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# Newsletter

## October - December 2023





## Autumn and winter update from Driffeld mobility.

We hope you had a great Christmas holiday and New Year!

The Driffeld Mobility Team had a busy last 3 months to 2023 not only with adaptations and mobility aids, we produced lots of content of useful information in video format which can be seen by visiting or following our Facebook and Instagram pages.



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## Staff News

In our last newsletter, we showcased an advertisement for recruiting an apprentice to join our team. After receiving numerous applications, we are delighted to announce that we have been conducting trials with applicants and aim to fill the position very soon.



After a three-year wait and three canceled surgeries, our team member Rich finally underwent his shoulder replacement surgery in September. We are thrilled to report that he made a complete recovery and returned to work after just three weeks! Rich took advantage of the Government's Access To Work Scheme, which offered taxi services to and from work for two weeks until he was able to drive again.



# What's a WAV?



A Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) offers a perfect solution to provide both drivers and passengers who use wheelchairs with independence. These vehicles are typically tailored to meet the individual's requirements and facilitate driving from the wheelchair or transferring into the driver's seat. While they can be costly and may require significant conversion time. Whilst we at Driffield Mobility are constantly busy installing adaptations to new WAVs for clients, we are now able to source and supply pre-owned, already converted WAVs that can be further customized to suit clients' needs. .

**Check out our website for valuable information on WAVs compiled by our team member Katie**

[CLICK HERE](#)



To celebrate joining Drifffield Town Council's 'Shop Local' initiative in November we ran a competition on our social media channel to win a share of £250 worth of shop local vouchers which can be used in local retailers. Congratulations to our 3 lucky winners!

HJ Cox was the lucky winner of £150

Vicky Barber won £50

Tash Giblett also won £50



In addition to Black Friday deals, we ran a daily advent calendar campaign on Facebook and Instagram throughout December. Each door revealed exclusive offers, product highlights, and valuable information and articles.

Stay updated by following our Facebook and Instagram pages for upcoming special events, competitions, offers, as well as a variety of informative videos showcasing adaptations and helpful services.





## Showcasing Our Workshop and Services to Local NHS Physiotherapists



We had the pleasure of hosting a group of seven physiotherapists from our local NHS Trust. Their work often involves managing mobility difficulties caused by injury or illness, which can have a lifelong or temporary impact on patients.

During their visit, they shared their observations of patients struggling to adapt to driving or accessing vehicles as a passenger.

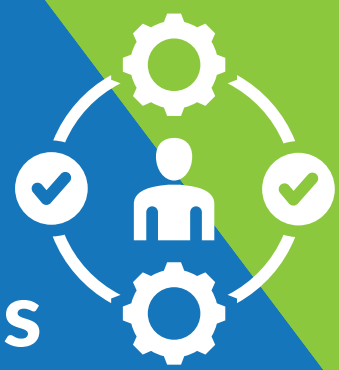
We were thrilled to showcase our workshop, explaining and demonstrating some of the bespoke adaptations and solutions we offer to help people maintain their independence. The physiotherapists were impressed with the range of solutions available to their clients and left with a better understanding of how we can collaborate to help patients achieve their mobility goals.

After the visit, Claire from CITY HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIP said:

“Thank you so much for today, we all really enjoyed meeting you and seeing what you can do. I will be spreading the word about your demo vehicle so you may hear from a few other teams too.

Thanks again!”

**We have since invited and hosted visits for private physio and occupational therapists as well as healthcare organisations. If you would like to visit us or have us visit you with our adapted demonstration vehicle, then please give our friendly Team a call.**



### Wheelchair Topper



Was great to see Mick revisit us today to have an adjustment made to his wheelchair roof box. This is a great piece of kit as he explains that it leaves the boot free for groceries etc and leaves his wheelchair just where he needs it when getting in and out of his vehicle.

[\(Click on the picture to watch his video\)](#)

Think of it as a valet service for your wheelchair. When you get seated in your car, the Chair Topper will take care of your wheelchair for you. When you're ready to leave the car, the Chair topper will bring your wheelchair to you. In between it is safely stored in the weatherproof roof top box. It's a great solution for independent drivers as well as passengers.

### Space Drive

Space Drive is a groundbreaking digital technology that empowers individuals with mobility issues to experience safe and comfortable driving. This innovative system is designed to provide users with complete control over their vehicle, allowing them to operate the brake, accelerator, and steering using a variety of inputs such as a customized joystick, gas/brake lever, or mini steering wheel, depending on their specific needs and abilities. Additionally, voice command modules are available, providing even greater flexibility and ease of use. [Click to visit our Blog with a link to client Gem Turner's experience of Space Drive](#)





In November we became a Bronze partner sponsor of Hull & East Yorkshire Powerchair Football Club, The Electric Eels.

Team members Andrew and Rich attended a pre season friendly where the Academy Team played and won against Middlesbrough and we look forward to working with and supporting the club and attending future fixtures.

## What is Powerchair Football?

Powerchair Football is a dynamic and fast-paced version of football adapted for electric wheelchair users. The sport is played on a 30m x 18m basketball court. Two teams of four players pass, tackle, dribble and spin-kick a specially designed football with the aim to score more goals than the opposition.

Players use specially designed powerchairs purposefully built for powerchair football. The players use a metal footboard also known as a bumper that is attached to the front of the powerchairs, allowing players to kick the ball.

From the Team's website:

“Our first team compete in the PTC Therapeutics Premiership national league and North East Premiership Regional League. Our academy team compete in the Switalski Solicitors Yorkshire League. Some of our players who attend, use the club as a way of getting out and about and away from the normal day to day troubles of living with a severe and often life-limiting disability. The players' parents, carers and family members all socialise with each other and help talk about disability-related topics and everyday family matters. We aren't just a club we are one BIG COMMUNITY! “

For more information about this fantastic sport and the Electric Eels Club, visit:

<https://www.electriceelspfc.com/>



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***Is your scooter  
ready for Spring?***





## Spring Is In The Air

As the days grow warmer, signaling the transition from winter hibernation, it's an opportune time to venture outdoors. Here are some ways we can assist you in getting back into the swing of things.

With the onset of spring, many of us will be dusting off our reliable mobility scooters from their winter storage. If your scooter's batteries have not been regularly topped up during the colder months, it would be wise to have them inspected. To ensure your scooter is in optimal condition for your outings, we offer services ranging from battery checks to replacements and full comprehensive scooter servicing.



For those facing mobility challenges seeking to simplify daily excursions and outings, we offer a wide selection of new scooters, ranging from lightweight models to robust off-road versions having features such as heated seats and impressive battery ranges of over 30 miles. Recognizing that acquiring new mobility aids may present financial constraints during these challenging times, we also provide a variety of pre-owned scooters that are meticulously serviced and include a 3-month warranty, prioritizing your independence at Driffield Mobility.



Our country boasts such a diverse range of captivating destinations to explore. However, traveling with mobility aids can sometimes pose logistical challenges. A practical solution is to equip our vehicles with a boot hoist, enabling us to extend our mobility and journey to more distant locations. While this addition may seem costly, Driffield Mobility offers the option of fitting a pre-owned boot hoist and a pre-owned scooter at a price lower than that of a new scooter.

Feel free to call our friendly team for guidance and support to ensure you remain mobile and independent.





## Keep in touch...

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