



October 2018 – Peterborough mobility team

2018 has been a challenging year with extreme weather conditions and staff changes. We say a sad farewell to Laraine (GDMI) who has gone back to America. On a positive note we have recruited a new My Guide Manager Laura Perkins. The team would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a very peaceful Christmas and prosperous New Year.

News

#TakeTheLead We held over 1,000 positive conversations with the public and ended the campaign with a sponsored dog walk, all helping to promote responsible dog ownership. Suffolk Constabulary agreed to review their Service Level Agreement regarding the Dangerous Dogs Act. Since the campaign we have had one attack in Ipswich. Prior to this we experienced 11 attacks. This campaign has yielded fantastic results. Thank you to all the volunteers and partners who supported it. We could not have done it without you!

Raising awareness of cycling hazards: Our volunteers do amazing things for Guide Dogs; this is just one of those fantastic initiatives. Tracey Wright has recently become a campaigns volunteer. Listening to her fiancé and other guide dog owners talk about the perils of people cycling on the pavements, Tracey decided to do something to help our cause. During 5 talks at a local secondary school, she spoke to over 1300 students about the issues faced by our service users from people cycling and parking on pavements. Well done Tracey, it sounds like a great success.

New Great Yarmouth Guide Dog forum 2019. The venue: The Star Hotel, Hall Quay. Dates: 10th April and 16th October, from 11am to 1pm. Please contact the Peterborough Office for more information.

Are you aware we have a new Mobility Team User Rep? Simon Edwards has taken over from Ami Turnbull. The role is voluntary, and this allows for a totally impartial stance. Communications are treated confidentially. Simon represents all service users. Most of Simon's time



is spent talking with service users, helping and supporting them. If you wish to contact Simon you can email him at simon.edwards@guidedogs.org.uk or speak to the Business Support Team who can put you in touch with him.

My Guide Manager Laura Perkins has arrived! Laura is keen to ensure the My Guide service is promoted in our region, ensuring service users and volunteers know the benefits of My Guide and the opportunities it presents. Whether you are on the waiting list or applying for a guide dog; taking part in mobility training or would simply enjoy being able to get out and about, the My Guide service could be ideal for you. Contact the office and register your interest.

Service update

We are working hard to cover the region and are continuing to train and put out dogs as planned. Our Orientation and Mobility Specialists continue to support clients with their mobility skills. In addition, Sam is our technology champion and can teach people how to use the Soundscape app.

Do you know about our guide dog taster days? The days are an opportunity to get to know us and for us to look at your specific needs regarding guide dog services. For more information please contact the office.

Actions

You can support us in many ways from joining our online campaign news, volunteering for us or you may have a fundraising idea? E-mail peterborough@guidedogs.org.uk to find out more.

Events

Guide Dog Forums 2018

Norwich: Annesley House Hotel 11am to 1pm. 19th December.

Cambridge: Parkside Fire Station 12pm to 2.30pm. 14 November.

Peterborough: The Great Northern Hotel, 12pm to 2pm. 7th December

North Walsham: Black Swan Loke, North Walsham, 11am to 1pm. 30th October.

Kings Lynn: Yours Business Centre, Tuesday Market Place Kings Lynn. 11am to 1pm. 15th November.



Contacts

Please note that the content of this email can also be heard via a recorded message on the following phone number: 0118 337 3816. If you no longer wish to receive emails from Guide Dogs, email: unsubscribe@guidedogs.org.uk.

End of document