

Welcome to the February 2023
Vision Support newsletter.
If you would like to get in touch please call 01244 381515 or email information@visionsupport.org.uk

Time to Chat Dial-in Group

We understand how difficult it can be to travel to face to face social groups and so that no one is missing out we are launching our first monthly Vision Support wide dial-in social group where you can join either by phone or through Teams and meet others living with a vision impairment in parts of Cheshire, Halton and North Wales. There will be exciting speakers/entertainment each month and we are really looking forward to launching this new social group.

To make sure you don't miss out on the fun please contact Vision Support to register your interest and get booked on.

A new Royal Society for Blind Children project called 'Access Unlimited' has been launched and we are delighted to be a partner of this new initiative. This project aims to: Create accredited training for groups for children and young people in the community throughout Wales so these are accessible to children and young people living with sight loss; and reduce the postcode lottery for services and opportunities for vision impaired children and young people living in Wales.

For our area Kim Pearson is the Family Practitioner who will provide the information, advice and guidance so please refer to her via kim.pearson@rsbc.org.uk

As a partner, our role is to promote this fantastic project as much as possible. We have printed leaflets available at the Chester head office so please let us know if you would like one posting or emailing over to you.



Vision Support Open Days 2023 Covering all areas of sight loss



Come along and meet your local support and services

Try out the latest in products and technology with our consultant, who is there to answer any questions you may have. Find out about local groups and much more, for more information call 0800 145 6115

All events run from 10am to 2pm

Monday 20th March - The Ask Centre, 9 Water Street Rhyl LL18 1SP

<u>Tuesday 21st March</u> – Vision Support Chester, Bluecoat Square

Upper Northgate Street, CH1 4EE

Monday 27th March – Northwich Methodist Outreach Centre, 163 Witton Street, CW9 5EA

<u>Tuesday 28th March</u> – Halton Sensory Services, 126 Widnes Road
WA8 6AX



















Vision Support Services and Membership

We would like to thank all of you who have supported Vision Support over the years by paying an annual membership fee or by contributing to the Lifetime Membership Scheme.

All of your contributions have enabled us to continue to provide much needed services within the local communities such as;

Home Visitors, Rehabilitation Officers, Digital Skills Training, Welfare Rights Advice, Counselling Service, Social Groups and Campaigning Groups.

If you would like to find out more about these free services, find out how to become a member or continue with your annual membership, please call us on 01244 381515 or simply fill in the below slip and send, along with your membership fee, to Vision Support, Units 1 and 2 The Ropeworks, Whipcord Lane, Chester, Cheshire CH1 4DZ.

Yearly membership is £5.00 and Lifetime Membership is £25.00. Please note: Cheques should be made out to "Vision Enhancement Services"

We would like to thank you all once again for your continued support. It's because of you we are able to expand our services and support so many people.

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| amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is | |
| my responsibility to pay any difference. | |

Community Information Service

Below are a selection of visits we have planned for March 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**

Thursday 9th Northwich Victoria Hospital 10.00am – 3.00pm Sunday 12th Ysbyty Maelor Hospital, Wrexham 10.30am – 2.30pm Tuesday 14th Co-op Runcorn old Town 10.00am – 3.00pm Wed 15th Northwich Town Centre near Boots 10.00am – 3.00pm Thursday 16th Widnes Market Community Stall 10.00am – 3.00pm Monday 20th Llandudno Prom by Cenotaph 10.00am – 2.30pm Tuesday 21st Gordale Garden Centre Burton 10.00am – 3.00pm Wednesday 22nd Frodsham Library 10.00am – 3.00pm Wednesday 22nd Morrisons, Caernarfon 10.30am – 2.30pm Thursday 23rd Northwich Victoria Hospital 10.00am – 3.00pm Thursday 23rd LlysY Coed, Llanfairfechan 10.30am – 2.30pm Friday 24th **Asda, Llandudno** 10.00am – 2.30pm Monday 27th Cae Pwmp car park, Cemaes 10.30am – 2.30pm Tuesday 28th Rhyl Library Talking Point 10.00am – 2.30pm Wednesday 29th Widnes Market Community Stall 10.00am – 3.00pm Wednesday 29th **Asda, Queensferry** 10.30am – 2.30pm Tuesday 30th Ellesmere Port Market Car Park 10.00am – 3.00pm Thursday 30th **Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor** 10.30am – 2.30pm Friday 31st Mold Rugby Club (adjacent car park) 10.30am – 2.30pm