Devon in Sight
Your local sight loss charity

100 YEARS
1925 - 2025

Friends of Devon in Sight



Our Centenary Appeal

Could you help us support more people with Sight Loss?

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Sight Loss Helpline 01392 876 666

The Helpline is open between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday

Chief Executive Officer's

Welcome



Established in 1925, Devon in Sight is your local charity dedicated to supporting people affected by sight loss who live or work in Devon.

Devon in Sight provides a comprehensive range of award-winning support services for people navigating the challenges of visual impairment, designed to enhance their quality of life and opportunities.

It may surprise you to know that Devon in Sight receives no statutory funding so our Regular Giving Scheme '**Friends of Devon in Sight**' is the best way that you can support your local sight loss charity. You can give as little or as much as you would like with a monthly direct debit.

Your regular donation helps us to reach and support more people who are blind or partially sighted get the support they need and the respect they deserve.

Together, we can continue to offer vital services that positively impact on those living with sight loss and ultimately realise our vision to **make Devon a sight loss friendly county.**

Thank you for being our friend.

Grahame Flynn
Chief Executive Officer

The Story of Devon in Sight

100 years of support for people living with little or no sight in Devon

Devon in Sight (the trading name for the Devon County Association for the Blind) was established in 1925 and has a long and proud history of serving blind and partially sighted people in Devon.

From the start, our aim was to help visually impaired people to lead lives as rich and fulfilling as possible.



Originally, the charity was called the Devon County Association for the Welfare of the Blind. Though the word 'welfare' was dropped in 1962, although the welfare and wellbeing of blind people in Devon remained the goal.

Initially, the charity employed five 'home teachers' who covered the county, so that 'all the blind in the county who are able and willing to do so can, in their own homes, receive instruction and help in reading embossed type and in simple handicrafts'. These included knitting, rug-making and basketwork and enabled blind people to enjoy the activities for their own sake as well as gaining an income from selling the products.

Over the last century our services have evolved largely influenced by changes in attitudes towards disability, advances in technology and welfare and employment rights.

Today, Devon in Sight is an award-winning charity known for its excellence in service provision and innovation locally, regionally, and nationally.

We work with partners across Health & Social Care and the Third Sector to provide a comprehensive portfolio of services for anyone affected by sight loss who lives or works in Devon.

When we emerged from the COVID-19 Pandemic and responded to the Cost-of-Living Crisis we revised our service offer focusing on the key areas that make the biggest impact to the lives of people affected by sight loss across all of Devon.



The Devon in Sight team **help people to navigate their sight loss journey.**

We provide a comprehensive range of award-winning support services for people navigating the challenges of visual impairment, designed to enhance their quality of life and opportunities. You can read an overview of core services in the coming pages.

Devon in Sight receives no statutory funding so your regular donation to Devon in Sight, will be **helping us provide a life line to people living with little or no sight in Devon.**

Thank you for considering becoming a Friend of Devon in Sight.



Our Sight Loss Services

Your gift helps us support more people affected by sight loss **to live life to the full**

Sight Loss Helpline

Our Sight Loss Adviser is waiting for your call.

We are committed to providing accurate and impartial Information, Advice and Guidance to anyone that is affected by sight loss.

People can access our comprehensive information resources through our Sight Loss Helpline and website.



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In Vision Magazine

Our FREE Magazine is our way of sharing with our stakeholders what is happening in the world of Visual Impairment.

It is available in a range of accessible formats and can also be accessed through the British Wireless for the Blind Talking Newspapers App.



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Independent Living

We work with our clients to identify the equipment, support and training that will help them maintain their independence and **live life to the full.**

We undertake this valuable work in partnership with Health and Social Care and the Third Sector.

We operate an **Equipment Bursary Fund** for some items of Daily Living Equipment.



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Assistive Technology Partnership

We have a unique **Assistive Technology Partnership** with Sight and Sound Technology Ltd., the UK's leading provider of equipment, software and services for people who are blind and partially sighted.

They are also our **Access to Work Partner.**

Sight and Sound TECHNOLOGY

Our Sight Loss Services

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Community Events

We offer **Living Well with Sight Loss Events** across the county where people can meet partners in Health & Social care, the Third Sector and community groups.

We also host the annual **Devon Sight Loss Conference** incorporating our AGM, Seminars and a comprehensive Living Well with Sight Loss Exhibition.



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Health and Wellbeing

Our **Health and Wellbeing Service** aims to help keep people physically and mentally fit and safe in their homes.

We can provide **emotional support** and in some cases **formal counselling**.

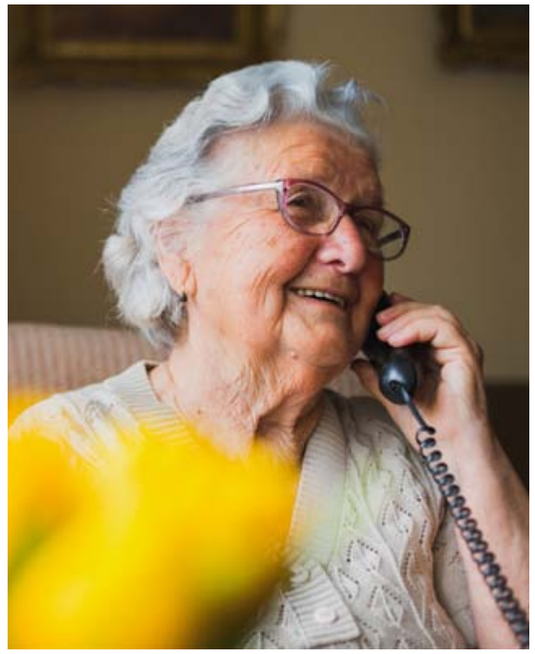


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Telephone Events

Our Weekly Telephone **Chit-Chat Calls** are our clients opportunity to air thoughts, concerns, ideas and to share their recent stories in a safe space.

Telephone **Sight Loss Speaker Seminars** take place monthly with speakers from across the sight loss sector and beyond.



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Influencing Change

We believe that it is important that people who are blind or partially sighted, their family and carers have a voice in the development of sight loss services and other community services across Devon.

We host a **Sight Loss Forum,** and offer many other ways that we give our clients voice.



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Testimonials

Just some of the comments we have received about our work

Our Sight Loss Helpline

"Devon in Sight is the first organisation I call when I need help."

Client Satisfaction Survey Respondent

Ongoing Case Work

"Thank you for all the help that you have given me. We would be completely isolated if we didn't have Devon in Sight and their staff. Devon in Sight has opened up a whole new world for me."

June a client from Chudleigh

In Vision Magazine

"I have just received my copy of In Vision magazine and I want you to know it's the best one ever – it's excellent. For me it hit the mark for all things I needed to know. Thank you."

Susan a client from North Devon

Equipment Bursary Fund

"Thank you for my USB Audio Player... it is wonderful! I didn't know these things existed."

Margaret a client from Mid Devon

Talking Newspapers

"For the Visual Impairment Sector to work, partnerships are essential. As a small charity, we provide a weekly news service for visually impaired adults across East Devon. Our essential service would be impossible without the support of Devon in Sight who not only make referrals to us, but also provide us with professional expertise, advice and guidance."

Hayden Thomas, The Sid Vale and East Devon Talking Newspaper Association

Telephone Peer Support - Chit-Chat Calls

"I have been attending the Chit-Chat Calls since the very beginning. They are a great opportunity for callers to share their tips for living with sight loss. I particularly like the fact that the service is open to anyone and that they are warm and welcoming."

Mark Harper a client who is Severely Visually Impaired

Telephone Peer Support - Sight Loss Speaker Events

"I find the information from the various speakers invaluable. All the talks are different and always interesting. It is also nice afterwards to hear the questions from those listening and their experience of sight loss problems. It has made me realise I am not alone with my problems. Thank you for this wonderful service."

Gillian Williams a client from East Devon

Counselling Service

"My Counsellor was instrumental in getting me to go out more, she encouraged me to book days out in the community and to organise a meal out with my neighbours. I found the counsellor very friendly and easy to talk to, and she genuinely listens to everything you have to say. I found the counselling sessions very uplifting!"

Terry a client from East Devon

What next?

If you would like to become a Friend of Devon in Sight please follow the following steps.

Step 1

Please **remove pages 13, 14, 15 and 16** from this booklet.

Step 2

Complete the **Regular Donation Registration and Consent Form** (Page 14).

Step 3

Complete the **Instruction to pay by Direct Debit Form** (Page 15).

Step 4

If you are a tax payer please complete the **Gift Aid Declaration** (Page 16).

Step 5

Please send the completed forms by **FREEPOST** to:

Freepost Plus RTZJ - JLHL - SECJ
Devon in Sight
Splatford Barton
Kennford
Exeter
EX6 7XY

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Registration Form

Regular Donation Registration & Consent Form

Data Protection Act 2018 : Your registration details are stored securely and will not be shared.

Your name and address

Title:	Forename:
Surname:	
Address:	
	Post Code:
Email:	
Telephone:	

Date of Payment

1st of the month ☐ or the 15th of the month ☐

Amount: £5 ☐ £10 ☐ £20 ☐ £50 ☐ or £..... ☐

Please note that Direct Debits are collected for Devon in Sight by the Charities Aid Foundation. The words 'Charity Donation' will appear on your bank statement.

Setting up a Direct Debit Online

For those of you with access to a computer you can also make a regular donation online through our website. Just click on the red 'Donate to Devon in Sight' button on the top of the Home Page.

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit

Please complete the whole form and send it to:
Freepost Plus RTZJ - JLHL - SECJ
Devon in Sight, Splatford Barton, Kennford,Exeter, EX6 7XY

Name and full address of your Bank or Building Society

To: The Manager Society	Bank/Building
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	Post Code:

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)

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Service User Number

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Instructions to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay Charities Aid Foundation Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with Charities Aid Foundation and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s):	Date:
Signature(s):	Date:

Gift Aid Declaration

If you are a taxpayer, for every pound you give we can claim an extra 25 pence from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. Just sign the box below to turn every £1 into £1.25 at no cost to you.

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Please Gift Aid this donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please notify us if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or if you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Signature(s):

Date:

For office use:

Received by:	Date:
Direct Debit setup by:	Date:
Acknowledgement sent by:	Date:

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Your Direct Debit Guarantee

Please keep this guarantee for your records.

- This Guarantee is offered by all Banks and Building Societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit Devon in Sight will notify you 14 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request Devon in Sight to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by Devon in Sight or your Bank or Building Society you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society - If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Devon in Sight asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

Mandatory Data Protection Statement

- Your personal details supplied will be used to process the payment and will not be passed on to any third party except for the sole purpose of facilitating this payment.

Do you need help with this form?

Please call our **Office Manager on 01392 878 802**

Other Ways to Support Us

If you decide not to commit to a regular monthly donation there are a number of other ways that you can help Devon in Sight financially to continue supporting people with sight loss across Devon.

Make a One Off Donation by Telephone

You can make a **card donation** over the telephone by ringing the main Sight Loss Helpline number.

Make a One Off Donation by Cheque

Please make cheques payable to **'Devon in Sight'** and send to: **The Office Manager, Devon in Sight, Splatford Barton, Kennford, Exeter EX6 7XY.**

Leaving a Gift in Your Will

You may want to consider leaving us a Lasting Legacy in your Will. If you would like to receive a copy of our Will Pack please give us a call.

Please keep in touch

We would love to stay in touch and keep you informed of our plans, events and the work we do. **You can subscribe to our quarterly In Vision magazine for free by calling the Helpline.**

For more information about how you can support us please call:

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Thank you for being our friend!



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