

Vision North Somerset

Newsletter

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Nearly there!

The extension at Neva Road is very nearly completed and will be ready for the official opening in December. The Bradbury Foundation, The Sobell Foundation, The Wolfson Foundation and the late Andrew Addicott, who contributed to the project. Generous funding has also meant that we have been able to make some changes including new toilets downstairs, a new front door and a revamped hallway to give more space.

The new room will be known as The Bradbury Community Room. It is a large single story space of over 500sqm with a high ceiling and patio doors across the entire back wall to make the most of natural light.

We have paid careful attention to colour contrast and good lighting to make the space easy to use by our visitors. We have fitted a loop system for people with hearing problems. The Bradbury Community Room will enable us to provide services including peer support groups and yoga. There will be more about this in the next newsletter. Meanwhile we have an opportunity to experience the new facility and would like to invite all of our service users, volunteers and the voluntary sector to come along on our Open Day on Wednesday 28th January 2015 between 11am and 4pm. Staff will be on hand to show you round and answer any questions. There is no need to book, but please note that the equipment in the Resource Centre during this event

For people who find reading tiring, there are solutions that read printed text aloud. Audio Text Readers are documents using natural sounding voices.

Optelec will be happy to demonstrate the equipment without any obligation.

Woodspring Talking News

Woodspring Talking News (WTN) will also be at the Open Day to show you just how easy it is to keep up with the news on a usb stick and invite you to sign up for this free service.

More good news!

Would you like to:

Keep in touch with family and friends via email and facebook?

Shop, or manage your money on line?

Search for information on the internet?

Do you want to find out what computers and smart phones can do for you?

Vision North Somerset has been awarded funding by the Ian Karten Charitable Trust to set up a Karten Technology

The Centre will be fitted out with the latest equipment to give visually impaired people an opportunity to learn to use computers, tablets and iphones.

An initial assessment will establish the aims of each individual user. Then weekly one to one learning sessions will be held at the Karten Technology

Centre until the individual is able to achieve what they set out to do. Vision are working in partnership with the Karten Technology

Goalball UK

GoalballUK are launching a new club in Weston super Mare and are holding a free 'have a go session' for sighted, young or old, male or female. Goalball is a game played by two teams of three players with a maximum of two sighted players. It is open to both male and female visually impaired people and sighted players can also play domestically.

1. All players wear eyeshades so they are totally blindfolded.
2. It is played on an indoor court that is 18m long and 9m wide. The court has tactile markings which help the players.
3. The ball contains internal bells which help the players locate it during play.

The object of the game is to score a goal by bowling the ball along the floor so that it crosses the goal line. Once the ball crosses the goal line. They must then try to control the ball and attack by bowling the ball back again.

Have a go session:

Date: Saturday 7th February Time: 12.00pm -2.00pm

Venue: Hans Price Sports Centre, Marchfields Way, Weston s Mare, BS23 3QP.

For more information and to register your interest contact Becky Ashworth on 0114 223 5670 or email: becky@goalballuk.co.uk

The Silver Line

No question too big

No problem too small

No need to be alone.

The Silver Line is a helpline for older people. It provides information, friendship and advice. It is free, confidential and available 24 hours a day.

VocalEyes

VocalEyes is a nationwide audio description service, providing access to the arts and culture for people with

Whilst many people are familiar with audio described theatre productions perhaps less well known is Vocal

interest including:

Audio described tour of the Natural History Museum's Volcano's and Earthquakes.

Tate Britain and Tate Modern bookable personal interactive described tours.

Room describers at various Historic Royal Palaces including the Tower of London, Kensington Palace and

For further information contact VocalEyes on 020 7375 1043 Or email: enquiries@vocaleyeyes.co.uk

A newsletter is available.

Need to make a will?

Powells Solicitors – a long established firm in Weston super Mare offer to create your will for £165+VAT

Home visits are free within a 10 mile radius of Weston. For other areas there will be a small charge. Cont

Apology

We are really sorry that this edition of the newsletter is available in large print only. Our recording and cop

because of the dust and debris caused by the building works. We'll be back to normal next time, but mean

copy please phone the office and we'll be pleased to organise a volunteer to read it to you.

And finally -