



# Our Services

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### **Hello and welcome**

The Wiltshire Blind Association is here to offer information, advice and support to people of all ages affected by sight loss, and their families.

### **A little bit about us**

The Wiltshire Blind Association is a local charity covering both Wiltshire and Swindon. Formed in 1919, we have evolved to be a charity that looks after anyone in the local community affected by sight loss. We're a source of support, helping with the things that people affected by sight loss want and need. We receive no statutory funding and rely on the generosity of our supporters and the local community.

People need information and emotional support, so we listen and share information through our team of sight advisers who work in the local community and our Central Services telephone line at our head office.

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For more Information about any of our services please contact us on **01380 723 682** or email **enquires@wiltshireblind.org**.

Further information is available on our website **www.wiltshireblind.org**

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## Our menu of services

### Help Line

We provide **telephone support** Monday to Friday between 10am and 2pm. **01380 723682**

For **Email support** please email **enquiries@wiltshireblind.org** please note that this email is only monitored between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday.

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### **Clubs**

Clubs are a great way to meet people and try out new things.

#### **Devizes Craft Club – Nicky Harrer**

A friendly club for Visually Impaired People and their Carers to take part in a wide range of crafts and activities. Meets every Friday from 10am to 1pm at the Nursted Centre, Nursted Road. All Welcome.

#### **Swindon Craft Club – Lou Curtis**

A friendly club for Visually Impaired People and their Carers to take part in a wide range of crafts and activities. Meets every Tuesday from 10.00am to 1pm at Craven House, Victoria Road, Swindon. All Welcome

#### **Amesbury Social Club – Cath Johnson**

A friendly Social club with a range of activities to suit visually impaired people over 65. Second and fourth Tuesday each month 10.00am to 12 noon.

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### **Bradford on Avon Club**

Meet up for a coffee and a chat. The club is held on the second Tuesday of each month at Cedar Court, Berryfield Road in Bradford-on-Avon from 9.45am to 12 noon. All Welcome.

### **Drop in's**

Our Drop in's provide a friendly place in the community to find out more about what support and resources are available to those with sight loss and their families. As well as offer a place to meet others in similar situations and have a chat over a friendly cup of coffee. Refreshments provided. The sessions are run by our Community Sight Advisers. Please feel free to just drop in at any session or contact us for further information

### **Warminster Drop in – Peggy Prior**

Second Tuesday in the month from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Warminster Fire Station

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### **Devizes Drop in – Jen Wickens**

First Friday of the month from 10am to 12 noon at  
St Lucy's, Commercial Road, Devizes

### **Salisbury Drop in – Peggy Prior**

Low vision centre at Salisbury hospital from  
10.30am to 12.30pm. Meets every six weeks on a  
Wednesday

### **Trowbridge Drop in – Cath Johnson**

Third Tuesday of the month from 10am to 12pm at  
County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge

### **Swindon Drop in – Jan Underwood**

Second Tuesday of the month from 10.30am to  
12.30pm noon at Craven House, Victoria Road,  
Swindon

### **Bradford upon Avon Drop in – Theresa McMordie**

Second Tuesday of the month from 10.00am to  
12noon at Cedar Court, Berryfield Road

### **Amesbury Drop in – Cath Johnson/Jen Wickens**

Fourth Tuesday of each month from 10am to 12  
noon at Antrobus House, 39 Salisbury Road.

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### **Resource Drop in – Jen Wickens**

Every Friday morning from 10am to 12 noon at St Lucy's Commercial Road, Devizes

## **Specialist Services**

### **Children and Young Peoples Project - Theresa McMordie**

Our Specially trained Community Sight Adviser provides individual support, information advice and guidance for under 25's and their families living with sight loss. Contact Theresa for more information or to make an appointment on **01380 723 682**

### **Specialist Advice on Support and Personal Care – Jen Wickens**

Our experienced Community Sight Adviser can provide information, advice, guidance and support on the services available to those with a sight loss and an additional need. Please contact Jen on **01380 723 682** for more information.



### **Moving On – Maggie Hemmings**

Moving On is a course for visually impaired people who require information to stay living independently. The course brings in the professionals to demonstrate equipment such as readers, computers and to deliver talks on benefits and much more. The attendees have the opportunity to meet other visually impaired people, and share issues that they have in common. For more information or to book your place please contact Maggie on **01380 723 682**



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### **Workshops Planned in:**

#### **Bradford-On- Avon**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
10.00am – 1.00pm. Venue TBC

#### **Melksham**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
10.00am – 1.00pm. Venue TBC

#### **Trowbridge**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August  
10.00am – 1.00pm. Venue TBC

#### **Wroughton**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August  
10.00am – 1.00pm. Venue TBC

#### **Devizes**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
10.00am – 1.00pm. Venue TBC

#### **Salisbury**

10.00am – 1.00pm. Venue TBC  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>  
October

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### **Battery Changing Service – Central Services**

We are able to change batteries in talking clocks and watches. Please contact us on **01380 723 682** for more information. There is a small charge for this service.

### **Roller Tip Replacement Service – Central Service**

We are able to change the roller tips on long canes. Please contact us on **01380 723 682** for more information. There is a small charge for this service.

### **Home visiting service – Community Sight Advisers**

Our experienced Community Sight Advisers can offer information, advice and guidance on a variety of issues relating to sight loss. Please contact us on **01380 723 682** for more information or to book an appointment.

### **British Wireless for the Blind – Central Services**

Please contact us on 01380 723 682 for more information.

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### Audio Library

We have a well-stocked Audio Library. Books are available via a postal service or in person at our office in Devizes. Open Monday to Friday 9am to 12noon. To register please call **01380 723 682** or call in to see us.



### Devizes Talking Newspaper

We offer a free talking newspaper and magazine. To receive this please contact us on **01380 723 682**



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### Sight loss awareness training – Maggie Hemmings

This service is available to any organisation including businesses, public bodies, charities and covers a range of topics including:

- Information about common eye conditions
- Communication techniques
- Aids and equipment demonstration
- Activities using simulation spectacles
- Sighted Guide Training.

Training can be arranged to suit your needs, we can offer a full or half day. Training can be provided at venue of your choice

For more information please contact Maggie on  
**01380 723 682**

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