



October 2018 – Southampton Mobility Team

Welcome to the third and final newsletter of 2018.

Important information

- Volunteering Update
- Jersey Book Sale
- The Hampshire Social
- Guide Dogs Week
- Emergency Dog Boarders
- Welcome back to Katrina

Volunteering Update

Have you been to a Volunteer Welcome Day yet? They are for new, and not so new volunteers, to find out about all aspects of the charity. Plus we train everyone in sighted guiding which we feel would benefit all volunteers giving their time to a charity supporting people living with sight loss. We are running these days again in 2019 so please let Hazel know if you would like to come by emailing hazel.kelly@guidedogs.org.uk or call 01189 838 892.

'Volunteer Voices' are a local consultative group for Guide Dogs volunteers. They meet 3 times a year to discuss local and national topics with feedback going directly to the Executive Board. To find

out what has been discussed, to comment, or bring up something for discussion please email vsouthampton@guidedogs.org.uk

The Jersey Book Sale

2018 marks the 25th anniversary year for the amazing Book Sale in Jersey. It also marks Ken's 60th year of volunteering for Guide Dogs. Ken, along with an army of dedicated and hardworking volunteers, organises the book sale. We thank them for their hard work each year in making the book sales happen. We are so incredibly thankful to all our volunteers who devote their time to us. All the fundraising activities that take place ensure that our services can continue.

The Hampshire Social

At the beginning of September, we held our Hampshire Social event in Winchester. The event was well attended and gave members of the Guide Dogs family a chance to get together for tea, cake and a good chat. Volunteers, clients, staff members and lots of dogs spent a great couple of hours together and an enjoyable time was had by all, meeting up with old friends and making new ones. Our next Social Event is being held in Poole, Dorset on 24th November and if you would like to join us please do call the Mobility Team on 01 189 838 892 for more details and to book your place.

Guide Dogs Week

A huge thank you to every one of you who supported Guide Dogs Week in 2018. From coffee mornings, collections, concerts, quizzes and the Mobility Team's very own Great Guide Dogs Bake Off. Without all our fundraising efforts we simply could not continue to change the lives of people who are blind or partially sighted. The

numbers are still coming in but 2018 looks to be a very successful year for Guide Dogs Week across our area. If you would like more information on how you can help raise funds for our charity or how you can join your local Fundraising Group, please do call the Southampton Team on 01189 838 892.

Emergency Dog Boarders

We would like to remind our guide dog owners of the importance of having an emergency dog boarder in place in the event that you are not able to look after your dog. If you require further information or guidance please speak to your Guide Dog Mobility Instructor.

Welcome back Katrina

We are pleased to let you know that Katrina Ayling has returned from maternity leave. Katrina is our Dog Care & Welfare Advisor and we are so excited to have her back.

If you would like to contact Katrina, please follow our usual process of calling the Southampton office on 01189 838 892.

Katrina is often out on appointments and may not be able to pick up and deal with your enquiry. By calling the office the Business Support team can compile queries for Katrina to respond to and escalate to another member of the Dog Care team any situations that require immediate attention.

Contacts

Please note that the content of this email can also be heard via a recorded message on the following phone number 0118 337 3819.

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