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Scoot-A-Long Newsletter: Summer 2009

The purpose of Scoot-A-Long is to try and raise money to purchase special all terrain scooters/wheelchairs and a caravan equipped to take disabled children and adults in the Southwest on trips they might not ordinarily be able to make, like Dartmoor, Exmoor or Bodmin Moor.

Following our success in 2004 by becoming the World Record holder for distance travelled in a Mobility scooter, (that was 3,412 miles around the coast), we are intending to try and place a firmer grip on that title by surpassing that effort and of course raising money and the awareness of disabilities in all ages.

On 17th October 2007 the Scoot-A-Long



team completed their second world

record attempt by travelling 5,349 miles in 117 days!

Horizon Mobility

The scooters are supplied and maintained by Horizon Mobility and driven by disabled people, some being ex-service personnel.



Registered Charity Status

Scoot-A-Long has been granted full registered charity status, as such we can begin to work towards obtaining real funding so that we may achieve our aims.

If you'd like to support our valuable and important work, please contact John Seamons (telephone 01752 360342).

Next Events: August 29th: coffee morning, Elm Centre, Estover. **August 30th:** event at Ten creek, Looe.

Brand New Scooter For Scoot-A-Long

It is with a great deal of thanks to the Devon Community Foundation and their grant to Scoot-a-long that we ventured up to the distant lands of Evesham where Horizon are now going as HMTE have moved to, from Falmouth.

When we got there we were Greeted By Mike and Graham Billiecliffe who between them are Horizon, we had a good meeting which resulted in us handing over a cheque to them for another new scooter as seen in the photo.

From left to right: Peter Baldacchino, Scoot-a-long Secretary, Amanda Billiecliffe, John Duckworth, Chairperson of Scoot-a-long, Mike Billiecliffe co owner of HMTE and sitting on the scooter is none other than Graham Billiecliffe the other co owner.

The scooter will have a plaque on it stating that it had been paid for by a



grant from the Devon Community Foundation and for this we are eternally grateful but we must not sit on our laurels as we still need to get more scooters.

Horizon also generously donated some prizes for either raffle or auction so we also say thanks to them as well as they have helped us from the word go and we are proud to be associated with them.

The First Scoot-A-Long

At last we are up and running! After a long haul of fund raising, we have now completed our first outing with great success!

A group of us (some from Plymouth and some from Polperro) went to Wadebridge and joined the Camel Trail and after an



initial training period for some we set off towards Padstow at about 10.30 and enjoyed the scenery and wildlife along the way.

The weather was great with loads of sunshine and the scenery was enjoyable and everyone enjoyed it; the other users were so friendly, all greeting us with a smart "Hello". We later had some lunch and of course tea or coffee, whichever was preferred and had a good chat about what we had seen along the route.

Family Holiday

The Scoot-A-Long committee decided this year to try to help an under privileged family and through Cornwall Social Services we offered a family of their choosing a free weeks holiday at our caravan at Tencreek near Looe.

We normally let the caravan out to the disabled but felt we could extend this to give this family a holiday. From what information we received back the family enjoyed their stay so we felt it was a worth while thing to do.

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