



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 can be subject to change so please get in touch beforehand to avoid disappointment.

We have some great free events coming up so please come along if you are available and local to the area. With Christmas fast approaching we'd like to remind you to save the date for our Halton Carol Concert on Tuesday the 6th of December at Holy Trinity Church in Runcorn with Castle View Primary School. If you'd like to attend please contact Kate Bibby on 07842 319377.

Our upcoming Stakeholder Events are to facilitate discussions around services and information for people with a vision impairment, alongside hot drinks and snacks. This is in partnership with Centre of Sign Sight Sound (COS) and our first event in Flintshire in October was well attended.

- Wrexham Stakeholder — Wednesday 16th November, Wrexham Methodist Church, Regent Street, LL11 1RY. 1pm - 4pm.
- Denbighshire Stakeholder — Monday 12th December, Presbyterian Church of Wales, Nant Hall Road Church, Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, LL19 9LR 1pm—4pm.
- The Conwy Stakeholder will be in 2023. Date to be confirmed.

If you would like to attend or to find out what regular monthly groups we run, please get in touch on 01244 381515.

VI Voices Campaigning Groups

We have relaunched our VI Voices campaigning groups for North East Wales. The aim of these groups is to discuss any issues affecting you and be a voice for people living with a vision impairment, to help build greater awareness and understanding throughout the community and across other organisations. These groups are vital to ensure that the voices of people living with a vision impairment in your area are heard.

Our VI Voices groups meet bi-monthly at the following locations

Denbighshire VI Voices – Prestatyn Library

Wrexham VI Voices – Ty AVOW, Wrexham

Flintshire VI Voices – Mold Library

Cheshire Sight Loss Information Survey

The purpose of the study was to find out how people in Cheshire access information to support their vision impairment and what information was most useful to them. The overall aim of the project is to improve information for people with a vision impairment in Cheshire and is a partnership between NHS England, Vision Support and East Cheshire Eye Society.

Here are a few of the key results from the survey. If you would like a copy of the summary report, please get in touch on 01244 381515 or visit the survey section of our website: www.visionsupport.org.uk/surveys

- 56% of information is accessed via NHS Hospital Ophthalmology.
- 68% found information about low vision aids most useful.
- 73% said face to face communication was the preferred option.
- 28% said they had help from local charities.
- 32% said they had not had, there was a lack of and/or they did not know where to get information.

Theatre Clwyd

If you live with a vision impairment and have an interest in theatre, then we need you! We have been asked to help in the development of a completely new musical focussing on the life of Otto Weidt which will be performed at Theatre Clwyd next year.

About the production: Otto Weidt did amazing things for people living with sensory impairment who were persecuted during the holocaust. The writers are really keen to involve the vision impaired community to not only ensure that the representation of characters are accurate but also to gain an insight into the world of vision impairment in order to ensure that the production tries new ways of increasing accessibility for vision impaired audience members.

The project: We are planning a range of events to be involved in this project such as virtual focus groups, in person script readings and drama workshops. The first event will be on the 18th November.

This project is open to anyone living with a vision impairment who is able to either join virtually or if possible who are able to travel to Theatre Clwyd to take part in the various face to face workshops.

We are following tight deadlines as set by the production so if this is something you would be interested in, please contact Nia as soon as possible on 07548 829635 or email ngreer@visionsupport.org.uk

Vision Support Website

Do you use the Vision Support website? Did you know we had a website? We would love it if you could take the time to visit www.visionsupport.org.uk and let us know what you think of it! Do you find it easy to navigate? What works or doesn't work for you? What would you like to see on our website? And what would you like to have more information about?

We are also on Facebook under Vision Support Charity and on Twitter at [@_VisionSupport](https://twitter.com/_VisionSupport) if you would like to give us a follow.

Community Information Service

Below are a selection of visits we have planned for November with the Community Information Service. Please note we have two vehicles.

This is not the full schedule and can be subject to change.

For the full month's schedule please call us on **01244 381515** or email **information@visionsupport.org.uk** . It can also be found on our website, **www.visionsupport.org.uk**

Monday 14th at **Morrisons, Rhyl** 10.00am - 2.30pm

Tuesday 15th **Bellis Brothers Market, Holt** 10.00am - 3.00pm

Wednesday 16th **Northwich Town Centre Nr Boots** 10.00am - 3.00pm

Wednesday 16th **Morrisons, Caernarfon** 10.30am - 2.30pm

Thursday 17th **Ellesmere Port Market Car Park** 10.00am - 3.00pm

Thursday 17th **Corwen Green Lane car park** 10.30am - 2.30pm

Monday 21st **Llandudno Prom by Cenotaph** 10.00am - 2.30pm

Tuesday 22nd **Kingswood Kingsway** 10.00am - 12.00pm

Tuesday 22nd **Blacon library** 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Wednesday 23rd **Widnes Market Community Stall** 10.00am - 3.00pm

Wednesday 23rd **Morrisons, Wrexham** 10.30am - 2.30pm

Thursday 24th **Northwich Victoria Hospital** 10.00am - 3.00pm

Thursday 24th **Flint Pavilion** 10.30am - 2.30pm

Friday 25th **Amlwch car park by Medical Centre** 10.30am - 2.30pm

Monday 28th **Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor** 10.30am - 2.30pm

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

Tuesday 29th **Rhyl Library Talking Point** 10.00am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 30th **Frodsham Library Princeway** 10.00am - 3.00pm

Wednesday 30th **Asda, Queensferry** 10.30am - 2.30pm