



Hastings & Rother Disability Forum

News Sheet September 2019

A warm welcome to our readers, I hope you will find information that is helpful, please contact us if you have praise or concern about any matter reported on.

Focus on Hastings

In Hastings the Council is looking at improving signage around the area, this has been funded by a grant. In addition we have attended meetings called Destismart funded by European Union money. These meetings are looking at seaside options to travel east to west and back again along the promenade and using accessible, sustainable transport. If you would like to know more please email us at hrdf.org.uk@outlook.com.

We have posted a leaflet from Age UK for those of you living in the Bexhill area who may be interested.

Electric blanket testing

Testing will take place at Bexhill Caring Community offices 9 -3 pm (Ring 01424 215116 for an appointment). Battle Fire Station between 10-12 pm Friday 18th October. Remember to take switches, leads and controls with you.

Hastings

One of our Committee is going to a meeting about the White Rock area looking at sports provisions outside and inside and leisure and play facilities. This meeting is organised by Continium Sport and Leisure. Hopefully the views of people with disabilities will be taken on board and delivered unlike some areas where our views have been acknowledged but not included once building starts. When we have minutes of the meeting we will post a summary on our website.

Bexhill-on-Sea

The Committee is looking at the shopping areas in Bexhill and which premises are accessible, which cafes/pubs are accessible and have accessible toilet provisions. You may be surprised to know there are six accessible toilets within premises in Devonshire Road! This does not include the one backing on to the railway land in Devonshire Square.

Polling Stations

Rother District Council is reviewing polling stations in Rother and if you have difficulties please let Rother District Council know by the end of September.

Rye

The Sailability group at Rye Harbour which can get people with various disabilities sailing is doing well. Only 1 scheduled sailing had to be cancelled because of bad weather. We have a bbq at lunchtime there's also a selection of cakes, tea, coffee and a bar (if you are old enough).Everyone is very friendly and ready to help in anyway they can, so come along.

Shopmobility Hastings

It provides, for a small fee, mobility scooters and wheelchairs for those requiring them. Registration is £6 for three months, £10 for a year or £16 for two years. Hire charges are based on the type of scooter or wheelchhair you need. Contact them on 01424 447847 or email hastingsshopmobility.mo@btconnect.com.

Conquest Hospital

We have also been in contact with The Conquest Hospital concerning parking for disabled. We are just waiting for a map regarding where you can find the new provision, he shopping areas in Bexhill and which premises are accessible, which cafes/pubs are accessible and have accessible toilet provisions. You may be surprised to know there are six accessible toilets within premises in Devonshire Road! This does not include the one backing on to the railway land in Devonshire Square.

Regards, Rosemary