

Directory of Low Vision Services – Bradford

NHS Low Vision Aids

Lead: Stephanie Mindham
Address: Orthoptic and LVA Dept, Eye Outpatients, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Duckworth Lane, Bradford. BD9 6RJ
Telephone: 01274 364175
Services: Low vision aids; optical magnifiers, telescopes, spectacles mounted LVAs, tinted and wrap around spectacles. No electronic aids available on the NHS (inc. electronic vision enhancement systems (EVES))
Access: Referral from optometrist or GP.

Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO)

Lead: Iftekhar Ahmed
Address: ECLO, Eye Clinic, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Duckworth Lane, Bradford. BD9 6RJ
Telephone: 01274 382045
Email: Iftekhar.Ahmed@rnib.org.uk
Services: Happy to take referrals from community. Low Vision Leaflet (LVL) referral would be the best.
<https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Low-Vision-Leaflet.pdf>
Support and signposting to services including funded by Local Authority, charities and self-help groups
Access: Self-referral or referral from HES, optometrist or GP.

Adults with Sight Loss

Morley Street Resource Centre - Bradford Council funded Resource Centre

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/adult-social-care/disabilities/support-for-people-who-have-a-visual-impairment/>

Lead: Javaid Ashraf
Address: Morley Street Resource Centre, 124 Morley Street Bradford BD7 1BB
Telephone: 01274 435001
Email: sns.vi.duty@bradford.gov.uk
Services: Hosts the sensory impairment team. Home visit assessments available as well as signposting to local and national agencies. Self help groups
Access: Self-referral or referral from ECLO, optometrist or GP.

Self Help Groups at Morley Street Resource Centre

Accessible, in the first instance, by contact to Morley Street

Group	Day/time	Who it's for
Monday Drop In User led social networking group	Monday 10am to 4pm	Adults with a Visual Impairment
IT Training Tutor led – basic IT skills	Monday (Term time/weekly) 1.30pm to 3.30pm	Adults with a Visual Impairment
Braille Group Tutor led training	Wednesday Term time/weekly 9.30am to 12 noon	Adults with a Visual Impairment
The Women's Group User led social networking group	Wednesday (every two weeks) 1pm to 3pm	Women with a Visual Impairment
Gardening Group For those with sight loss with interest in gardening	Wednesday (every two weeks) 1pm to 3pm	Adults with a Visual Impairment
Living Painting Group User led Art Group	Friday Monthly 10.30am to 12.30pm	Adults with a Visual Impairment
Macular Disease Society User led group. Contact: The Helpline 0845 241 2041	Thursday (third in every month) 2pm to 4pm	Adults with Macular Disease

Service Led Groups at Morley Street Resource Centre

Group	Day/time	Who it's for
Deaf Independence Project Communication Group Service led Access via assessment of need	Tuesday 10am to 12pm	Adults who are deaf with additional difficulties
Deaf Independence Social Group Service led Access via assessment of need	Thursday 2pm to 4pm	Adults who are deaf with additional difficulties

Sight Airedale – Charity for People with Visual Impairment

<http://www.sightairedale.org.uk/>

Lead: Annette / Anthony
Address: 1 Albert Street, Keighley, BD21 2AT
Telephone: 01535 602354
Email: enquires@sightairedale.org.uk
Services: LVA at cost, Social Centres (Silsden, Keighley Bingley), Living with Sight Loss Course, Computer Training, Daily Living Shop
Support Groups: Silsden – last Monday of the month, Keighley – 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, Bingley 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.
Access: Self-referral or from ECLO, Morley Street Resource Centre, optometrist or GP.

Bradnet

<https://www.bradnet.org.uk/>

Telephone: 01274 224444
Email: enquiries@bradnet.co.uk
Services: Bradford based advocacy and support for people with disabilities
Access: Self-referral or referral from ECLO, optometrist or GP.

Library Services for people with sight loss

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries/services-in-our-libraries/services-for-visually-impaired-people/>

Telephone: 01274 430094
Services: Large Print Books, audio CDs, MP3s, e-audiobooks, children's books, access to Braille, digital magnifier. Available at all libraries, stocked at the three main libraries.
Access: Self-referral or from ECLO, Morley Street Resource Centre, optometrist or GP.

Talking Books – Bradford

<http://www.btm.org.uk/>

Lead: Susan Crowe
Email: susan.crowe@btm.org.uk
Address: 11-12 Eldon Place, Bradford BD1 3AZ
Telephone: 01274 848150
Services: Bradford Talking Magazines in Urdu, Punjabi and English
Access: Self-referral or referral from ECLO, optometrist or GP.

Bradford Telegraph and Argus

Email: talkingtelegraphbradford@hotmail.com

Telephone: 01274 571074

Services: Weekly summary of local news from Bradford Telegraph and Argus. MP3 format, MP3 players loaned free if required.

Access: Self-referral or referral from ECLO.

Industrial Services Group - Bradford Council owned company employing people with disabilities including sight loss

<https://industrialservicesgroup.co.uk/>

Telephone: 01274 431100

Email: isgsales.manufacturing@bradford.gov.uk

Services: Empowering people to gain employment skills especially in manufacturing e.g. doors, windows and lighting

Access: Self-referral or referral from ECLO, LA, optometrist or GP.

Guide Dogs - Yorkshire

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/services-we-provide/>

Telephone: 0345 1430210

Email: leeds@guidedogs.org.uk (regional centre that serves Bradford too)

Services: Guide dogs, but also "My Guide" - sighted guiding service
For children:

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/services-we-provide/children-and-young-peoples-services/>

Access technology and grants	Buddy dogs for children
CustomEyes books	Education support
Family support	Guide dogs for children and young people
Movement matters	Recreational activities

Access: Self-referral or referral from ECLO, optometrist or GP.

Travel Eyes -Travel Company for people with sight loss

<https://www.traveleyes-international.com/>

Telephone: 0113 834 6094

Services: Travel Company based in Leeds for people with sight loss (or who want to accompany a traveller with sight loss)

Access: Self-referral or advocate.

West Yorkshire Metro

<https://ticketsandpasses.wymetro.com/blind-disabled/>

Telephone: 0113 245 7676

Email: metroline@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

Services: The Blind Person's Pass (and a companion if you are not able to travel alone) entitles you to free travel on local bus services at any time of day in West Yorkshire.

Need to be, or entitled to be, registered SSI (blind) or sight impaired. Medical professionals who can provide evidence include doctors, nurses but also optometrists.

Children with Sight Loss

Bradford Council children's services

<https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk/Services/Details.aspx?mid=18>

Lead: Anne Lomas
Telephone: 01274 439266
Address: Service for Children and Young People with Visual Impairment,
Margaret McMillan Tower, Bradford, BD1 1NN
Email: anne.lomas@bradford.gov.uk
Services: Assessment for emotional and educational support. Educational solutions found at the schools below, or elsewhere. Signposting for children and families to other services.
Access: HES referral. Parents can contact the service directly for advice.

Primary School

<https://grovehouseprimary.co.uk/arc/>

Address: Grove House Primary School, Myers Lane, Bradford, BD2 4ED
Telephone: 01274 636921
Contact: susan.adams@grovehouseprimary.co.uk

Services: Additionally Resourced Centre (ARC) for visually impaired children with specially qualified staff to support primary aged children with visual impairment.
Access: HES referral to local authority specialist education vision impairment service and then on to the school.

Secondary School Additionally Resourced Centre (ARC) for visually impaired children

http://www.hansonacademy.org.uk/Additionally_Resourced_Centre.html

Lead: Mr Ayub
Address: Hanson Academy, Sutton Avenue, Swain House, Bradford. BD2 1JP
Telephone: 01274 776200
Email: info@hansonacademy.org.uk
Services: Additionally Resourced Centre (ARC) for visually impaired children with specially qualified staff to support secondary aged children with visual impairment.
Access: HES referral to local authority specialist education vision impairment service and then on to the school.

Look UK

<http://www.look-uk.org/>

Address: LOOK National Office, c/o Royal National College for the Blind, Venns Lane,
Hereford. HR1 1DT

Telephone: 01432 376314

Email: info@look-uk.org

Services: Support for families with children who are visually impaired, or young people
under 29 with visual impairment

Access: Self-referral or advocate.

National Organisations

RNIB

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/>

Telephone: 0303 123 9999

Email: helpline@rnib.org.uk

Services: Main national charity supporting people with sight loss. Emotional support, safer living aids, modern apps and computer accessibility, lobbying for people with sight loss. Social interaction including social media:

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/rnibconnect/regional-facebook-groups-connect-people-sight-loss>

Access: Self-referral or advocate.

Macula Society

<https://www.macularsociety.org/>

Telephone: 0300 3030 111

Services: Support and research for people with macula disease, their families and carers

Access: Self-referral or advocate.

SeeAbility

<https://www.seeability.org/>

Telephone 01372 755 000

Email: enquiries@seeability.org

Services: Support and preventative services alongside people with learning disabilities, autism, and sight loss, enabling them to realise their goals every day.

Access: Self-referral or advocate.

Guide Dogs Information included in the adult section above including local contacts.

Blind Veterans UK

<https://www.blindveterans.org.uk/>

Address: Blind Veterans UK 12-14 Harcourt Street, London. W1H 4HD

Local centre Blind Veterans UK 276 Fulwood Road, Sheffield. S10 3BN

Telephone: 0800 389 7979 or for their Sheffield centre 0114 267 2550

Email: supporter.services@blindveterans.org.uk

Services: Supporting people who can be registered severely sight impaired and who have been in the forces. National Service makes people eligible. Sight loss does not have to be related to military service. Emotional support, course on recent sight loss, payment for electronic LVAs inc. EVES.

Access: Self-referral or advocate.

Calibre Audio Books

<https://www.calibre.org.uk/>

Address: Calibre Audio Library, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 5XQ
Telephone: 01296 432 339
Fax: 01296 392 599
Email: enquiries@calibre.org.uk
Services: Extensive talking books service
Access: Self-referral or advocate. Self-declare sight loss and £35 joining fee

Thomas Pocklington Trust

<http://www.pocklington-trust.org.uk/>

Lead: Eammon Dunne
Address: Tavistock House South (Entrance D), Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LG
Telephone: 02089 950 880
Email: info@pocklington-trust.org.uk
Services: Increasing awareness and understanding of the needs of people with sight loss and to developing and implementing services which meet their needs and improves lives.
Access: Self-referral or advocate.

Sense – Supporting People with Complex Communication Needs inc Sensory Loss

<https://www.sense.org.uk/>

Visualise Training

<http://www.visualisetrainingandconsultancy.com/training/cet-accredited-training-seeing-beyond-eyes/>

Lead: Daniel Williams
Telephone: 07472305268
Email: info@visualisetrainingandconsultancy.co.uk
Services: CET Accredited Training for Optometrists, DOs and practice staff about sight loss. Training for companies to become more sight loss aware.

Visually Impaired Sport

Heaton Tennis & Squash Club

<http://www.heatontennis squash.co.uk/visually-impaired/>

Address: Heaton Tennis & Squash Club, Garth Barn Close, Highgate, Heaton, Bradford.
BD9 5PH
Telephone: 01274 541508
Email: enquiries@heatontennis squash.co.uk
Services: Tennis for people with sight loss. Open to all.
Access: Self-referral or advocate.

Visually Impaired Tennis

Now at Heaton Tennis & Squash Club

£5 per session

Thursdays 6.30pm - 8pm

HTESC
Garth Barn Close,
Highgate, Heaton
Bradford, BD9 5PH

01274 541508
enquiries@heatontennis squash.co.uk

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www.heatontennis squash.co.uk

St Bede's & St Josephs Catholic College

HEATON TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB

Visually Impaired Tennis in a safe environment for everyone!
So why not come along and give it a go?

Held at Heaton Tennis & Squash Club, Garth Barn Close, Bradford, BD9 5PH
Opposite the Former Bradley's Restaurant,
adjacent to St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College
TRANSPORT Two-minute walk from The Kings Arms for 629 and 680 buses

FACILITIES
On site Restaurant & Bar

Bradford Disability Sports

<http://bradforddisabilitysports.co.uk/index.html>

Address: BDSL, Shipley Town Hall, Bradford. BD18 3EJ
Telephone: 01274 437093
Email: info@bdsi.net
Services: Variety of inclusive sporting activities across Bradford for people with disabilities including sight loss
Access: Self-referral or advocate.

British Blind Sport

<https://britishblindsport.org.uk/play-sport/links/>

Telephone: 01926 424247

Email: info@britishblindsport.org.uk

Services: National organisation to encourage sporting activity by people with sight loss.

Access: Self-referral or advocate.

Paratriathlon	Recreational cycling	Guide Running	Judo	Recreational Activities
Powerlifting	Snowsports	Sailing	Rowing	Gymnastics
Equestrian	Canoeing & Kayaking	Bowls	Boccia	Swimming
Goalball	Tenpin Bowling	Cricket	Football	Target Shooting
Athletics	Archery	Tennis	Walking groups	