

November 2020

# We are here to help

Dear All

Here at Southampton Sight we are continuing to work hard to ensure that we can provide the much-needed support, advice and information that you need. We are very proud that since lockdown in March we have made over 3,500 telephone calls and delivered over 1,200 meals to our members. We intend to continue this service but our priority of keeping our members, our staff, our volunteers and our wider communities safe means that we cannot start any social activities at the centre before Christmas. We know this is a huge disappointment for many of you, but we will continue to monitor government guidance and as an optimist I agree with the famous poet Maya Angelou who once said, “Every storm runs out of rain.”

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## Southampton Sight

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## **Support we can offer**

Of course, we would much prefer to see you in person but while this isn't possible our telephone helpline 023 8076 9882 is there to support you as much as possible. We can offer advice, information and if we can't help, we can signpost you to other local services that can. We are still offering face to face appointments (please call us to make an appointment) but can also offer services remotely if you are unable to come into the centre. No one will be forgotten, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our activities as soon as we can go back to 'business as usual.' We are still offering weekly meal deliveries and if you would like to be included please contact the office.

We will be putting updates on our website [www.southamptonsight.org.uk](http://www.southamptonsight.org.uk) or if you have Facebook or Twitter, you can put @sotonsight (Twitter) or @sotonsight2010 (Facebook) into your search bar.

Our AGM this year will be on Monday 7th December at 6pm. This will be a virtual AGM and we will be sending contact details out shortly. I have enclosed our annual report for your perusal.

There are a few staff changes at Southampton Sight. Gail Loynes has decided to take early retirement and left the Society at the end of September. Gail has been making cards for us to sell and will continue to do this. Lorna Whittingham has resigned and is moving to a position with Southampton University as part of the Faculty of Medicine. She will be leaving the Society at the end of October. We will miss them both.

Fergus Lyons, who is currently training as a Rehabilitation Officer for the Visually Impaired (ROVI), will be working with us until May next year as part of his course.

At this time we will not be replacing Gail or Lorna (I will be covering Lorna's roles) as until we know and understand the parameters within which we can deliver services in this 'new normal' I feel it would be financially prudent to keep our expenses to the minimum.

Finally ... We are also sending our raffle tickets for our Christmas draw with this newsletter. Please support us if you can.

Stay safe, stay well and stay sane!

**Jackie Powers - Chief Executive**

## Christmas Cards

Why not support Southampton Sight this year by purchasing our **Christmas Cards**?

We have two new designs for 2021: **Robin on a Holly Bush** (5½” x 5½”) and **Wrapped up Reindeer** (6¼” x 4½”).

These **full colour cards** cost **£4.50** for a pack of **ten cards**.



## 2021 VIP Diaries and Calendars

This year we will be selling large print diaries and calendars from VIP Diaries. VIP Diaries is a social enterprise run by Sight Advice South Lakes, an independent local charity in Cumbria. All their products are designed by visually impaired people for visually impaired people.

We will be stocking the following products:

- **A6 Pocket Diary** costing **£7.00**
- **A5 Midi Diary** costing **£9.00**
- **A4 Desk Diary** costing **£11.00**
- **A3 Portrait Wall Calendar** costing **£8.00**
- **A3 Landscape Wall Calendar** costing **£9.00**

Please complete the order form on the back of this news bulletin and return it to Southampton Sight. Alternatively contact us on (023) 8076 9882 to order and pay by card over the telephone.

# Southampton Sight Order Form

Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone Number:	

Description	Each	Quantity	Price
Robin on a Holly Bush	£4.50		
Wrapped up Reindeer	£4.50		
A6 Pocket 2021 Diary	£7.00		
A5 Midi 2021 Diary	£9.00		
A4 Desk 2021 Diary	£11.00		
A3 Portrait Wall 2021 Calendar	£8.00		
A3 Landscape Wall 2021 Calendar	£9.00		
<b><i>Please add £1.00 Packaging Charge (if being posted)</i></b>			

Please specify if you wish us to  **Post**

or if you will  **Collect**

**Total Cost**

£

Please make cheques payable to **Southampton Sight** and send to:

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