



SLBS VOLUNTEER INSIGHT

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Dear Volunteers...

Welcome to the Winter Edition of our Volunteer Insight Newsletter. This is the fifth edition and feedback has confirmed that it's a great way to keep in touch and informed of upcoming activities – I hope you all agree!

We currently also send all volunteers a copy of the Society's Newsletter, which provides details of Society-wide activities, changes and updates. Our hope is that the Society's Newsletter, as well as "Volunteer Insight" can be sent via email, which is more cost-effective and environmentally friendly. If we have your email address, you will receive these electronically.

If we do not have your email address, you will receive these newsletters in the Post. Please provide us with your email address if you would like to receive these electronically.

We had many fundraising events in November/December and so many of you supported us raising almost £800. Thank you to those who stood tirelessly promoting our Society at these events. Of course, there are so many other activities supported by you all, including Home Visiting, social events, telephone befriending and lots more...

Save the Date:

Visual Impairment Awareness Training, Wednesday, 7th March, 2018: Volunteer training and recognition is important to us, and with new volunteers joining us every week, we have set the date for the next Visual Impairment Awareness Training. This training is for new volunteers and for those of you who would like some refresher training. Please find details on flyer enclosed.

Volunteer – Coffee Mornings: Bring a friend and get together with our other volunteers. Details in "A View to What's On" on page 2, and in enclosed flyer.

Thanks to you all for the support and dedication, you give to our Society and continuing to provide feedback, which helps enormously. Happy New Year – stay warm and stay safe.

Eve Farely, MBE

Volunteer Development Officer

A View to What's on ...

Visual Impairment Awareness Training

Wednesday, 7th March

10:00am – 3:00pm

South Lincolnshire Blind Society

14 Finkin Street

Grantham NG31 6QZ

If you have not yet attended training,
please sign up for the next Session.

If you want a refresher then come
along as well!

Please complete the registration form
enclosed.

VOLUNTEER COFFEE MORNINGS

Grantham: 21st February

10:00 – 12:00

Boston: 28th February

10:00 – 12:00

--Coming Soon --

Volunteer coffee mornings in
Bourne, Sleaford, Spalding and
Stamford –

Bring a friend or someone you
think might be interested in
volunteering with us, and get
together with our other
volunteers, to celebrate the new
year and hard work you all do!

We would like to invite you, your family and friends to our Hot Cross Bun Morning.

On Thursday 29th March

10am – 12pm

Join us for a morning of lovely hot cross buns, plenty of tea or coffee and a good
old chatter, for only £2 per person. An Easter raffle will also be held.

Please call to book a place by the 26th March 2018.

Volunteer Corner



PROMOTING OUR SOCIETY AT SAINSBURY'S, GRANTHAM

Fun day with Volunteers Sheila, Janet with our Starwars Storm Trooper - and Stephanie, our Administration Support Officer!

Thanks to everyone who helped us on the day - we raised £316.95!

St Wulfram's Church, Grantham

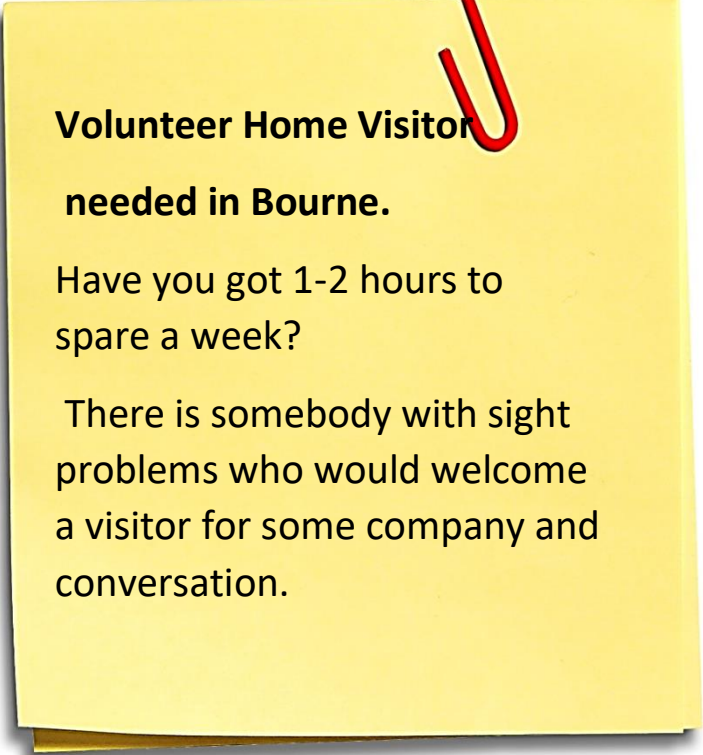
Christmas Tree Festival 2017

...Our Craft Club ladies and volunteer Kate Cottier arranging our Christmas Tree submission to the Festival.

This was the first year we have entered - Thank you ladies!



Volunteer Vacancies...



Volunteer Home Visitor needed in Bourne.

Have you got 1-2 hours to spare a week?

There is somebody with sight problems who would welcome a visitor for some company and conversation.



Volunteer needed for our Riverside Social Club in Grantham.

We are looking for a new volunteer to help with the Riverside Social club. The club runs fortnightly on a Monday between 2 and 4pm.

Our Social Clubs offer visually impaired people an opportunity to get out of the house and socialise, while enjoying a cup of tea and a biscuit!

Make a few cups of tea, yourself some new friends, and a positive change in someone's life!

Calling all Sociable Volunteers!

We are looking for someone to help out at our Boston Social Clubs!

Just a couple of hours on a regular basis could mean something to look forward to for an isolated person.

Join our Social Group teams for a good natter

If you need to get in touch...

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Opening Times:

Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm

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- **Stephanie Strickland – Services Administrator**
- **Virginia Richardson – Community Support Worker**