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THREE KINGS CAVALCADE 5TH JANUARY 2013 – ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Government has been working closely with the Cavalcade Committee so that the event can be enjoyed by members in the community who have a physical disability and the elderly.

The Care Agency will this year be making arrangements to make available four designated areas along Main Street providing chairs for elderly people, people with mobility impairment supported with the blue badge scheme as well as areas for wheelchair and mobility scooter users.

The designated areas will be as follows:

The Piazza - Chairs will be provided as well as an area for wheelchair and mobility scooter users within a demarcated area.

Library Ramp - Chairs will be provided within a demarcated area

Cathedral Square - Chairs will be provided within a demarcated area

The Convent - Chairs will be provided within a demarcated area as well as an area for wheelchair and mobility scooter users.

People wishing to make use of this provision need to register by contacting The Care Agency Shopmobility Centre at Unit 4G ICC. Telephone No 20079898, email <u>disability.info@careagency.gov.gi</u> before the 4th January 2013.

Commenting on the matter, Minister for Equality and Social Services, Samantha Sacramento said 'Once again the Government is striving to include our elderly community and people with disabilities into social events. It is the first time ever that there has been an initiative to cater for these groups so that they are able to enjoy the cavalcade which is a much loved event in Gibraltar's social calendar. The Care Agency has worked closely with the Cavalcade Committee, the Ministry for Culture and the Royal Gibraltar Police in order to be able to achieve this.'

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