

# London Paralympics 2012 mascot



Named after **Stoke Mandeville Hospital**, birthplace of Paralympic Games, first held in 1948

# Mandeville

**Head shape:** Aerodynamic helmet shape reflects Paralympian "agitos" emblem

**Headlight:** Represents London taxi "for hire" sign

**Single eye:** Represents camera lens to view world

**Colour:** Steely blue for determination

**Stopwatch:** Tracks personal best times

**Fluid form:** Streamlined to reflect fluidity of spirit in motion

**Partners:** **Wenlock** was mascot for Olympic Games

British writer **Michael Morpurgo**, author of **War Horse**, created back story for mascots – imagining they are fashioned from last drops of steel used to build Olympic Stadium

