

## BLINDNESS AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

The Social Services Department has a legal responsibility to keep an up-to-date register of blind and partially sighted people living in the county. The Department is made aware of these people on receipt of a copy of the **B.D.8 form**. Being included on the register is voluntary. But being registered may be a prerequisite for accessing some benefits, services and support from charitable organisations. The Social Services Department then has a duty to inform the person named of the services available to them. In most areas this will be done by a Specialist Worker. After assessment of need, relevant services (including rehabilitation training in mobility and daily living) and health and safety equipment may be provided, subject to Social Services eligibility and financial criteria. Alternatively, information may be given about services provided by other agencies, both local and national.

### THE SENSORY IMPAIRMENT TEAM

Provide a wide range of Specialist Social Work and Rehabilitation Services for people with a visual impairment. To get a referral for assistance from the team you need to call the

**Social Services Access Centre:**

**Telephone: 0845 607 2000**

**Website:** <http://worcestershire.whub.org.uk/home/socialcare.htm>

### ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND (RNIB)

**Helpline: 0845 766 9999**

A catalogue of products can be obtained from the RNIB by ringing their Customer service line.

**Telephone: 0845 7023153**

**Website:** [www.rnib.org.uk](http://www.rnib.org.uk)

**RNIB** talk and support helpline.

**Telephone: 0845 3303723**

Involves a small group meeting over the phone to discuss benefit entitlement.

### SIGHT CONCERN WORCESTER

**Telephone: 01905 723245**

(Formally **Worcestershire Association for the Blind – WAB**)

The Bradbury Centre, 2 Sansome Walk, Worcester WR1 1LH

Wyre Forest Branch

**Telephone: 01562 631561**

**Website:** [www.sightconcern.co.uk](http://www.sightconcern.co.uk)

### BRITISH BLIND SPORT

**Telephone: 08700 789000**

Organization enabling participation in sport.

**Website:** [www.britishblindsport.org.uk](http://www.britishblindsport.org.uk)

### ACTION FOR BLIND PEOPLE

**Telephone: 020 7635 4800**

**Information & Advice Service National Helpline**

**Telephone: 0800 915 4666**

A national charity that provides practical support to blind and partially sighted people through work, housing, leisure and support.

**Website:** [www.afbp.org](http://www.afbp.org)

in Connect Wyre Forest  
10-12 Blackwell Street  
Kidderminster  
DY10 2DP

Telephone: 01562 60241 (Business Line)

Telephone: 0800 970 7202 (Helpline)

Fax & Minicom: 01562 68248

Email: [info@nwdial.org.uk](mailto:info@nwdial.org.uk)

Website: [www.nwdial.org.uk](http://www.nwdial.org.uk)



## **GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION**

Burghfield Common  
Reading RG7 3YG

**Website:** [www.gdba.org.uk](http://www.gdba.org.uk)

**Telephone: 0118 983 5555**

## **PARTIALLY SIGHTED SOCIETY**

Queen's Road, Doncaster  
South Yorkshire  
DN1 2NX

**Website:** <http://jim.leeder.users.btopenworld.com/LHON/uk-pss.htm>

**Telephone: 01302 323132**

**Fax: 01302 368998**

## **BRITISH RAIL - TRAVEL FOR DISABLED PASSENGERS**

Call National Rail Enquiries

**Telephone: 0345 484950**

**Minicom: 0845 6050600**

**Website:** [http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/passenger\\_services/disabled\\_passengers](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/passenger_services/disabled_passengers)

## **LOCAL TALKING NEWSPAPERS**

### **BROMSGROVE TALKING NEWSPAPER**

Mrs. M.E. Brown,  
53 Old Station Road, Bromsgrove B60 2AE

**Telephone: 01527 874112**

### **WYRE FOREST TALKING NEWSPAPER**

Mrs B Smith  
9 Nursery Grove, Kidderminster, Worcs DY11 5BG

**Telephone: 01562 751980**

### **REDDITCH TALKING NEWSPAPER**

Mrs M. Mountford,  
Community House, Eastmore Road, Redditch, Worcs B98 8EY

**Telephone: 01527 451292**

### **TENBURY WELLS TALKING NEWSPAPER**

Mrs Wendy McIntosh,  
45 Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells, Worcs WR15 8EL

**Telephone: 01584 810572**

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