

Community Partnerships

Supporting and working with community groups and clubs to promote a deeper understanding of local health and care needs and experiences

Spotlight on

Horsham Scooter Safety

Free Mobility Scooter Safety sessions

In 2018 there were 350,000 mobility scooters being used in the UK and this number increases by around 10% each year.

At this time there were 13 mobile scooter fatalities and many reported and unreported injuries.

Horsham Town Community Partnership supported by Horsham District Older Peoples Forum investigated what was available to induct drivers on the safe use of their mobility scooters.

Surprisingly there is no statutory requirement to undertake a test or to have insurance. Once purchased you can drive off without having any driving experience and provided your mobility scooter is of the correct class drive it on the highway.



Horsham Scooter Safety successfully applied for grants from the Police, Rotary Club of Horsham, West Sussex County Council and Tesco. This provided sufficient funds to train seven volunteer Tutors, print leaflets, purchase training equipment and hi viz vests. After the development of the training manual, in spring 2018 began the delivery of Skills and Safety Sessions. These were held in Horsham Park Barn and tennis courts, provided **free of charge** by Horsham District Council.

Since 2018 over 120 mobility scooter users have attended these sessions. **Horsham Scooter Safety** have held sessions throughout the Horsham District and at residential homes. They have provided talks at Horsham Stroke Club, residential homes, and coffee mornings which have been well received. Recently they were invited to provide Train the Trainer sessions for staff at **Leonardslee Gardens** so that they could induct their visitors in the safe use of mobility scooters whilst in the gardens.

Contact Horsham Scooter Safety for a free session

If you, or someone you know has a mobility scooter that would benefit from attending one of their sessions.

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For help, advice, and information or to share your story

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If you are setting up or would like to share news of a similar project we would be interested to hear from you. Please contact Cheryl Berry, Community Partnership Lead: cheryl.berry@healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk

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