

# Information Sheet



## 3. Borrowing a Wheelchair from the DIB

Unfortunately, we are no longer offering this service in partnership with the British Red Cross.



British Red Cross still operate the scheme and can still offer the *short-term or temporary* loan of wheelchairs to anyone who has a disability e.g. after a short illness or operation, to enable someone to return to work or school more quickly or to take a holiday or day trip.

They provide wheelchairs:

- you can push yourself in (self-propelled)
- someone else can push in (transit)
- to suit your size and weight – from extra small (suitable for children over five) to extra large
- with accessories, e.g. leg extension.

Mobility aids, Knutsford is now the closet outlet to Macclesfield and surrounding areas.

To reserve a wheelchair, please call- **01565 682327**

Alternatively, you can email them on; **[MASTelford@redcross.org.uk](mailto:MASTelford@redcross.org.uk)**

They aim to respond to your email within 2 working days.

Address: Memorial House, Northwich Road, Knutsford,  
Cheshire, WA16 0AW

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## These are their opening hours-

Monday	2pm - 4pm
Tuesday	9.30am - 11.30am
Wednesday	9.30am - 12 noon
Thursday	9.30am - 12 noon
Friday	2pm - 4pm
Sat/Sun	Closed

## Tops for when you want to borrow a wheelchair;

- Try to make an advance booking wherever possible to avoid disappointment.
- All potential users are asked their weight and height. This is to ensure personal safety as most of our wheelchairs cannot accommodate users over 18 stone.
- For those wishing to borrow a self-propelling wheelchair there is a short health questionnaire to complete to establish suitability.
- Chairs can be loaned out for up to 6 weeks.

For more information please visit;

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/borrow-a-wheelchair>

NB- If the user is likely to require a permanent wheelchair in the future, it is advisable to speak to your GP or contact your local authorities Occupational Therapy Department.

For people in Cheshire East you can obtain more information by contacting; 0300 123 5010 option 2

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- Calling: 01625 663345
- Emailing: [ecn-tr.WAC@nhs.net](mailto:ecn-tr.WAC@nhs.net)