**Nottinghamshire Media Research**

***Mansfield and Ashfield Chad***

Notes on Journalists/Publication:

* Most of the articles do not have specific authors however the following are some of the journalists listed on the website that I have been able to find background information on.

**Ashley Booker-** He is mostly a sports writer although I did find this one article that mentions disability written by him. It does not directly refer to wheelchair users. @ashatthechad

<http://www.chad.co.uk/sport/rugby/mansfield-firm-s-union-with-nottingham-rugby-club-to-find-the-next-generation-of-players-1-6446464>

His twitter feed is mostly about sports and the weather. Funny tweets

**Isabel Dunmore-** She has written a few articles regarding disability and refers to ‘wheelchair user’. The second article listed below is about encouraging and helping disabled people live independent lives. She has protected tweets but based on her LinkedIn profile is young and energetic and passionate about the reporting she does. @issy6

<http://www.chad.co.uk/news/local/beware-of-medequip-cold-callers-1-6180235>

<http://www.chad.co.uk/news/local/nottinghamshire-organisation-tells-disabled-people-to-live-life-your-way-1-5981484>

**Andy Done-Johnson-** He is a journalist and actor who is currently dividing his time between both. Andy does freelance and contract writing for news and PR markets. His twitter feed has links to many of his articles which range in topics. @andydonejohnson

<http://www.chad.co.uk/news/crime/mansfield-care-home-to-help-police-work-better-with-disabled-people-1-5945428>

<http://www.chad.co.uk/news/crime/legion-aid-mission-for-raf-hero-ron-1-6417017>

Types of Disability Articles in General: (No authors given)

1. Disabled may lose free parking in council-owned car parks in Mansfield. Refer to ‘wheelchair users’

<http://www.chad.co.uk/news/local/disabled-may-lose-free-parking-1-694110>

2. A young boy with cerebal palsy is confined to his home his parents say is too small and not adapted to his needs. They are working with the Mansfield District Council to relocate to a 3-bedroom home but it is taking a long time. Refer to ‘Wheelchair bound’

<http://www.chad.co.uk/news/local/mansfield-cerebal-palsy-sufferer-a-prisoner-in-his-home-1-714253>

3. Mansfield District Council secured an extra £123,000 of Government cash to help disabled people live more comfortably and independently. Refer to ‘Wheelchair bound’

<http://www.chad.co.uk/news/local/home-modification-grants-available-for-mansfield-disabled-1-5353374>

4. West Nottinghamshire College has launched the ‘Freedom 1’ forklift truck into the college’s logistics curriculum enabling wheelchair users, amputees and those with lower limb disorders or dwarfism to participate in a logistics training courses. Refer to ‘wheelchair user’

<http://www.chad.co.uk/news/local/college-launches-forklift-truck-for-disabled-students-1-3219271>

***Beeston Express***

There are only two issues of the publication available online and neither have any articles on disability. There are no journalists listed.

***Eastwood and Kimberley Observer***

Notes on Journalists:

\*\* The following is a reporter listed on the page but no specific articles to attribute directly to her linked to disability.

**Laura Rands-** She writes a wide range of articles for the publication. On twitter she posts links to her articles and pictures from her personal life and travels. @LauraRands

Types of Disability Articles in General: (No authors given)

1. Nottinghamshire County Council has been given the go ahead to launch the disabled person’s registration card which will allow disabled people to prove their disability if ever challenged.

<http://www.eastwoodadvertiser.co.uk/news/local/go-ahead-to-help-disabled-1-659108>

1. A new £1.7m short-break centre for disabled children opened up Kirk Hallam. Designed to give children with all kinds of disabilities a chance to make friends, socialize and have fun in a safe environment.

<http://www.eastwoodadvertiser.co.uk/news/local/1-75m-home-for-disabled-children-1-4681497>

1. Job service for disabled is launched in Eastwood.

<http://www.eastwoodadvertiser.co.uk/news/local/job-service-for-the-disabled-is-launched-in-eastwood-1-926342>

1. The Paralympic fencer, Simon Wilson, opens a youth gym for disabled.

<http://www.eastwoodadvertiser.co.uk/news/local/olympic-hopeful-opens-gym-1-4300121>

1. Community group have been campaigning for better disability access at Alfreton station. This would include a wheelchair ramp that extended to the south platform. Refer to ‘wheelchair user’

<http://www.eastwoodadvertiser.co.uk/news/local/station-needs-disabled-access-1-5901932>

***Hucknall Dispatch***

Types of Articles on Disability: (No authors listed)

1. Woman barred from The Empire because she had too much to drink and was disabled. The manager told the woman and her friends they were no longer welcome because getting a disabled person drunk was not acceptable. (She was 25)

<http://www.hucknalldispatch.co.uk/news/the-night-my-disabled-friend-got-drunk-and-was-barred-1-4504103>

1. In Nov. of 2004, the then MP of Hucknall, Paddy Tipping, was pushed around in the town center to see just how difficult it was for wheelchair users.

<http://www.hucknalldispatch.co.uk/news/local/what-s-it-like-to-be-disabled-in-hucknall-1-679324>

***Loughborough Echo***

Notes on Journalists:

**Pete Warrington-** He is the story editor and sports writer who has been with the paper since 1994. He does not seem to have a twitter.

<http://www.loughboroughecho.net/sport/other-sport/loughborough-ltc-coaches-embrace-disability-6414529>

**Amy Watkins-** She has written a variety of articles on disability. Refers to as ‘wheelchair user’ and ‘vulnerable people’ The last article listed below is about a charity calendar aimed at celebrating disabled bodies. Amy is a self-proclaimed fashionista and tweets about fashion and articles she has written. Seems fun and excited about what she does. @amyfashionfix

<http://www.loughboroughecho.net/news/local-news/recruitment-afternoon-volunteers-being-held-6671974>

<http://www.loughboroughecho.net/news/local-news/households-urged-take-advantage-loans-6453660>

<http://www.loughboroughecho.net/news/local-news/part-move-more-4-less-6423030>

<http://www.loughboroughecho.net/news/local-news/craft-sessions-disabled-mountsorrel-library-5806972>

<http://www.loughboroughecho.net/news/local-news/loughborough-woman-elizabeth-guasp-strips-6350422>

**David Godsall-** He has been at the *Loughborough Echo* since 1996 and runs their travel page. David tweets about anything and everything he has children and talks about them a lot of twitter as well as well as various other topics. @Journodavey

<http://www.loughboroughecho.net/news/local-news/loughborough-lions-club-launches-message-6343894>

<http://www.loughboroughecho.net/news/local-news/disabled-parking-bays-reviewed-5806537>

Types of Disability Articles in General:

There is a wide range of topics covered in this publication on disability:

* Tennis clinics for disabled
* Volunteer recruitment to work with elderly and disabled
* Encouraging disabled to claim for the help they are eligible for
* Loughborough residents encouraged to get active in new year with indoor cycling, golf and disabled sports
* Craft sessions at a local library for disabled
* Charity calendar celebrating bodies of disabled
* Identification cards with medication and history for disabled to carry in case of emergency
* Disabled parking bays reviewed

Use term ‘vulnerable people’ in a lot of the articles.

***Newark Advertiser***

Notes on Journalists:

**Andrew Miller-** It is difficult to find more specific information on him but his name is listed as the journalist for the following articles. I believe he is the author of the novel *Snowdrops*. He tweets about his book and articles he has written. @ADMiller18

<http://www.newarkadvertiser.co.uk/articles/news/Illness-above-average>

<http://www.newarkadvertiser.co.uk/articles/news/Supporting-those-on-disability-allowance>

These articles are about:

* Newark and Sherwood have an above average level of illness and disability when compared nationally but lower than the country average.
* Campaign to help understanding of disability living allowance.

**Dan Churcher-** He is the head of news at the *Newark Advertiser* and does not seem to have a twitter.

Wounded military veteran granted disability parking badge after 2 year battle.

<http://www.newarkadvertiser.co.uk/articles/news/Two-year-fight-for-disability-parking-over-fo>

***Nottingham and Long Eaton Topper***

This publication only has articles from the latest issue on the website and there is nothing on disability. There are also no journalists listed in the articles or on the website to cross reference with other publications.

***Nottingham Post***

* There are no journalists listed on the website and I can’t seem to find them anywhere else either. The contact page for the publication only gives general emails.

Types of Disability Articles in General: (No authors given)

1. Forest fans have donated money to help fund football for disabled young people. Refer to ‘disabled young people’

<http://www.nottinghampost.com/Fans-pitch-aid-disabled-youngsters/story-20655998-detail/story.html>

1. Notts County Council planned to withdraw transport help for those people with the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance – around 600 people. Luckily for them, the council decided to look for other ways to reduce costs. Refer to ‘vulnerable’

<http://www.nottinghampost.com/Change-heart-transport-budget/story-20656277-detail/story.html>

1. Nottingham has been selected by the Tennis Foundation as one of the major Disability Network Venues in the UK. Refer to ‘people with a disability’

<http://www.nottinghampost.com/Nottingham-receives-accolade-disability-tennis/story-20617800-detail/story.html>

***Retford Trader & Guardian***

Notes on Journalist:

**Sam Chetwynd-** She writes a broad range of articles. On twitter she posts only links to her articles and news related tweets. @SamChetwyn

**Hayley Gallimore-** She is young and passionate about her work. On twitter she posts links to articles and other funny stories as well. She is definitely an upbeat person. @MissScribble

Types of Disability Articles:

1. A group of disabled people are taking legal action against Notts County Council for discriminating against them because of their disability.

<http://www.retfordtoday.co.uk/news/local/council-facing-legal-case-1-4645683>

1. Disabled parking on Bridge Street in Notts County has restricted disability parking, causing many issues.

<http://www.retfordtoday.co.uk/news/local/council-defends-disabled-parking-1-3993001>

***Retford, Gainsborough & Worksop Times***

This publication doesn’t have articles on its website but is directly linked to *Retford Trader & Guardian*. See above information.