

BRIDPORT BEACH WHEELCHAIR SCHEME

APPLICATION FOR HIRE






Bridport
Town Council

Please complete the following in BLOCK CAPITALS

Applicant Name	
Full Postal Address and Postcode	
Telephone	
Email Address	
Date of hire	
Arrival time	

We have four different types of wheelchair available (one of each). Please tick which chair(s) you wish to hire:

Hippocampe Beach Wheelchair		Sandcruiser Beach Wheelchair		Mobi Chair Floating Beach Wheelchair*	
					
Tick to request		Tick to request		Tick to request	

Trail Glider (Buggy For Wheelchairs) *



Tick to request

Please [click here](#) to read **safety rules** and advice for use of wheelchair.

* The Mobi Chair requires support from a trained instructor. This support is provided free of charge to Dorset residents. For those visiting from outside the Dorset area there is a charge of £15 per session (30 minutes maximum), payable to the instructor **in cash** on arrival.

Declaration

I have read the terms and conditions and **safety rules** overleaf. I understand them and I accept them. Any questions I have had have been answered to my satisfaction.

Signature	
Date	

PLEASE BRING THE COMPLETED FORM WHEN YOU COLLECT THE WHEELCHAIR

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Terms and Conditions of Hire/Use

1. If you have booked a wheelchair through but cannot now take up the booking, you must inform them as soon as possible (tel. 07342 236 443).
2. On arrival to collect the wheelchair(s), you must also show proof of ID: A valid current driving licence, passport, or credit/debit card.
3. The hirer of the beach wheelchair agrees that their use of the wheelchair is entirely at their own risk.
4. The user or their representative must ensure that the wheelchair is suitable for the user's needs, and that they are able to transfer into it safely. A hoist is separately available. The attendant who hands the wheelchair over to you for use, cannot assist with the transfer between the beach wheelchair and the user's regular wheelchair.
5. The Hippocampe and Sandcruiser wheelchairs must be taken only on the beach and not into the water. The Mobi Chair (floating) wheelchair can enter the sea, with assistance from our designated trained instructor and assistant, who will accompany the user at all times while the chair is in the water. The instructors will go no deeper in the water than waist-high.
6. The Council or its agent reserves the right to cancel the hire if the sea is too rough.
7. The wheelchair must not be left unattended at any time.
8. The hirer accepts full liability for the wheelchair and must return it in good condition.
9. An inspection of the equipment will be made upon its return to the collection point. If the wheelchair is returned damaged, soiled or dirty after use, the hirer accepts the costs of cleaning or repair.
10. Bridport Town Council reserves the right to refuse the loan of the wheelchair.
11. The hirer accepts that circumstances beyond the Council's control may prevent the hire taking place.

Basic Safety Rules

1. It is very important that the hirer is confident in the use of the beach wheelchair and thoroughly familiarises themselves with its safe operation at the beginning of the hire. This particularly applies to the use of the wheelchair by children.
2. The manufacturer's recommended maximum weight is 120kg (19 stone).
3. Know your own limitations in terms of strength and endurance before attempting any manoeuvres.

4. When in the wheelchair, use a sunscreen or umbrella to avoid sunburn.
5. The wheelchair frame can become hot when left outdoors during hot weather.
6. Do not allow children to stand on any part of the wheelchair.

OFFICE USE ONLY						
Time of collection						
Time of inspection						
Time of Return						
Proof Of Identity (tick)	Driving licence		Passport		Credit/debit card	
Inspected on return by						
Inspection Comments						

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION, PLEASE READ

Sandcruiser

Suited to elderly users or those who need to be in a more upright position and a higher transfer position. Due to the slope of West Beach, extra care is required when moving across the beach and should only be manoeuvred across gently sloping areas. It is advised to zig zag at a gentle angle rather than travelling straight down to the sea. The Sandcruiser can go to the shoreline if conditions are safe enough to do so but it cannot be used in the water. Two carers are highly recommended especially when pulling the wheelchair up the beach from the shoreline. The arms lift up, so users can gain access from the sides. There is a parking brake but no system for braking when in motion.

Hippocampe (Donated by Bridport Round Table)

Suited to younger users or those who are able to transfer to and from a lower position. There is a lap belt and shoulder harness. There is no braking system or parking brake. The Hippocampe is very light and easy to manoeuvre across the beach. It can go to the shoreline if conditions are safe enough to do so but it cannot be used in the water.

Mobi- Chair (Donated by Magna Housing)

The Mobi Chair can enter the sea and it floats. It can only be used with assistance from our designated trained instructor, who must accompany the user at all times while the chair is in the water. The user must go no deeper in the water than waist-high. The arms lift up to help facilitate access onto the wheelchair. The Council or its agent reserves the right to cancel the hire if the sea is too rough or the conditions are not safe.

Trail Glider wheelchair buggy (Donated by West Dorset MENCAP)

For users who need to remain in their own wheelchair. The wheelchair is pushed up a ramp onto the Trail Glider. The wheelchair is secured to the base and the Trail Glider can then be pushed across the beach. The transfer must be done on the matting on West Beach. Two carers are required due to the size and design of the Trail Glider. Extra care is required when moving across the beach and the Trail Glider should only be manoeuvred across gently sloping areas.