

# Eye Chat Weekly.

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Welcome to this week's quick update, bringing you news, views and useful information. If you have an article to share, please contact Jo or Jill in the office, or email [admin@buryblindsociety.org](mailto:admin@buryblindsociety.org).

## **This week's news:**

**We did it!** After Thursday's AGM, more than 40 clients, volunteers and Friends of BBS joined us for the official opening of our garden pergola. Phil Gibbons cut the ribbon in memory of his late wife, Linda, our Treasurer for more than 20 years. It was a fitting tribute, and we hope many of you will enjoy this lovely new feature. We also announced our new trading name following nearly two years of consultation. Our registered name remains Bury Society for Blind & Partially Sighted People but Bury Blind Society will become **Bury Sight Support** – a name that better reflects our work and takes us into the future. We'll introduce the new name over the next six months. Thank you to everyone who shared their views.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October:** Join us to make autumn decorations at our monthly craft session, 10.30am–12pm.

**User Forum** – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. Helen Webster from TfGM will be joining us with updates on the changes at the bus and tram station. Do come along and keep in the loop!

**Quiz Night is back – with a difference!** Join the Mayor at the Masonic Hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, raising money for Bury Sight Support and Bury Hospice. Tickets are £10, including a pie and pea supper, from the Centre or our website. Teams of four. Hurry, get your tickets now!

**Hearing & Sight Support:** Our new Information Hub for anyone with hearing and sight difficulties starts on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am–12pm**. Colleagues from Bolton & Bury Deaf Society, Audiology and Bury Council Hearing Service will join us, along with Claire Yardley from HMR Circle, who will share an update on local digital support. No need to book – just drop in. Everyone is welcome.

**Volunteer Drivers:** Please note, with the increase in fuel costs, from 1 October, we shall be reimbursing mileage claims at .55p per mile.

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**A huge thank you to everyone who joined our Vision 50 Challenge.** We met our goal of 'travelling' 50 miles around the borough each day on our static bike! The Mayor of Bury, Tesco Bury, Asda Pilsworth, PureGym and Bury Grammar students joined in, along with our 'Egyptian contingent' taking part on holiday – thanks, Jo! We'll share the grand totals from our 10K and Bike Challenge next week.

**A Plea:** Client Jaqui O'Brien has asked if anyone has spare tickets for an event happening at The Met on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October? Apparently there is a fundraising event 'Dancing Strictly 2026' involving a lot of dancing and fun but it is sold out. If you happen to know where Jacqui can obtain a couple of tickets please let us know. Thanks.

## **Activities at the Centre this week – 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Monday: Centre open 10am–4pm**

- **10.30am–12pm:** Autumn Craft Workshop.
- **1.30pm–3pm:** Music Group with Mags.
- **6pm–8.30pm:** Showdown training.

### **Tuesday: Centre closed – appointments only**

- **Phoenix Footcare** – Please book an appointment with Dougie through the office.
- **11am:** Ten Pin Bowling at Hollywood Bowl. Meet there at 11am or at the Centre at 10.30am.

### **Wednesday: Centre open 10am–4pm**

- **9am–3pm:** Low Vision Aid Clinic – appointments only.
- **10.30am–12pm:** Breakfast Drop-In & User Forum.

### **Thursday: Centre open 10am–4pm**

- **10.30am–12pm:** Crossword Club.
- **1.30pm–3pm:** Age UK Bury Cluster Group – tea and chatter.
- **6pm–8.30pm:** Showdown open play.

### **Friday: Centre open 10am–4pm**

- **11.30am–2pm: Lunch Club** with soup, sandwiches and Mags.
- **1.30pm: Walk & Talk** – a gentle 15–20-minute walk around the block. Meet at the Centre.

**Please contact the Centre to book any BBS activities or to ask for further information.**