

Eye Chat Weekly.

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Welcome to this week's quick update giving you news, views and information. Contact Jo or Jill in the office, to offer us your article, or you can email admin@buryblindsociety.org

News:

We have a new lady taking over from Mia on the monthly CABB session, come and meet her if you are looking for support. Ruth will be here Monday 1st June 9am – 12.30pm:

Hi there! I'm Ruth, I'm a Community Engagement Officer for Citizens Advice Bury & Bolton. We provide free, confidential and impartial advice on a range of topics including welfare benefits, community care, money advice & energy, consumer issues and housing, along with others. Please feel free to book an appointment to speak to us with Bury Blind Society directly or alternatively you can drop in at the centre, and we will do our best to accommodate you on the day.

We look forward to welcoming Ruth to Bury Blind Society to help our clients with issues they may be experiencing.

Soft Toy Appeal: We're still on the hunt for small to medium soft toys for our Tombola events over the summer. If you've got any in good condition with a CE label, we'd be absolutely delighted to give them a second chance at stardom!

Volunteers Week 2026: Celebration volunteers across the UK.

Volunteers' week returns this year for its 42nd anniversary, running from Monday 1 to Sunday 7 June 2026. We will join thousands of charities and voluntary organisations across the UK in recognising and celebrating the incredible contribution volunteers make every day. Running annually since 1984, Volunteers' Week provides an opportunity to thank volunteers for the time, passion and skills they give so generously. Here at BBS, volunteers play a vital role in supporting people and strengthening our little staff team – we really do appreciate you! Why not come along and celebrate your achievements or show your appreciation by joining us for our Celebration Party this coming Thursday 4th June at Bury Masonic Hall 7pm-10pm. There will be live music from 'Moondance' to have a jig to, food and lots of good company – a great way to spend an evening. Tickets are on sale for just £5 for all, subsidised by BBS and include a pie and pea supper. This event is open to all BBS volunteers, clients, relatives and Friends of BBS so come along and join the fun!

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Events Coming Up:

Bury Pride 2026, Knowsley Street, Bury. Come and watch the parade at 11am and join in events throughout the day until 6pm. For more details go to the Bury Pride website – burypride.co.uk.

Saturday 30th May 12.30pm-4.30pm, Blackburne Hall, The Wylde, BL9 OLA – back of Bury Parish Church. Are you crafty? 44th Scouts are holding a Craft Fair and we're there! Come join us and take a look around.

Wednesday 3rd June 10am – 4pm: Bury VCFA Volunteer Fair at the Mill Gate Shopping Centre – would you like to join us in promoting volunteering with BBS? Let Jill or Carl know if you would like to come along.

Thursday 4th June 7pm – 10pm: Celebration Party at Bury Masonic Hall. Tickets available via our website or the Centre.

Monday 8th June 10am – 3pm Marks the start of Carers Week! We shall be holding a Collection & Raffle at Tesco, Bury.

Monday 8th June 10.30am – 12.00pm Craft Workshop, make sure you register your name with reception as limited spaces available. This month is Card Making with Viv.

This week in the Centre – If you are interested in any of the sessions below, please contact the office for more details:

Monday 1st June: CAB & CALICO will be at the centre **9am-12.30pm**

10am – 11.30am: Monday Morning Drop in

1.30pm-2.45pm: Music Group with Mags

6pm – 8.30pm: Showdown training session.

Tuesday 2nd June 9am – 4pm Dougie's Foot Clinic, bookings available from Tuesday 9th June onwards.

11am: 10 Pin Bowling: All welcome £2.00 per game. Meet at the centre 10.30am or at Hollywood Bowl 11am

Wednesday 3rd June: Low Vision Aid Clinic: appointment only.

10.00 am – 12.00pm: Drop in - breakfast refreshments also available.

1.30pm – 3.00pm: Macular Group

Thursday 4th June: 10.30am – 12.00pm: Crossword Club

1.30pm – 3.00pm: Jane Lee's Cluster Group: Tea and Chatter

NOTE: Showdown –On Friday this week as going to Celebration party!

Friday 5th June: Lunch Club 11.30am-2.00pm: Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Mushrooms, Baked Beans Toast. Chocolate Cake

Friday 5th June: 6.00pm-8.30pm – Showdown – Open Play.