



October 30, 2018 – Glasgow mobility team

Autumn/Winter update.

Important information

- The office will close for Christmas on Friday 21 December, reopening for 27, 28 and 31 December, then will be closed 1 and 2 January, opening on 3 January.
- For any guide dog or guide dog puppy emergencies, the out of hours phone number is 0345 143 33 33.

News

We are pleased to welcome new staff members: Sally Swift, trainee Habilitation Specialist; Lynsey Mitchell, trainee Guide Dog Trainer; and Ashley Sneddon, Orientation and Mobility Specialist. We also wish Jaeger Anderson, Guide Dog Mobility Instructor, and Susan Harrison, Volunteering Consultant, all the best as they both finish up for maternity leave.

Service updates

Service User Representative Sinead McFarlane is keen to hear from guide dog owners and My Guide customers. You can contact Sinead for a chat or some advice on: 07717 517 571 or Sinead.Mcfarlane@guidedogs.org.uk. Those within the Highland region can contact Assistant Service User Representative Rob Fraser on: 07468 711 914 or Robert.Fraser@guidedogs.org.uk. Rob continues to host regular coffee mornings, and Sinead has been talking about pavement parking on social media and RNIB Connect over the summer.

Campaign updates

- Thanks to everyone who got in touch with the Scottish Parliament during their consultation period to offer support of the Transport (Scotland) Bill to end pavement parking. We recently attended the SNP party conference to chat to MSPs about the bill.
- Please continue to report any access issues to the team. This helps us establish where issues are taking place and how best to help reduce them.

Guide Dogs Week updates

Well done to our volunteer fundraisers who worked tirelessly throughout Guide Dogs Week (6-14 October). Some of the totals include: £584 raised at the Biggar group's annual coffee morning; £493 raised on Argyle Street by Glasgow City Rollers; £364 raised at Homebase in Hamilton; £235 raised at The



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Boyd Roderick in Shawlands, organised by the Glasgow Southside group; and an impressive £1184.67 raised at the West Renfrewshire group's coffee morning!

Volunteering updates

- Fundraising volunteers will be at Ikea in Glasgow on 3 and 4 November. Contact the office or tammy.robinson@guidedogs.org.uk for more information.
- Could you represent our wider group of volunteers at Volunteer Voices meetings? Please contact your volunteer manager if you are interested.
- We are currently seeking volunteers who could spare a couple of hours a week to help someone with sight loss get out and about. Beata said: "Volunteering as a My Guide has been a very positive, valuable experience for me. I wanted to support blind and partially sighted individuals to get out and do what they want to in their daily lives. I have met many amazing and lovely people and have enjoyed working with them. Furthermore, I found this is also a great opportunity for self-development. I have gained many significant benefits: confidence, the ability to adapt, communication, learning and developing new skills and of course meeting new people."
- [Visit our website for more information](#) about current volunteer roles, such as puppy walkers in: Lanarkshire, Glasgow, Dumfries and Galloway, Ayrshire; speakers; sighted guides, particularly in Ayrshire, Glasgow, Lanarkshire and Kilsyth; fundraising group co-ordinators in Ayrshire and Hamilton; and fundraisers for current groups, and new groups such as Airdrie! Contact the office to find out more about volunteering.

Events

- Our Christmas evening for volunteers takes place on Tuesday 4 December at Saint Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church Hall, Auchingramont Road, Hamilton, from 5-7pm. Christmas jumpers optional, with a prize for the best dressed! Attendees must RSVP to the office to establish numbers for catering, and alert us of dietary requirements.

Contacts

If you want to find out more, contact the Glasgow Mobility Team by emailing glasgow@guidedogs.org.uk or calling 0118 983 8123. You can also follow Guide Dogs Scotland on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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