

# DRIFFIELD MOBILITY

## Newsletter January- July 2024





## Our latest News and Updates ..

The year is flying by and hope you are all keeping well and getting out and about (when the weather is permitting)

We decided to delay the quarterly Newsletter in March to do this bumper double edition as we had some exciting events and news to share.



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## Staff News



Welcome to our newest Team member Rich who started in May

(That's 3 Rich's in the team now! We already have Engineer Rich and Marketing Rich so maybe new Rich will have to be Richard the 3rd)

Rich brings years of motor trade and IT industry experience. He is passionate about Motorsport, mountain biking and original British Minis being an owner of one himself.

He is proud of the fact that quote:

"at the age of 50 I am learning to play bass guitar"

Welcome Rich, we are all looking forward to working with you

## Inspiring Others

In June our marketing man Rich who also happens to be a 5 times world powerlifting champion was invited to give an inspirational talk to Special Educational Needs Students at St Anne's School and sixth form college in Hull.

"It was so good to talk about the history of the Olympics and Paralympics and my own powerlifting journey in such an amazing school filled with amazing students and staff" [Click here](#)





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Welcome to our latest Team member Tom!

Tom joins us as an apprentice having studied at the Ron Dearing university technical college.

Tom has been learning about our services and types of work that we undertake and has thrown himself into workshop deep end - assisting our engineering team with adaptation installations as well as helping out at the Driffield Show last week.

We look forward to working with you Tom!



## Other company news..



Team members Charlotte and Katie gained their Driving Mobility Department of Transport accredited assessment certificates this week after completing the Powered Wheelchair and Mobility Scooter training at the William Merritt Centre. Congratulations!

In May we were proud to receive the Commitment to Excellence Award from Community Update Magazine. Director Andrew said

“..We are a family run company whose staff have not only decades of industry experience but have genuine empathy, care and desire to help our clients whom they treat as individuals with individual needs specific to them. Our Marketing Manager Rich has lived experience of the challenges that our clients have as he has a lifelong disability and user of our types of products and services....”





## Introducing our sister company..

For over 25 years, we've specialised in customising vehicles for people with disabilities. We know that every individual has unique needs, which is why we launched Limitless Campers to offer bespoke campervan conversions tailored just for you whether you have disability needs or not. Our expertise ensures that every campervan is tailored to meet your specific needs, providing maximum comfort, accessibility and independence on the road. [VISIT OUR WEBSITE](http://www.limitlesscampers.co.uk)

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## Partner Sponsorship Continues..



We are proud to continue sponsorship of the Hull and East Yorkshire Powerchair Football Club as Platinum partners. Over the year, Driffield Mobility Team members have attended training sessions (even trying out the sport) matches and fundraising events as well as showcasing our services to players, parents and carers.

### Footgolf

### Annual Awards at the MKM Stadium



### Attending a training session



The Club unveiled their new logo (top of page) which we think is fantastic.

We look forward to having Driffield Mobility logos on the players' new kit next season!





## Can I transfer my adaptations to another vehicle?



The answer can either be yes or no, dependent on:

- Whether you are a Motability or private client.
- The type of adaptation that you would like to transfer.

### Types of adaptations - **Driving Aids**

Motability will not allow driving aids to be transferred to from one Motability car to a new Motability leased car.

The main reasons for this are that many driving aids and installation kits are specific to a vehicle model. These include:

- Mechanical hand controls for brake and accelerator.
- Electronic accelerators.
- Pedal extensions.
- Steering aids.
- Remote devices for Secondary controls (such as Lodgesons devices).
- Left foot accelerators.

As a private client, it may be possible to pay to have driving aids transferred, however it is often not cost worthy to do for several reasons:

- Manufacturers will not provide warranty for transferred adaptations.
- Most driving aids such as mechanical hand controls are supplied as a vehicle specific kit, so the cost of then further adapting them to 'fit' another car could make purchasing new a more economically sensible option.
- Electronic driving aids such as devices for secondary controls and electronic accelerators require components that again are designed, and custom wired into a vehicle. The cost of new control units and parts will mean that it will often



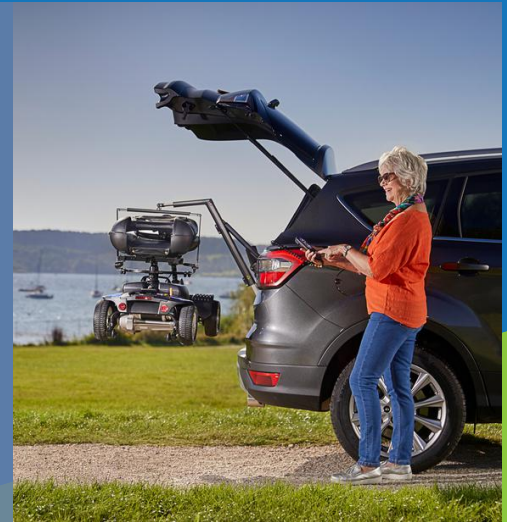


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be more economically viable to purchase a new device manufactured specifically for the new vehicle.

- Replacement parts may not be provided by manufacturers if they deem the system is too old and not warrantable.
- The cost of removal from the current vehicle may offset most of the cost saved on re-using parts.

### Types of adaptations - **Stowage and access equipment.**



Motability will allow and financially subsidise the transfer of certain adaptations if they are under 3 ½ years old at the time of transfer and are compatible with the new vehicle.

Transferable adaptations currently include:

- Electrically operated wheelchair/scooter boot hoists – currently zero customer contribution.
- Chair Topper (Roof mounted wheelchair stowage system) – currently zero customer contribution.
- Electrically operated person hoist – currently zero customer contribution.
- Swivel seat – currently zero customer contribution.

(Transfer plates cannot be transferred from one Motability vehicle to another, due to them being vehicle specific/modified to suit a specific vehicle.)

It is important to inform Motability (and Motability Grants if applicable) that you would like to transfer adaptations before ordering your new vehicle or extending the lease on your current vehicle.

You should also ensure that your adaptation will fit in the new vehicle by speaking with your adaptation installer. If it is compatible a transfer kit will need to be input on your Motability application by your dealership's Motability Specialist.

As a private client, you can transfer stowage and access equipment provided it is compatible with the new vehicle. Speak with your adaptations installer for advice on compatibility and any further equipment that may be needed for the transfer and installation costs will be the responsibility of the client.

## Out and About

# Naidex



## Naidex

FB back in March Director Andy and Technical Sales Officer Charlotte travelled to the NEC in Birmingham to attend the annual Naidex exhibition (National Accessibility, Inclusion & Disability Expo)

It was a great opportunity to catch up with all the latest industry developments. Charlotte was pleased to have a first look at the Allied Conversion's new Ford Tourneo Custom Independence.

She was also pleased to see the range of coverings offered by Rise and Recline including bright patchwork which certainly dispels the myth that independent living products have to be bland!





## Driffield Show

Driffield Show is a local agricultural show that has been running annually since 1854 and attracts over 20,000 visitors. Having served the local community for over 25 years we felt that we should have a presence at the show this year.



It was also a good opportunity to launch our sister company Limitless Campers. Despite the rain the day before on the actual show day it was blisteringly hot. We had a good sized plot where we could showcase several adapted vehicles.



We had a good number of visitors to our stands to inquire about everything from mobility scooters, wheelchair accessible vehicles, driver and passenger adaptations to the simple camping solution that is the TENTBOX which was fitted to our adapted Ford CMAX demo vehicle.



Our Campervan drew a lot of attention. A couple of weeks before the show we had filled the campervan with balloons so we could run a 'Guess the number of balloons in the camper' competition to win a hamper of prizes and camping goodies... [Video](#)





In a cost of living crisis, we understand that the cost of maintaining our independence can seem like an unaffordable luxury. Here at Driffield Mobility we have a deep understanding that the independence and mobility of our clients is essential. With this in mind we are continuing to provide 2 services to ease the financial pressure when it comes to getting out and about.

### 1. Pre-Owned Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAV)

The cost of a new WAV can be prohibitive especially to non Motability clients. We are able to source and supply pre-owned low mileage and ready adapted vehicles which can be further adapted to meet client needs if required. Many of these are ex Motability vehicle and hence have excellent service history.

Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles not only benefit private individuals and their families but are also a great asset for clubs, charities and organisations such as residential care homes and the benefits include:

- Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives - Investing in wheelchair accessible vehicles is an excellent way to emphasise your organisation's commitment to diversity and inclusivity. This can foster a sense of belonging in the workplace and attract a varied range of employees, which is important for creating an inclusive environment.
- Compliance with Accessibility Standards - Organisations have a legal and ethical responsibility to provide equal opportunities for individuals with disabilities. WAVs align with accessibility standards, helping to ensure that these obligations are met.
- Community Integration - WAVs facilitate the integration of people with disabilities into the broader community. Charities can organise events, outings, and social activities, knowing that transportation barriers are reduced, enabling greater community participation.
- Positive Public Image - Charities and organisations that invest in WAVs demonstrate a commitment to inclusivity and accessibility. This positive image can attract support from donors, volunteers, and the community, helping the organisations to grow and extend their impact.
- Adaptability to Diverse Needs - In consultation with a specialist company, WAVs can be customised to accommodate various types of mobility aids, ensuring that individuals with different needs can comfortably and safely use the transportation provided by the charity and other organisations. Read more in our [BLOG](#)



## 2. Pre-Owned Mobility Scooters

We continue to have stock of pre-owned mobility scooters which range from boot scooters, folding scooters to large on the road models. These are a very popular purchase for clients who wish to get out and about locally. All of our scooters undergo a full 44 point service. The batteries are tested and if they need replacing, we replace them before putting them into our showroom. They also come with a warranty and start from as little as £250! (Our team keep an eye open for any special deals on new scooters too and have been able to source brand new boot/pavement scooters for £789.)



Difficulties in transporting mobility aids whether that be a wheelchair or mobility scooter may prevent people from being able to travel further afield. With this in mind, we are able to offer a fitted pre-owned boot hoist AND a pre-owned mobility scooter often at less than the cost of a brand new mobility scooter on its own.

Whatever your mobility needs, please give our friendly team a call who will be happy to offer free and impartial advice

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