



October 30th , 2018 – Shrewsbury Mobility Team

Important information

- Welcome to our new team trainees
- Donate an Hour for Guide Dogs Week a Success
- Use Your Senses 5k Fun Run takes place at Sandwell Valley
- Service User Representative Here To Help.
- My Guide Lead Volunteer Roles
- 3 Blind Fold Walks In Three Months

Team News

It's an exciting time in the team, as we welcome Lucy Johnson to Guide Dogs as a Trainee Habilitation Specialist with our Children and Young People team, as well as welcoming Libby Shore into her new role as a Trainee Orientation and Mobility Specialist. Alongside them, our Trainee Guide Dog Mobility Instructors Lauren Branfield and Rebecca Rex, who have rejoined us after 40 weeks training in Leamington. By the time you have read or listened to this they will have received their first dogs, so there is a real buzz of excitement in the office.

The four dogs who joined us at the end of August and have had lots of attention on our Facebook page are currently on class, so I'm sure you'll join us in wishing Jack, Gateley, Alfie, and Farrell along with their potential

owners the best of luck. We currently remain on target for 31 new partnerships this year.

Fundraising

Guide Dogs Week

Well done everyone for a hugely successful Guide Dogs week, despite the weather. The 'Donate an Hour' campaign received 44 sign ups from potential volunteers, this will run for the whole month of October. Thank you for welcoming them into Guide Dogs. There were 25 collections or events happening across the area during one week. Thanks to all our volunteers who supported the campaign.

Use Your Senses 5k Fun Run

At the time of writing the run is yet to take place, but the preparations are nearly complete for this unique fun run which will take place at Sandwell valley. Hundreds of runners will descend on the park, on the 20th October to take part in the 5k fun run, which will stimulate their senses as they go. It's sure to be a fantastic event, which will support both fundraising and engagement.

Service User Update – Lin Stapley

What a Summer! I hope that you Guide Dog Owners managed ok during the hot weather, I found that it was very difficult at times but we got by. Now we will have to think about the cold weather, hopefully not too cold. I have met a lot of Guide Dog Owners over the past few months through events but very few have got in touch further. I am hoping this is because everyone is happy and not having any problems but if you do need any support, that is what I am here for so please don't hesitate to get in touch. My number is 07785433223.

My Guide updates

We have a number of exciting new lead volunteer vacancies that are evolving the way that we deliver the My Guide. Information about the lead volunteer vacancies is available by contacting the office on 0345 1430226.

Volunteering

We currently have a wide range of volunteering vacancies across Shropshire, Staffordshire and The Black Country. If you would like more information around these vacancies to support you in development of your current role or to support you for another role you can contact us at the office for more information or visit

www.guidedogs.org.uk/volunteering

Actions – In the last 6 weeks the team has delivered Blind Fold walks to Owen Paterson MP for North Shropshire, Richard Probert Councilor at Telford & Wrekin Council and BBC Radio Shropshire's Breakfast team to raise awareness of challenges such as Pavement Parking and Access refusals. If you are having issues in your area please contact the team.

Events

Wolverhampton Sight Loss Open Day 30th October 2018
10:30am – 3.30pm

Sandwell Visually Impaired Forum 19th November 2018 at
the Portway Lifestyle Centre in Oldbury 9.30am – 3.30pm

Pat and Chat Event, Blackheath Lane Library
Staffordshire University, Blackheath Lane Stafford
ST18 0YB 10am – 1pm

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