



VW Danbury with wheelchair lift.

Motorcaravanning when disabled

I am interested in acquiring a mobile home for my wife and myself, possibly a new or very low mileage Volkswagen. My wife is confined to a wheelchair and is totally unable to help herself. Therefore, I would need to be able to get the chair into the main part of the vehicle.

Can you possibly supply any information which would be helpful?

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For adaptations for the disabled, I think you'll find the following able to assist:

Dawson Danbury, Main Road, Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex. (They have supplied a VW with side door hydraulic lift.) Neill & Bennett, 7 Wyngate Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, SK8 6ER. (They convert vehicles but particularly Renault and Talbot frontwheel drive with low floor - when a ramp is suitable. This is much cheaper than a lift.)

The following has, in the past, adapted ordinary motorcaravans for wheelchair access: Corvesgate Coachcraft, Unit 17, Elliott Road, West Howe, Bournemouth, Dorset, Ed

stopped working and, on returning home, I telephoned Mike Goode, who immediately got in his car and drove from Birmingham to South Wales to sort out the problem. As he was unable to cure it (after working on the problem from 9pm to midnight) he then arranged to fit another overdrive unit. The following Friday, he arrived at my house with another unit. (The fault was diagnosed as a faulty solenoid on the original unit. This was changed and then worked perfectly.)

I then went away in the van for a weekend and found an oil leak had developed in the solenoid, contacted Mike Goode and arranged to take the van to Birmingham for the problem to be sorted out and, at the same time, I would collect an exhaust system from John Carter.

The problem was cured and over 1000 miles later, I am delighted with the overdrive unit and I would like to thank John and Mike for the excellent service I received.

For the record, my mpg for 5000 miles previous to having the overdrive fitted was an average of 20.8 at speed of 50/55 mph. The 1000 miles since fitting has worked out at 26.2 mpg at speeds of 60