

**Welcome to the February 2025
Vision Support newsletter,
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A big hello from all of us at Vision Support! We hope you enjoyed our bumper newsletter in December. As always we have some great new events and some news for you in this edition, but first, have you ever thought about volunteering?

Befrienders Needed!

What was the old telephone advert with Bob Hoskins...it's good to talk? Well we couldn't agree more! We have some great openings at the moment for volunteer telephone befrienders, and the best thing about it, other than making some great connections of course, is you can do it from the comfort of your own home!

Wherever you are, if you'd be interested in becoming a befriender or would like to find out more out our current volunteering and fundraising opportunities, give us a call on the numbers above.

We're always on the look out for new volunteers and Stef our new Fundraiser is so excited to plan more fundraising efforts this year!

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Join us at our **Low Vision Roadshow**

Explore the latest solutions with our friendly and knowledgeable specialist, Jason Shaw.

Vision Support will also have a Digital Skills Officer available for Tech advice throughout!

**Mon 14th
April
2025**

10am - 2pm

**Vision Support, The Bluecoat, Upper
Northgate Street, Chester CH1 4EE**

**Tues 15th
April
2025**

10am - 2pm

**Ty AVOW, 21 Egerton Street,
Wrexham LL11 1ND**

**Weds 16th
April
2025**

10am - 2pm

**Halton Sensory Services,
126 Widnes Road, Widnes WA8 6AX**

Call Out For All Keen Golfers

We've been having a great time recently with cycling, climbing and walking groups in North Wales and Cheshire, and now Halton have some new taster sessions coming up!

Have you ever played Golf or would you like to try? England and Wales Blind Golf Association will be running a taster session in Halton. (Date and venue to be confirmed.)

If you would be interested in taking part, please get in touch with Roisin in Halton on **0151 511 7260** or email

hssinfo@visionsupport.org.uk

Community Information Service

You may have noticed that we have not included the Community Information Service Schedule in this months newsletter.

There have been a few changes to the service recently due to our brilliant driver Caerwyn retiring. We're looking forward to getting our service back on the road and would love it if you would call us in the meantime if you need anything or would just like to speak to us!

Once the service is back up and running, our monthly schedules will be on our website at www.visionsupport.org.uk (click on get support and then Community Information Service for all of our up to date schedules) or you can also call us via the phone numbers on the front of this newsletter if you'd prefer to talk to us. Thank you so much for your understanding while we've had to briefly pause this service.

We are looking for fundraisers to run the Chester Half Marathon on the 18th May and/or the Chester Marathon or Metric Marathon on the 5th of October.

These are all based in **Chester city centre**, it's a great opportunity to challenge yourself while supporting Vision Support.

Know someone who loves to run? Get your friends and family involved too! Run together, raise funds, and make a difference.

Image description: a purple background with a white Vision Support logo on the left and four orange silhouettes of people running, with one figure raising their arms in celebration.

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Contact 07821 649 066 or
SHarding@VisionSupport.Org.Uk to get
more information and register your
place!





Join Our Monthly Cinema Group

If you're local to Chester, you may already know about our monthly audio-described film screenings at the Storyhouse! It's a fantastic way to enjoy the latest releases in a relaxed, accessible setting while socialising and making new friends.

On Tuesday 4th March, we're heading to watch *A Complete Unknown* - a must-watch for Bob Dylan and music fans!

Whether you're from Chester or planning a day out, get in touch and book your spot to join us for this great cinema experience!

Image descriptions. Top: The Vision Support logo with a stylized design incorporating a film reel and a curved strip of film, in shades of purple.

Bottom: Six people stood inside the Storyhouse which is a modern indoor space with glass doors. They are dressed in warm clothing, including jackets and coats, and some are holding white canes. They are smiling at the camera and standing close together.



Art Exhibition

For those of you that follow us on social media, you may have noticed our brilliant groups have been upping their art game and we'd love to celebrate more art created by you!

We are thrilled to announce that we'll be holding an **Art Exhibition on Monday 14th April at St Mary's Creative Space, St Mary's Hill, Chester CH1 2DW** from **10.30am till 3pm**. This will be a fantastic opportunity for you to showcase your talent and be part of a vibrant community of creatives.

If you'd like your artwork to be included in the exhibition, we'd love to hear from you! Whether you're a painter, a photographer, a sculptor, or you work in mixed media, all forms of art are welcome.

Your piece can be about absolutely anything, but if you're looking for inspiration, we invite you to explore the theme of **perception**—how you see yourself, how you interpret the world around you, or even how you feel others perceive you.

Image description: the Vision Support logo with a stylized white icon of a painter's palette and a paintbrush on top of the purple logo.



Join Vision Support for a stand up comedy trip to the Storyhouse in Chester to watch

Chris McCausland Yonks!

Stand up comedian and star of Strictly Come Dancing, Would I Lie to You, QI, The Last Leg and much more!

Saturday 3rd May 1pm at the Storyhouse in Chester

Tickets are £34.50. Spaces are limited so book early!

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