



MEMBERS OF SIGHT CHARITY ARE BOWLED OVER!

Devon in Sight (formerly known as Devon County Association for the Blind) is continuing its run of unusual activities for local visually impaired people with a successful game of bowls afternoon held at Topsham Bowling Club founded in 1928.

Five people attended the first event of its kind at the club and the feedback was very positive.

Eric Greenaway one of the charity's members who regularly visits the new Resource Centre based at Station House in Topsham was one of the first members to sign up to this event. He says: *"I wish to thank Devon in Sight for organising an afternoon at the Topsham Bowls Club which I enjoyed immensely. I have watched Bowls on the television for many years and have always wished to have a go. Everyone was so kind and full of understanding; the instruction was excellent and I was able to settle down very quickly. I returned home tired and with a few aches but so happy with the afternoon's events and the wonderful people I met – it was great to live my dream at last."*

Carol Horgan Topsham Bowling Club Secretary says: *"We were delighted to be part of this wonderful series of activities for the visually impaired people in the local area. Having smaller numbers at the first event worked very well as we could assist each person on a*

one to one basis. Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience and hopefully we can repeat the day at the beginning of next season, perhaps early on in May or at the end of April when the weather is usually quite good.”

The computer courses have also proved popular with the charity working in association with the British Computer Association for the Blind House under the EyeT4All programme. The series of training sessions at Station House are designed to help participants with writing letters and emails; shopping; reading; entertainment and using the web. The free workshops will run from 10 am – 3.30 pm with refreshments and lunch provided. The Charity is asking for a small £3 contribution towards the refreshment cost.

A photography course is also commencing this autumn. The aim of the participatory photography workshops is to provide a means of empowerment and engagement to the service users of Devon in Sight by engaging them in creative photography workshops.

To find out more about the activities or to book your place please telephone 01392 876666

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

The Devon County Association for the Blind (DCAB) was established as a charity in 1925 and exists to provide to visually impaired people across all areas of Devon. Its main base is at Station House, Topsham with a satellite office at the Optima Low Vision premises in Totnes where low vision clinics are regularly held.

Services include:-

- Equipment Demonstration – At Station House in Topsham as well as at the Optima Low Vision Clinics in Totnes, a large range of kitchen, household and everyday items, as well as a variety of magnifiers are displayed. The Station House Resource Centre is currently open Tuesday and Friday between 10.00am – 1.00pm. A DCAB member of staff is available at specific times at the Optima Low Vision Clinics to give advice about the charity, as well as offer support and to demonstrate equipment.