



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](mailto:information@visionsupport.org.uk) or you can call us on 01244 381515.

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

We would like to start off this month's news-sheet with a fond farewell to Carl Mitchelson who has retired after 15 years working as a Home Visitor in Cheshire. The team in Cheshire will miss him and we wish him all the best for his future.

Alongside our goodbyes, we would like to say a big hello and welcome to Isabelle Stanway who is joining the Rehab Team in Denbighshire for two months as a trainee rehab worker.

Kate Bibby and Catherine Thompson, our new Cheshire and North Wales Community Development Workers. Their arrival means that we will be able to hold more online and in person activities for everyone throughout the year, which we are very much looking forward to.

If you'd be interested in getting involved with any of our groups, please get in touch through the details above. We now have three Kates working for Vision Support including Kate Bibby who is mentioned above; we also have Kate Hurst in Admin and Kate Benn for Digital Inclusion!

Our next event will be a demonstration day with VisionAid, on Thursday the 19th of May at the Bluecoat on Upper Northgate Street in Chester. Please come along between 10am and 3pm to try out some of the latest low vision equipment. VisionAid's friendly specialist, Jason Shaw, will be on hand to answer your questions.

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## **Touchwood Bowling Club**

If you have a vision impairment and would like to enjoy a game of bowls, whether you are new to the sport or have tried it before, the Touchwood Bowling Group would like to invite you to join them!

The group meet at the Bradley Park Club near Wrexham from 10:30am till 12:30pm. There is plenty of support available with two professional bowls coaches to provide guidance. The group meet in all weathers from April through to September. If you are interested please contact Secretary Christine Curtis on 01978 855586.

Did you know Vision Support have a Bowls club in Chester? If you are local to Chester give us a call to find out more on 01244 381515

## **Vision Support Steering Group**

Would you like to get more involved with Vision Support and the work that we do? Our Steering Group are looking to recruit new members, so please get in touch if the below sounds of interest to you.

The Steering Group aims to ensure that the people who will benefit from Vision Support's projects and services are meaningfully involved in their design and delivery.

The Steering Group also reviews information from Vision Support's Sight Loss Stakeholder events, surveys and focus groups and work together to identify priorities for consideration by the Board of Trustees and to share good practice.

The Steering Group includes county-wide representatives with a vision impairment, a representative from our Board of Trustees and a member of Vision Support's staff.

We would like to thank our current Steering Group members for the vital work that they do and we appreciate time and input they bring to each meeting. Our Steering Group members bring with them invaluable knowledge and an understanding of sight loss. If you would like to find out more, please call 01244 381515 and ask for Janette.

## Community Information Service

Below are the visits we have planned for May 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**

Tuesday 3rd **Waverton Shops** 10.00am – 12.00pm

Tuesday 3rd **Barbour Institute Tattenhall** 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Wednesday 4th **Kingswood Kingsway** 10.00am – 12.00pm

Wednesday 4th **Blacon Library** 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Wednesday 4th **Bellis Bros, Holt** 10.30am – 2.30pm

Thursday 5th **Widnes Market Community Stall** 10.00am – 3.00pm

Monday 9th **Rhos on Sea, by TIC** 10.00am – 2.30pm

Tue 10th **Runcorn Shopping City nr New Look** 10.00am – 3.00pm

Wed 11th **Northwich Town Centre near Boots** 10.00am – 3.00pm

Thursday 12th **Ellesmere Port Market Car Park** 10.00am – 3.00pm

Thursday 12th **Criccieth Main Car Park** 10.30am – 2.30pm

Friday 13th **Prestatyn Lower High Street Car Park** 10.30am – 2.30pm

Wednesday 18th **Morrisons, Caernarfon** 10.00am – 2.30pm

Thursday 19th **Y Maes Car Park, Pwllheli** 10.30am – 2.30pm

Friday 20th **Llangollen Pavilion Car Park** 10.30am – 2.30pm

Monday 23rd **Llandudno Prom by Cenotaph** 10.00am – 2.30pm

Tuesday 24th **Asda, Queensferry** 10.30am – 2.30pm

Wednesday 25th **Asda, Kinmel Bay** 10.00am – 2.30pm

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**Thurs 26th Amlwch Car Park by Medical Centre 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Friday 27th Tesco, Llandudno Junction 10.00am – 2.30pm**

**Monday 30th Chirk AAA Car Park 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Tuesday 31st Flint Pavilion 10.30am – 2.30pm**

Our Community Information Service is able to run thanks to funding from organisations like the National Lottery. We would like to say a big thank you to the National Lottery Community Fund from all of us at Vision Support!



## **Dual Sensory Loss Support Group Launch Event, Ruthin**

**On Thursday 14th April in partnership with the Macular Society and Centre of Sign, Sight, Sound we had a fantastic launch event which took place at the Naylor Centre in Ruthin.**

**The purpose of the event was to not only raise awareness about the services available for people with dual sensory loss but to also speak to local people living with a dual sensory loss to see if they would like to attend a social group in the area.**

**We are pleased to say that we had a great turnout and that everyone who attended said that they would really enjoy attending a monthly Dual Sensory Loss Social Group.**

**We will now be looking at potential venues and, importantly, recruiting volunteers to support and run the group. If you know of anyone who would be willing to help once a month please get in touch!**

**If you could not attend the launch event but would like to register your interest for the social group or if you would like to know more about volunteering for the group and what the role would entail, please call Nia on 07548 829635 or email [ngreer@visionsupport.org.uk](mailto:ngreer@visionsupport.org.uk)**