



Hello again from all of us here at Vision Support. If you would like to get in touch with us you can email us at information@visionsupport.org.uk or you can call us on 01244 381515.

Our planned groups and Community Information service schedules may be subject to change so please get in touch beforehand to avoid disappointment.

We are pleased to say our first online and in person Annual General Meeting AGM was a success and we hope it will enable more people to attend in future. If you would like to become a member, contact us via the above details for more information. Yearly membership is £5 and lifetime membership is £25.

Congratulations to Nia who joined us in the last year, running our online and virtual groups in North East Wales amongst many other things as our Community Development Worker. Nia has just taken on the exciting new role of North Wales Operations Manager so we are now advertising two job openings in the Cheshire and North Wales areas for replacement Community Development Workers.

In our last news letter we spoke about the new Denbighshire Sensory Support Service, which is a new service provided via Denbighshire County Council and delivered by Vision Support and Centre of Sign-Sight-Sound.

The launch, this February in Rhyl, was a great success and we will be holding further pop up events in Denbighshire. So If you or someone you know has a vision impairment, is Deaf or has hearing loss, and would like to come along to the next event, please get in touch through our contact details at the top of the page.



Demonstration Days with Optelec

We have a few upcoming events this March that we are really looking forward to. After being unable to hold our usual demonstration days for so long, we now have three towards the end of March with Optelec.

On **Monday 28th of March** we will be visiting **Llandudno** Promenade, Prince Edward Square, between 10am and 3pm.

Then on **Tuesday the 29th of March** we will be in **Prestatyn**, Lower High Street car park between 10am and 3pm.

Both days are a drop in day with Optelec on the Community Information Service vehicle where you can gain hands on experience with products and technology to assist you with your daily activities, magnifiers, electronics, reading machines and more!



Then on **Wednesday 30th March** is an appointment only day in AVOW in **Wrexham**. To book your place or to find out more, please call 0800 145 6115 or email sarahk@optelec.co.uk

The Take on 250 challenge from January has helped to raise just over £635 for Vision Support. We would like to say a special thank you to Izzy, Martin and Geraldine for giving their time. All of your efforts are really appreciated!



If you are wanting to raise some money for charity, did you know you can donate through JustGiving at any time? Or set up your own page on JustGiving to spread the word about your fundraising and choose a charity of your choice to donate to?

Pictured to the right is Geraldine knitting for the Take on 250 challenge



Community Information Service

Below are a selection of visits we have planned for March with the Community Information Service. Please note that the schedule can be subject to change. If you have any questions, please call us on **01244 381515** or email **information@visionsupport.org.uk**. The schedule can also be found on our website, **www.visionsupport.org.uk**

Wednesday 9th **Kingswood Kingsway** 10.00am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 9th **Blacon Library** 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 10th at **Tweedmill, Trefnant** 10.00am - 2.30pm

Thursday 10th **Widnes Market** 10.00am - 3.00pm

Friday 11th **Handforth Library** 10.00am - 12.00pm

Sunday 13th at **Morrisons, Holyhead** 10.30am - 2.30pm

Monday 21st at **Rhos on Sea by TIC** 10.00am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 23rd at **Llangefni Town Hall Car Park** 10.30am - 2.30pm

Thursday 24th at **Y Maes Car Park, Pwllheli** 10.30am - 2.30pm

Monday 28th at **Llandudno Prom by Cenotaph** 10.00am - 2.30pm

Tuesday 29th **Gordale Garden Centre** 10.00am - 3.00pm

Tuesday 29th **Prestatyn Lower High St Car Park** 10.00am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 30th **Widnes Market** 10.00am - 3.00pm

Thursday 31st **Ellesmere Port Market Car Park** 10.00am - 3.00pm

Thursday 31st at **Chirk Town Hall** 10.30am - 2.30pm

Our Community Information Service is still busy travelling and setting up new places to visit in East Cheshire. If you would like us to set up in your area, or attend one of your events in east Cheshire please get in touch with **James** on **0151 511 8801** .

Wrexham Visionaires - A New Start

At the beginning of February our Wrexham Visionaires group started the year with a bang as the group met at their new venue at the Wrexham Methodist Church. The group was attended by around 20 service users who enjoyed catching up after the Christmas break. The group has been run by our fantastic longstanding volunteers Pam and Sue; they found the new venue, which was a big success. We just want to say thank you to all of our social group volunteers like Pam and Sue as without you we would not be able to run essential social groups like this which make such a big difference to the lives of those who attend.

Picture below shows 17 members of the Wrexham Visionaires group, including our volunteers, sitting or standing around two different tables with blue and white polka dot tablecloths.



We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who has lately taken part in our virtual events and training sessions. These have included social and peer support groups, our steering group and most recently our AGM, which was held in a blended approach with some people attending in person and others joining us virtually.

Although some of our social groups have returned to meeting in person, we are still offering opportunities to meet and chat virtually as this has made a big difference to those who would previously have been unable to attend our groups. With the fresh opportunity to meet online and via telephone, access to transport is no longer the barrier it was.

If you would like to take part in more of our virtual activities either via telephone or online – but aren't sure how this would work or would like more information, please call us on 01244 381515.