



Super scooters: Taking delivery of the bikes are Pete Kelly, Lee Wyatt, Craig Gambling, Sue Addison, John Foster of Foster's Bakery, and the Jobcentre's Phil Adams. Picture: Wes Hobson

Wheels2Work relaunched

A SCHEME which enables people to hire scooters to take up training and new employment opportunities has been relaunched.

JobCentre Plus and Barnsley Work and Skills Board hosted the relaunch of South Yorkshire Wheels2Work in Barnsley on Wednesday.

For a small monthly payment people who cannot get the bus to a new job can now use a motorised scooter.

Riders are provided with safety equipment and undergo compulsory basic training.

Viv Allen, South Yorkshire Wheels2Work manager, said: "We have seen how this project makes a real difference to people and we are sure that more will use our scooters to enable them to get into work or to take up training."

Lee Wyatt, of Monk Bretton, and Dale Kelly, of Cudworth, have been the first to take up Wheels2Work.

They work shifts with early mornings and late nights so they could not rely on public transport.

The scooters enable them to work more shifts, take shifts at short notice and also means they could work overtime without worrying about how to get to and from work.

The scheme is funded by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, European funding through Yorkshire Forward and is supported by JobCentre Plus and Barnsley Work and Skills Board.

John Foster, chairman of Barnsley Work and Skills Board, said: "For so many people transportation creates an obstacle to being able to attend training and jobs and this scheme provides a positive solution to this."

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