



# Rutland Access Group

Working together for access

# Aims

- Raising awareness of access issues throughout Rutland
- Campaigning throughout Rutland to improve access to the built environment
- Forum for discussion on access issues

# Who are we

- Open access group holding meetings 4 times a year, providing a forum to raise and discuss any access issues relevant to Rutland County
- Local people with a variety of disabilities: with mobility problems associated with the use of wheelchairs, mobility scooters, walking sticks and buggies and prams; but also sight and hearing problems
- Co-opted representatives from RCC, Oakham Town Council and Uppingham Town Council
- RCC council officers with specific connections to planning and highways departments.

# How do we work

- Issues are raised at quarterly meetings, which we attempt to find solutions.
- Hold annual access awareness days to look at access problems in a specific location: Oakham, Uppingham, Langham, Ketton, Ryhall, Cottesmore, Greetham, Whissendine, Empingham, Edith Weston
- Carry out access audits of community buildings and advise on improvements: Catmose College community areas, Oakham Castle, Rutland County Council offices.
- Support and advise RCC on access matters to support bids for funding.

# Successes

- RCC implementing a new policy to prosecute drivers who park over dropped kerbs
- Numerous dropped kerbs have been installed throughout Rutland
- Following access awareness days various minor improvements made to pavements and dropped kerbs
- As a result of 20 years campaigning RCC is now adopting more accessible policies
- We have been consulted on new proposals by RCC: Oakham Castle, pavement improvements for new Uppingham surgery.
- RCC and Uppingham Town Council is looking at policies for A boards
- Helped to promote Call Connect bus service in Stamford
- A3 format and larger type face for bus timetables.
- Encouraged RCC to notify blue badge holders when their blue badges have expired
- Have been working with RCC to find a way for wheelchair users to get passport style photographs taken within the county

# Ongoing issues

- Traffic lights in Uppingham
- Wheelie bins on pavements
- Oakham Post office
- Uppingham surgery
- Maintenance of pavements and dropped kerbs
- Victoria Hall, Oakham

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