



Southampton Sight
supporting people living with sight loss

Volunteer News

May 2020

Dear All

I hope you are all keeping well.

Southampton Sight is still serving our members through these difficult times and I thought I would update you all with our latest news.

Our telephone befriending service goes from strength to strength. Since the 1 April we have made over 1,000 telephone calls to 236 members. We have now started group natter calls for some of our members and they are going well. Next week we are having a quiz and 2 weeks later we are trialling a talk from Andy (Southampton Museums) on the History of Southampton with time for questions afterwards. If successful we will put on more talks and events.

We are also now linked with Love Southampton who are a group of churches and charities in Southampton supporting vulnerable people through these times. They are supporting some of our individual members and are also giving us frozen meals which we will be distributing to some of our members who are missing Maria's kitchen delights. Karl and David will be delivering these from next Tuesday. They are cooked by chefs from The Ivy restaurant and Bills kitchen so are of a very high quality. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a delivery, please contact Mandy on 023 8076 9882.

If anyone has any ideas how we can continue to keep our members socially connected please do not hesitate to tell us – we are here to help and willing to try anything.

Fundraising – we have needed to cancel 4 events over the last 2 months, but I have been successful with some funding applications to support our work. Tesco (£500), Greggs Foundation (£250), Co-op (£1,498) and Persimmon Homes (£1,000) for work related to supporting our members through this crisis. We have others out pending and I will be submitting some more in the next few weeks.

Summer Raffle – We have decided to continue with our summer raffle and will be sending out tickets in June – 1st prize: £250, 2nd Prize: £100 and 3rd Prize: £50. If you can please can you sell tickets to your friends and neighbours.

100 Club – The Southampton Sight 100 Club is a lottery that is paid annually and is drawn once a month on the first Monday afternoon. Each number costs £12 a year – that's £1 a month. 50% of the money received is put in the prize pot and 50% of the money raised goes to Southampton Sight. Since it began in 2010, the Southampton Sight 100 Club Lottery has raised over £6,000 and paid out over £6,000 in prizes! If you are not yet a member and would like to join, please give Mandy a call on 023 8076 9882.

Staff – Sonia, Angela and Gail are still on furlough leave until 28 June when we will review operations in line with government guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Keep well, keep safe and keep sane!

Best wishes

Jackie

