

Motability's Road to 45

Motability, the Charity, has helped disabled people to make journeys for 45 years. And we're determined to do even more. Our oversight of the Motability Scheme, together with our research and innovation, means that we will continue to work towards making transport more accessible for disabled people for years to come.

Here are just some of our highlights from the last 45 years.

1977

Motability, the Charity, is established to help disabled people to get an affordable car using their Mobility Allowance.

1978

Ten disabled people receive the keys for the first vehicles delivered on the Motability Scheme.

1979

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth becomes Chief Patron of Motability.

1990/ 1991

The first time we give over £1 million in grants in a single year.

1998

One million vehicles.

2006

We celebrate two million vehicles delivered for disabled people and their families.

2011

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth joins us to honour UK Paralympians and celebrate the three millionth vehicle.

2013

The first fully electric vehicle is available to lease from the Motability Scheme.

2017

We reach our 40th anniversary and 4.5 million vehicles.

2022

Sponsored by Motability and the UK Government Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV), the new, world-leading BSI standard for accessible electric vehicle charging is launched.

2022

45 years of Motability

5.5 million vehicles on the road since we started, thousands of grants given and six new grants to charities and organisations just launched. Continuing to support disabled people to make the journeys they choose now and in the future.