



October 2018 – West & North Yorkshire mobility team

Welcome to our October update. I hope you enjoyed the wonderful Summer and the equally kind (so far) Autumn. Our Summer events and Guide Dogs Week are now behind us, but I know you have plenty of events planned in the run up to Christmas. If it's not too early may I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a successful fundraising New Year.

News

Our Ilkley Group have now held two fundraisers with a difference. The Clarke Foley Art class has twice used guide dogs and pups as models. Using dogs as sitters was the brainchild of supporter Jackie who came up with the idea of something different for the artists to paint whilst raising funds for Guide Dogs at the same time.

Volunteer fundraiser Thelma Wilson who heads up the Leeds fundraising branch has been awarded a White Rose Centre community award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the community. Thelma, with husband Peter, is a tireless fundraiser for Guide Dogs and a recognised face across Leeds. She helps to generate over £100,000 every year for Guide Dogs. Well done Thelma - much deserved.

Our first ever Black-Tie Summer Ball was held on 30 September, raising a fantastic £1,331. Wakefield & Pontefract group coordinator Phil Taylor organised everything. Guests were treated to a delicious meal and fabulous Frank Sinatra tribute act. Phil is already planning next year's ball.

Service updates

To report problems in the Leeds area such as:

Domestic wheelie bins left mid-pavement by bin crews, private waste bins obstructing pavements, pavement obstructions (cafe furniture, A-Boards) overhanging shrubs/trees or glass on footpaths, go to:-

Leeds City Council Communities and Environment Contact Centre on 0113 2224406 or MyLeeds on www.leeds.gov.uk

Or report in person at a “One stop Centre”.

Pavement surface defects including paving, tactile paving and potholes should be reported to Leeds City Council Highways on 0113 2224407 or

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Other councils will have similar reporting methods.

Campaign updates

Our Safe and Sound petition calling on car manufacturers to make new models of quiet cars safe, collected over 10,000 signatures. The petition is now closed. Thanks to everyone who supported.

We continue to campaign against pavement parking and took a stand at all parties' conferences this month where MPs could take a trip to our interactive fairground and experience the problems that pavement parking causes.

Actions

Durham University is looking for volunteers to participate in research about how loss of vision affects ability to use sound and sound echoes to get around. Get in touch by e-mail to:

lore.thaler@durham.ac.uk or call 01913343290.

We are in need of puppy walkers across the region to cope with the new influx of pups that will be coming to us next year. If you have friends and family living in North or West Yorkshire please tell them that this can be the most rewarding and fun volunteering experience. If you can help please contact ruth.wood@guidedogs.org.uk

We are appealing for the return of any unused equipment (leads, harnesses, collars, grooming equipment) that is no longer needed. Please get in touch with us at Shire View or drop off at puppy classes.

Events

Friday 2 November - 70s and 80s Disco night at the Nevisons Leap hosted by Wakefield and Pontefract Fundraising Group.

Friday 30 November - Fundraising at Normanton Christmas Market in the Town Centre.

Saturday 24 November - Fundraising event at Ilkley Edinburgh Woolen Mill.

Contacts

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