

## Equipment for Daily Living – Nov 2010

The simplest things can make a difference to our lives. Things like jar openers, helping hands, long handled shoe horns or talking clocks can make everyday living safer and easier, whether you need help permanently or just for short while after an operation or illness.

The sooner you have the things you need to make life easier the better – so if you prefer not to go to Social Services or the Health Services or want to get what you need quickly, you have a number of options:

- you can go direct to the local voluntary organizations listed below to buy what you want, when you want it. Each organisation can provide you with small pieces of equipment, either immediately or by ordering them for you from a range of catalogues. Unless it states otherwise, there will be a charge that covers the cost of the item and administration.
- you can look on the internet and order from home
- you can visit local specialist shops

Disabled people don't have to pay VAT when they buy equipment that has been designed for disabled people or when they have equipment adapted so they can use it.

There are strict conditions about what types of equipment qualify for VAT relief and who can buy equipment without paying VAT. Always ask the supplier whether the equipment qualifies for VAT relief before you buy it.

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## **Blackpool Centre for Independent Living**

**Telephone Number 01253 476880**

259 Whitegate Drive

Blackpool

FY3 9JL

E-mail: [BCIL@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:BCIL@blackpool.gov.uk)

Help, advice and information for people with a disability living in Blackpool. The centre includes the Liveasy equipment shop which has a full range of equipment for daily living and furniture to purchase.

## **Voluntary Organisations**

### **Age Concern Blackpool – Information and Advice**

**Telephone Number: 01253 622812**

89 Abingdon Street

Blackpool

FY1 1PP

Fax: 01253 297422

E-mail: [administration@ageconcernblackpool.co.uk](mailto:administration@ageconcernblackpool.co.uk)

Age Concern has a range of equipment for daily living in stock, including long handled show horns , lightweight cutlery, tap turners and slip mats.

### **Blind Society – Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre**

**Telephone Number 01253 362692**

Resource and Rehabilitation Centre

Bosworth Place

Blackpool

FY4 1SH

Fax: 01253 362698

E-mail – [elaine1@bfwsb.com](mailto:elaine1@bfwsb.com)

The society provides a wide range of equipment, available at cost price, for people with visual difficulties whatever their age. You do not have to be registered Blind. You can visit the Resource Centre to try out various types of equipment before you buy.

The Resource Centre is open to personal callers each Monday from 9.30am – 4.00pm. If you would like to visit on another day (Tuesday to Friday) please ring 01253 362692 to make an appointment. We are not open at weekends.

**British Red Cross – Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre**

**Telephone Number 01253 750900**

113 Coronation Street

Blackpool

FY1 4QQ

Fax: 01253 620161

E-mail: [vdaly@redcross.org.uk](mailto:vdaly@redcross.org.uk)

Equipment can be loaned for a maximum of 8 weeks. A £40 refundable deposit is required for wheelchairs. All other items require a £25 refundable deposit. We can also provide equipment to buy.

No charge is made for a loan but we ask for a donation for the use of the equipment. We can also arrange for wheelchair maintenance at the Red Cross offices.

## **Websites**

For general information and advice:

### **Disabled Living Foundation**

[www.dlf.org.uk](http://www.dlf.org.uk)

A national charity which provides free, impartial advice about all types of daily living equipment and mobility products and suppliers. Can help you find independent living solutions that enable you to stay active and improve your quality of life.

For equipment for daily living:

### **Your Able**

[www.youreableshop.co.uk](http://www.youreableshop.co.uk)

An online stockist of all mobility items, daily living equipment, beds, chairs, medical items and medical furniture. They aim to deliver within 72 hours.

## **OT Stores**

[www.otstores.co.uk](http://www.otstores.co.uk)

**Telephone Number : 0845 260 7061**

Supply a wide range of disability and mobility products Payment can be made by credit or debit card, or by post with a cheque or postal order.

Orders over £35 excluding VAT and delivered to a UK mainland address, are post free.

Guarantees of up to 3 years are offered on some products.

## **Benefits NOW**

[www.benefitsnowshop.co.uk](http://www.benefitsnowshop.co.uk)

**Telephone Number: 01983 529590**

Online shopping, the company supplies a wide range of products including bathing equipment, mobility and daily living equipment. Members of the public can pay by credit or debit card either online or by telephone. Orders can also be taken by printing an order form from the website and posting with a cheque. Cooling off period of 7 days, and orders may be cancelled by email or by letter. Delivery 2-5 working days from receipt of your order. Delivery is free to UK addresses.

## **Bin-To Mobility**

[www.bin-to.co.uk](http://www.bin-to.co.uk)

**Telephone Number: 0800 876 6377**

Mobility products including range of walkers, sticks, bed tables and wheelchairs.

Payment on website with credit card. The company will also accept orders over the phone and payment for phone orders may be made with credit cards, postal orders, cash or cheque.

All orders are delivered free of charge in the UK and the company uses first class mail or 24hour Parcel Force courier.

**Active Mobility Centre Ltd**

[www.activemobility.co.uk](http://www.activemobility.co.uk)

**Telephone Number: 01642 805050**

Online suppliers of disabled and mobility equipment. Full range of products from clocks and watches, meds dispensers to wheelchairs and scooters. Also online disability equipment newsletter.

Orders can be placed online, by phone, or by fax or post by downloading the order form. Customers can pay using BACS, credit card, cheque or postal order. There is a standard delivery charge whatever the size of the order. Delivery times may vary between one and twenty eight days depending on stock availability.

**Better Life Health Care**

[www.betterlifehealthcare.com](http://www.betterlifehealthcare.com)

**Telephone Number: 0800 328 9338**

Retailer of all mobility and disability equipment. Orders by fax, phone, online or post. A paper based catalogue and order form are available to print.

The standard delivery time is 1-3 days and the company offers a 7 day "cooling-off" period. The manufacturer guarantees the majority of products for twelve months; however some products are guaranteed for longer.

**Millercare Ltd**

[www.millercare.co.uk](http://www.millercare.co.uk)

**Telephone Number: 0800 652 6591**

Large company based in the north of England, with showrooms including one in Blackpool at 276 Preston New Road, Blackpool, FY4 4RH. They stock a wide range of equipment and mobility items. Online store is available. Orders can be placed using telephone or fax, as an alternative to paying online, but payment must be received before item is delivered. Orders over £25 are post free.

### **The Red Cross**

[www.redcross.org.uk](http://www.redcross.org.uk)

**Telephone Number: 0844 4122804**

Charity that has online shop. You can place orders online, by phone or visiting a Red Cross Shop. Online/phone orders must be paid for by credit/debit card. Orders placed by post from the catalogue may be paid for by cheque. Delivery charges depend on the value of your order.

### **Age UK**

[www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

**Telephone Number: 0800 169 6565**

Help the Aged work with a company called Keep Able a company with a large range of mobility and lifestyle products. All products come with a price and a service guarantee and a repair service is available.

Orders can be placed online or by phone. The standard delivery and installation time is between 3 and 7 working days and order over £40 to UK addresses are postage free.

### **Mobility Megastore**

[www.mobilitymegastore.co.uk](http://www.mobilitymegastore.co.uk)

Wide selection of products including scooters, wheelchairs, bath lifts, recliner chairs, adjustable beds and ramps. Also supply a range of daily living equipment.

## **Procter Healthcare**

[www.procterhealthcare.co.uk](http://www.procterhealthcare.co.uk)

Telephone Number: 0800 279 8889

A wide range of products available online from small items such as cutlery and trays to wheelchairs and walkers and medical management items. Orders above £40 are post free.

The company can be contacted via post, telephone, e-mail and by completing the on-line enquiry form.

## **Argos**

[www.argos.co.uk](http://www.argos.co.uk)

Stocks a reasonable range of equipment and mobility items.

Delivery is £5.95.

## **Local Shops**

### **A1 Mobility (Preston) Ltd**

119 – 125 Buchanan St

Blackpool FY1 3BP

Tel: 0800 328 5670

Suppliers of mobility scooters, powerchairs, disability scooters and mobility products.

### **Blackpool Wheelchair Hire**

183 Lytham Road

Blackpool, FY1 6EU

Tel: 01253 408453

Small family run business. Wheelchair hire/sales and scooters ramps, mobility pieces of equipment adjustable beds etc. Also has a website

[www.blackpoolwheelchairs.co.uk](http://www.blackpoolwheelchairs.co.uk)

### **Scotamart Ltd**

300 Lytham Road

Blackpool, FY1 6EY

Tel: 01253 298344

UK wide organisation stocking scooters, powerchairs, wheelchairs, chairs and beds.

### **ASC Mobility**

1 Allansons Walk,  
North Clifton Street  
Lytham St Anne's, FY8 5JE  
Tel : 01253 796696  
[www.acsmobility.co.uk](http://www.acsmobility.co.uk)

Equipment, scooters, wheelchairs etc including second hand items. Offer part exchange and accept NHS vouchers.

### **Shop Mobility Blackpool**

52 Clifton Street  
Blackpool, FY1 1JP  
Tel: 01253 476451

### **Care Mobility Comfort**

55 Red Bank Rd  
Bispham, FY2 9HX  
Tel: 01253 356660  
[www.caremobilitycomfort.co.uk](http://www.caremobilitycomfort.co.uk)

**For help with Installation or construction contact Care and Repair – Blackpool.**

The Stadium,  
Seasider's Way  
Blackpool  
FY1 6JY

Telephone Number      01253 651555  
Fax:                              01253 651494  
E-mail –                        [care&repair@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:care&repair@blackpool.gov.uk)

There may be a charge for the work done. Please contact Care and Repair for further information. Please ask about the falls prevention scheme if you require grab rails etc.

### ***Safe and Secure - Tradesman's Directory***

A list of local tradesmen is available on the Trading Standards website. It is updated regularly.

Click on this link [Safe and Secure Directory](#) to access the **Safe and Secure Directory**.

The Safe and Secure Partnership have taken up references for the tradesmen listed. The request for references covered the overall competence and character of the people concerned. Although these names are provided in good faith, the Partnership cannot be held responsible for any act or omission on the part of any person on this list or loss howsoever caused.

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Please ask for details or telephone 477477.**