by an occupational therapist to ensure that each individual's needs are met appropriately.

If the NHS Voucher Scheme operates you may be entitled to a voucher that allows you to buy a wheelchair of a higher value than the one recommended, provided you fund the cost difference. However, wheelchairs can only be purchased from an 'approved supplier'.

### Wheelchair loan/hire schemes

#### **Able to Enable                      01423 880882**

Hookstone Park, Harrogate, HG2 7DB

Manual wheelchairs £35 per week; the minimum hire period is one week. Electric scooters £75 per week, again with a minimum hire of one week. All items are to collect – there is no delivery service. If monthly hire required call for further details. VAT payable unless proof of long term disability provided.

#### **Age UK North Craven            01729 823066**

Cheapside, Settle BD24 9EW

No charge, but donations requested. Advance booking available. Maximum 4 week loan. Call between 9am -1pm for further information.

#### **Airedale Shopping Centre 01535 664198**

Centre Management Office (located on level 1 of car park), Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley BD21 3QQ

Wheelchairs and scooters available for hire at no charge, for customers of the Airedale Shopping Centre and car park only. Service provided by Easyhome Mobility.



Requires completion of a simple request form and proof of ID. Please allow a couple of days notice before visit if possible.

**Boroughbridge & District Community Care 01423 324504**

17 St James Square, Boroughbridge YO51 9AR.

Wheelchair hire for short or long term loans at a cost of £5 per week

**British Red Cross - Mobility Aids 0300 4561914** [www.redcross.org.uk](http://www.redcross.org.uk)

Charge £20 a week, with free wheelchair accessories and 12-week servicing, for up to 20 weeks.. There is an initial minimum hire period of 1 week and you can extend your booking up to a maximum of 20 weeks. A delivery and collection service is available from the following centres for £12.50 each way.

**Leeds 0300 456 1914**

Bradbury House, 2 Armley Court, Armley Road, Leeds LS12 2LB

Collect by appointment only

**Northallerton 0300 456 1914**

Carrick House, Thurston Road, Northallerton DL6 2NA

Pick up pre-booked items on Wednesday between 9.30am-11.30am.

**York 0300 456 1914**

In addition, wheelchairs can be collected from the Leeds and Northallerton sites in person.

**Cliff House Community Support Knaresborough 01423 864956**

Cliff House, 1 Hilton Lane, Knaresborough, HG5 8BX.

Maximum charge £50, for the period of the loan. Customers are requested to collect the chair in person, so that they can be instructed in its safe use. They must also sign a User Agreement before equipment is loaned.

**Equality Together, Bradford Disability Services 01274 594173**

Manningham Mills Community Centre, Lilycroft Road, Bradford BD9 5BD

Wide range of wheelchairs available for hire.

Charge £15 per week. £30 refundable deposit. Collect from Manningham Mills, Monday to Thursday

**Howden Hall Mobility 01535 611776**

Prospect House, Halifax Road, Keighley BD21 1AH

No deposit required. Proof of ID needed. Charge £3 per day, £18 per week, £60 per 4 weeks. After 4 weeks charge reduces to £10 per week. Delivery available for a charge, dependent upon distance.

**Rise Furniture and Mobility 01423 526737**

34c Leeds Road, Harrogate HG2 8BQ

Manual wheelchairs and transit chairs available.

Charge from £10 per day. Advance booking required. Delivery available.



**Shopmobility Harrogate                    01423 556778**

Victoria Car Park Level 10, East Parade, Harrogate HG1 5LQ

Provides wheelchairs and mobility scooters for use in Harrogate town centre.

Charge: manual wheelchair £3.50 per day; electric mobility scooter £6.50 per day.

Book in advance: proof of ID required.

**Shopmobility Keighley                    01535 618225**

6-12 Cooke Street, Keighley BD21 3NN

Wheelchairs and scooters available for use in Keighley town centre with no charge but donations welcome. All users must register to use the service, this includes completing a registration form and a practical assessment. At busy times there may be a limit placed on the length of hire.

You might consider buying a wheelchair if it is needed for occasional or short-term use. Prices start at under £100 for lightweight models. These can be purchased from local mobility equipment stores, pharmacies and some supermarkets. A wide range of wheelchair suppliers can also be found online.

**Disclaimer**

Please note: inclusion in this list does not imply recommendation or endorsement by Carers' Resource. The list may not include all wheelchair provision in your area.

If you need further information or would like to discuss any aspect of your caring role, please contact Carers' Resource:

**Harrogate    01423 500555**

Unit 3, Grove Park Court, Grove Park Terrace, Harrogate, HG1 4DP

**Bradford    01274 449660**

15 Park View Court, St Paul's Road, Shipley, BD18 3DZ

**Skipton    01756 700888**

Ronaldsway House, 36 Brook Street, Skipton, BD23 1PP

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