

Case Study – Oscott Disabilities Group

Amount Granted: £5,000.00 (Grassroots Birmingham – Date Funded: May 2009)

The Project:

Our group help improve the lives of the disabled residents and their carers in the Oscott ward of Birmingham. We are responsible for sending out information to keep people informed about weekly meetings held at the Kingstanding Community Centre, advise people about community safety, supply equipment for home safety and co-ordinate a volunteer visiting service to provide companionship for people who do not get out much, to let them know what is happening in the ward.



We applied to the Foundation for funding so we can provide electric wheelchairs for elderly and disabled residents in the Oscott area, to encourage them to stay mobile. We were also able to take them on a trip to the Black Country Museum.

Total number of Beneficiaries: 40 (20 men & 20 women)

Area of Benefit: Oscott and surrounding areas of Birmingham

Why was the project needed?

To assist the local elderly people to get out and about. Our group members find it difficult to get out and end up feeling very isolated. This money gave them the chance to get out and about without the worry of transport or money.



The difference the project has made:

This vital equipment has given elderly people an opportunity to experience 'normal' life. We have been able to organise group trips including a much enjoyed trip to the Black Country museum. The project enhanced the capacity of our group to help and support the elderly in our area.

Quote:

"We are extremely grateful for this grant as it has helped ensure us local disabled people can access vital services and enjoy life a little more."

(Graham, member of Oscott Disability Group)

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