

Who are we? We are a friendly group of customer representatives who meet every 6 weeks to discuss our local experiences and improve highways and travel in Oxfordshire. OXTRAG is a 'user-led' organisation, and independent body composed of disabled and mobility-impaired people, and those with an interest in supporting them.

Who do we represent? You – and everyone who experiences a physical, sensory or learning difficulty due to illness, accident or age. With the aim of improving experiences, facilities and services countywide.

What difference do we make?

- We received a National Transport Award for our work in 2013. (<http://www.transporttimeevents.co.uk/awards-winners.php/National-Transport-Awards-2/>)
- We have advised the Government's Department for Transport on policy and practice – including the Disabled Persons' Transport Advisory Committee.
- We have led national standards of Disability Awareness Training for bus drivers (& monitor its application).
- We have an open & friendly dialogue with Oxon service providers.

- We have been judged (independently) to have done our job well. (http://www.mdctrailblazers.org/assets/000/1411/End_of_the_line_Report_FINAL.pdf)
- Our predecessor organisation led the First National Low Floor Bus Exhibition in 1995.
- We campaign for the rights of people with disabilities and represent them in many places or 'corridors of power'.
- We advise developments, challenge poor practice (for example some members have been advised in legal challenges against transport providers).
- We 'Access Audit' existing sites (to suggest inclusion improvements) and 'Access Assess' design proposals (for planned sites).
- We feed into consultations and campaigns.

Who are we supported by?

- OXTRAG is supported in its work by Oxfordshire County Council & legislation (including the 1985 & 2000 Transport Acts, 1995 & 2005 Disability Discrimination Acts and the 2010 Equality Act).
- Also we work in partnership with countywide council officers, public

transport providers, volunteers and highway authorities to promote and assist 'best practice' (in attitudes, training & design of highways and vehicles e.g. trains, buses, coaches, taxis). We address and challenge difficulties experienced.

What are our key aims? To campaign on Transport, Highways and Access issues that hinder disabled people from living independent lives.

- To improve attitudes towards safe travel for disabled people
- To encourage & help disabled people to use public transport
- To work closely with bus companies and transport providers
- To keep abreast of changes in the law relating to disability
- To work closely with Oxfordshire County Council in order to monitor, advise and consult on issues that have the potential to affect disabled people in Oxfordshire
- To co-operate with (local) councils to ensure that disability awareness is understood and carried out in all decision-making processes and contracts
- To ensure that public transport operators fulfil their statutory duties.

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How you can help

By joining OXTRAG you can attend the regular meetings and increase their knowledge of transport in your area, bring issues to their notice and join in any campaigning. Their campaigning has resulted in many of the transport and highway improvements that are enjoyed today.

If you would like to contribute or wish to seek advice about any transport issues, please contact:

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Come and join us - you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Ensuring accessible transport and access for disabled people

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Oxfordshire Transport and Access Group

OXTRAG



Welcomes you to join its work to improve public transport and access for disabled people & carers

If you have a disability, represent people who do, or are a carer for someone who is disabled, and would like to play an important part in influencing decisions throughout Oxfordshire please come and join us, and tell us of your experiences to help improve access for everyone.