



Somerset Sight

Working with people
who lack sight, not vision

**Supporting visually impaired people in
and around Somerset so that they may
lead fuller and more independent lives**



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Somerset Sight - Working with visually impaired people across Somerset since 1919

We provide immediate help and support to enable visually impaired people to adapt to their sight loss and lead more independent lives.

The services we provide:

- Increase confidence to live independently
- Improve health and emotional wellbeing
- Reduce isolation and loneliness
- Enable access to activities, volunteering and work experience



“Somerset Sight has helped me through the most difficult time in my life and I don’t know where I would be without them.”

Resources and Rehabilitation

Available at Northfield House, Taunton, TA1 1DG daily in office hours and on the Mobile Advisory Service which visits your local town regularly. Staff demonstrate and give advice on equipment and technology available. No appointment necessary.

Equipment includes: talking clocks, watches, canes, magnifiers, kitchen equipment, large button phones, lighting, IT software and voice activated gadgets.

Mobile Advisory Service (MAS)

Bringing our services to you, the MAS visits more than 40 towns and villages around Somerset to bring advice and low vision equipment to your locality. No appointment is necessary. Dates and locations are advertised in our magazine and website or call us for details.

“Without the Mobile Advisory Service I wouldn’t be able to access the services and equipment I need.”



Emotional Support Service

Emotional support helps individuals, relatives and carers come to terms with all aspects of sight loss. Support is free with no waiting list and can be face to face or by telephone. Regular Charles Bonnet support groups are also held.

British Wireless for the Blind (BWBF)

We are agents for BWBF, who provide easy to use audio equipment on loan.

These are designed to be accessible for visually impaired people of all ages.

Volunteer Visiting Service

A volunteer can provide befriending, regular company, help with correspondence, day-to-day tasks and trips out. This helps maintain an active and social lifestyle without having to rely entirely on friends and family. Visitors are available throughout the county and are carefully trained to provide this unique service.



Low Vision Service

Low Vision Clinics are held throughout Somerset. A low vision therapist will assess your vision free of charge. You will be loaned various magnifiers or aids to improve your ability to carry out tasks you may be finding difficult.



NHS

Tech Support

Our team offers personalised guidance and practical support for a variety of devices, software, and applications including help to set up accessibility features on a smartphone, navigate adaptive software, or learning to use screen readers. We understand that each individual has unique needs, so we tailor our advice to ensure each person finds the best solutions to enhance independence and productivity. Support is available both over the phone and in person.



“Truly eye opening! It has been really useful.”

Activities and Groups

Regular activities & groups run across the county including: **theatre trips, music groups, VI sport, cookery, craft and days out.**



Children and Families

Childrens' activities are held during school holidays. Children have the opportunity to make friends and join in with fun days out subsidised by Somerset Sight. We also run parent support groups and cover specific topics of interest.



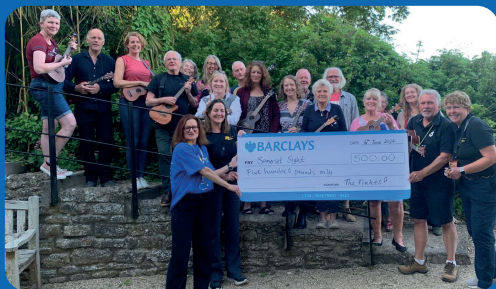
Social Groups

There are many local groups that meet once a month to socialise and share tips and experiences. Some of these groups also arrange their own trips. Details of these groups can be found in our magazine and by calling Somerset Sight.



Supporting Somerset Sight

Why not join our team of volunteers to make a difference in Somerset? You can also support our exciting events throughout the county. There are many opportunities for you to get involved.



Leaving A Gift In Your Will

As a charity we need to plan our services for the future but without secure funding this can be difficult. Would you consider leaving a gift in your will to Somerset Sight? Any gift, however small, will assist us to continue our vital services.

Thank you for your support

“Somerset Sight
have been
brilliant.

There is always
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to and I could not
fault the support
I have received”

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