

Lossiemouth East Beach Wheelchair



Date of hire		Time out	
		Time in	
Hirer Details			
Name of hirer:			
Business name:			
Contact phone			
Address			
Emergency Contact details			
Name			
Phone			
Please read and initial the following statements -			
I have read the general terms and conditions.			
I have visually checked the wheelchair and there are no apparent defects. I accept full responsibility for the chair and will return it in good condition.			
I accept that Lossiemouth Community Development Trust are not liable for any accident or injury sustained while using the chair.			
Everyone in my party is happy for photographs to be used on website and/or social media.			
Hirer Signature		Date	
Name of LCDT volunteer			
Signature of LCDT volunteer		Date	
Any comments?			

General Terms and Conditions

About the LCDT Lossiemouth East Beach Wheelchair

- The chair is a Wheeleez Sandcruiser - <https://wheeleez.com/sandcruiser/>
- It is a fixed frame chair, with elevated leg supports and a lap belt. There are no inserts.
- Please ensure that the beach wheelchair is suitable for your needs before booking. If in doubt, see website above, email for more info or pop in and see the chair.
- The chair is currently kept at the Lossiemouth Community Development Trust offices, 8A Pitgaveny St, Lossiemouth IV 31 6NS, a short distance from the East Beach bridge in Lossiemouth.

About our service

- The beach wheelchair is provided free of charge by the Lossiemouth Community Development Trust. The service is operated thanks to the generosity of our local volunteer beach wheelchair hosts.
- To reserve the chair, email dto@lossietrust.org with at least 24 hours' notice of your preferred time (see note on tides, below). The default hire duration is two hours, but this is flexible.
- We will try to arrange for one of our voluntary beach wheelchair hosts to meet you. If no one is available at your preferred time, or if the chair is already on loan, you'll be advised to find another time.
- Typically, one of our beach wheelchair hosts will meet you at Lossiemouth's East Beach bridge at an agreed time. If you can collect the chair from our office, please let us know. Due to the risk of puncture, the chair can only be pushed unloaded between the office and the bridge.
- The Beach Wheelchair host on duty will meet you at the agreed location and time with the wheelchair.
- The host will introduce themselves, demonstrate how to use the chair works, answer questions and ask you to complete the paperwork, including name, address, mobile number and proof of address or identification prior to the wheelchair being released.
- If at any time you have any problems or concerns with the beach wheelchair whilst it is in your care, please phone the Beach Wheelchairs Volunteer on duty immediately using the mobile number provided when you collect the wheelchair.
- To return the chair, meet at the agreed time and place or call the host on the number provided.
- Please report any issues on return of the chair.

The chair is provided free of charge and operated by volunteers. Donations to support the service are very welcome but are not expected. There is a cash tin in reception or PayPal to dto@lossietrust.org.

BACS to Lossiemouth Community Development Trust, Bank of Scotland 80-22-60 12794262

Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

- The host cannot assist you with the transfer to the beach wheelchair from your normal wheelchair.
- You are responsible for ensuring that the beach wheelchair is suitable for your needs.
- You must provide someone who is fit enough to push the chair.
- The chair has a manual brake which must be engaged when transferring the user.
- Please use the lap strap provided.
- Always avoid leaving a user unattended, particularly if they cannot independently step out of the chair.
- Take care on inclined surfaces and do not take the wheelchair onto the sand dunes.
- Take care on the beach, especially near rocks and uneven sand.
- The inflatable tyres can be punctured by sharp objects on hard surfaces. Where possible, stick to sand and grass. The chair must not be taken across a road while a user is in situ.
- The chair is to be used on the East Beach and surrounding grass, and landscaped paving only. Do not take the wheelchair away from the designated area.
- Hard surfaces like concrete can be slippery, especially if covered with sand, making it slippery under the foot of those assisting the chair, particularly on an incline. Assistants should wear suitable, non-slip footwear to reduce the risk of slipping.
- The manual beach wheelchair can be taken into the shallows only (6" or 15cm depth). The seat of the beach wheelchair should not be submerged. Extreme care must be taken. Please be aware of the current sea conditions and always consider that these can change at any time.

Notes on the terrain and tides

- The East Beach is undulating soft white sand above the high-water mark. The wheels are wide and bouncy for the terrain, but it can require effort to push an adult on this surface. Firmer wet sand is much easier to push the chair over.
- For this reason, we advise checking tide times and avoid using the chair within two hours of high tide. Check tide times online at <https://www.tidetimes.org.uk/lossiemouth-tide-times>
- The beach is an exposed natural environment. Please take normal precautions whilst out in the elements. A blanket is recommended to keep the wind off feet and legs.

Checks to make before use

Before every use of the beach wheelchair, the hosts will perform a quick safety check to ensure the chair is in good condition for use:

- **Tyres** - Check for any visible cuts or punctures and ensure the tyres turn freely without resistance.
- **Brakes** - Ensure that the brakes engage and release smoothly. Test them in a stationary position to ensure they're functioning correctly.
- **Swivelling wheels** - Check they turn freely without obstruction or stiffness. This helps with maneuverability on different surfaces.
- **Straps and buckles** - Inspect the straps and buckles to ensure they are in working condition and fit properly for the user if available/required