

FAREHAM ACCESS GROUP

DISABILITY DOESN'T
STOP US!

Fareham Access Group 7th AGM on 7th April 2004 Management Team Leader's Report

Main achievements during the past year:

- Ø CAFÉ = "Chat Access for All" began at Shopmobility for two hours once a month in August 2002 as an experiment but closed a year later due to a poor response. It was found that people used other more effective methods to contact the Group.
- Ø After Training from HCC in September 2002 Lorraine & Richard Herrington and Carl Gumbrell carried out Access Audits in Partnership with HCC Access Officers of Droxford Registry Office and Fareham Social Services Department and £100.00 was paid for each audit into Group funds.
- Ø Marcos Frangos, HCC Access Team Manager requested Lorraine & Richard to give feed back on a full scale mock-up of a bedroom, bathroom and corridor, for a planned 80 bed HCC Fast Care Residential/Nursing Home in the grounds of Coldeast Hospital in Fareham as part the £6m ENHANCE Project.
- Ø During the year Lorraine completed a Questionnaire on behalf of FAG for Access Groups in England and Wales. Lorraine & Richard attended a Disability Rights Commission (DRC) follow-up research meeting in Cardiff on 23.02.2004.
- Ø Members have been involved in raising awareness of disability access issues such as those at Portchester Community Centre, FBC Reception desk, Access to shops, Dropped Kerbs and Holy Hill Woodland Park paths, to mention a few.
- Ø Lorraine & Richard gave their first PowerPoint Presentation at the 7th January 2004 Group Meeting using the training from Neville Lovett West End Centre attended by them, Alan Brind & Stephen Knowlton in March 2003
- Ø Members have distributed the FAG Tri-fold Leaflets to many different venues around the Fareham Borough.



Main Group Projects for the coming year:-



- Ø Submit a funding application to the 'Awards for All' England for a Laptop & Multi-media Projector for the Group to give Presentations about Access Issues and to promote the work of the group.

- Ø Continue the Project of working with the Steering Group set-up on 17th September 2002 to improve the path for "Access for All" round the Cams Hall Golf Course.

Vision for the year ahead:-

- Ø If successful with the funding application; to purchase a Laptop and Multi-media equipment for the Group and encourage members to use it.
- Ø Raise the profile of disabled people and encourage members of the Group to attend trainings and learn new skills.
- Ø Members of the Group to give PowerPoint Presentations about Access Issues and to promote the work of the group
- Ø Spread awareness of our Group and work to increase membership. Continue to distribute the FAG Tri-fold Leaflets into venues in the Fareham Borough and surrounding area.
- Ø Continue to raise disability awareness, identify access problems and work with FBC and Service providers to try and resolve them.
- Ø When the opportunity arises, carry out Disability Friendly Access Audits as a means of increasing our group funds.
- Ø Communicate with members and look at new ways of working.

