

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

Please note: We are closed Bank Holiday Monday 31st August.

News:

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) is asking local people for their views on how they currently use Bury Interchange, to help shape the next phase of its redevelopment. The engagement runs from 7–27 September 2026, with drop-in sessions at Mill Gate on 11 September and Bury Interchange on 16 and 26 September. An online survey will also be available. TfGM will also be consulting with disability groups, businesses and community organisations. We are due a visit to BBS at our October User Forum. If you use Bury Interchange, this is your chance to have your say and help ensure accessibility is considered.

Would you like to help The **University of Leicester Diabetes** Centre to review their national online research trial looking at how people, under 80 with sight impairment navigate websites using screen readers. It's a really tight deadline and we would need your details by Wednesday 2 September.

Are you a Skipton Building Society customer? We're delighted to have been **nominated for their Community Giving token scheme. Voting at the Bury branch, for customers only, starts on Monday 7th September for a month.** With your support we could win £1,000 for first place, £600 for second and £400 for third. **Please vote for us!**

Other Events Coming Up:

Don't forget it's Incredible Edible Brandlesholme 10th Anniversary celebration on Saturday 29th august. Purbeck Park, fun activities for all the family from 1pm onwards.

Now the Summer Holiday are over, we're into Sports September! Why not join in with these quick, easy activities!

Friday 4th September: Brew & Bulbs! Come and join Jean & Michael from 10.00am -11.30am to plant our bulbs ready for Spring – and afterwards you get a free cup of soup and sandwich! Can't be bad!

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Talk & Walk: Jill & Joanne are leading a 10-15 minute 'round the block' gentle walk after Friday lunch. If you would like to join them, simply meet at 1.30pm in Reception – no charge.

Every Wednesday from 2nd throughout September: Carole and Mags are holding a 10-minute chair based Tai Chi session. Suitable for all ages – start your day with these gentle exercises and then treat yourself to some tea and toast (or crumpet!). Just £2.00 includes the refreshments!

Wednesday 9th September: We still have just a couple of spaces left on our Elton Sailing Club adventure! £10 for lunch and sailing experience. Please note you must have a level of agility to jump into the boat! Contact the Centre to book and pay.

Sunday 20th September: Bury 10K – once again Peter and Michael are raising funds for BBS. Please do support this wonderful effort by sponsoring via our website or via the sponsor sheet in the Centre.

Activities in the Centre – 31st August – 4th September.

Monday: Closed for Bank Holiday.

Tuesday: Centre closed, appointments only.

- **9am – 4pm:** Foot Clinic (Now Fortnightly), book via the office for the next session on 8th September.

Wednesday: Centre Open 10am-4pm

- **9am-3pm:** Low Vision Aid Clinic: appointment only.
- **10.00 am – 12.00pm:** Drop in/Breakfast Club
- **10.30-10.45am:** Gentle chair based Tai Chi.
- **1.30pm – 2.30pm:** Macular Group at BBS.

Thursday: Centre Open 10am-4pm

- **10.30am – 12.00pm:** Crossword Club
- **1.30pm – 3.00pm:** Age UK Bury Cluster Group with Jane.
- **6.00pm-8.30pm** – Showdown – Open Play.

Friday: Centre Open 10am-4pm

Brew & Bulbs: 10.00am-11.30am – in the Garden at the Centre.

Lunch Club 11.30am-2.00pm. Soup and sandwich week.

Walk & Talk: 1.30pm- gentle walk around the block with Jill & Joanne.

Please contact the Centre to book for any of the BBS activities and for further information.