



# **INSIGHT** Spring/Summer 2021

Welcome to what is the first newsletter of 2021 and we hope you enjoy this edition. If you have any suggestions for future newsletters then please just get in touch.

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## INTRODUCTION

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to improve the newsletter. We are always open to suggestions.

As in previous newsletters we abbreviate Rotherham Sight & Sound to **RSS** in the same way we abbreviate Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind to **SRSB**.

Clients can access any services or events in Rotherham or Sheffield regardless of where they live.

## 160th +1 Anniversary Gala Dinner Friday 17th September 2021



Having had to reschedule our dinner due to COVID there is the chance to join us for a great night to celebrate our 160th Anniversary at the marvellous Weston Park Museum.

For full details and how to book please see Page 3

## **CORONAVIRUS – THE IMPACT**

Well, I concluded this piece in the last newsletter, written in early November, with the statement "Here's hoping that 2021 will be a vast improvement over 2020, I doubt it could be any worse!" How wrong could I have been with the death toll sadly rising rapidly in the run up to Christmas and the country in national lockdown from 4<sup>th</sup> January?

As I write this towards the end of April the situation is starting to look a little better following the roll out of the vaccination programme and the gradual easing of some of the restrictions.

Here at **SRSB/RSS** all of the staff that are likely to be meeting clients in the near future have received both doses of the vaccination as "key workers" as well as all the rest of the staff having received their first dose of the vaccine plus like myself, some of us having received their second dose that are in the relevant age bracket for vaccinations. All of the staff based at both Rotherham and Sheffield are on the weekly PCR testing regime with twice weekly lateral flow tests due to be started later this month for staff. volunteers and visitors to our centres. Accordingly we can start to tentatively resume some of our services – more details of our current services and proposed changes later in this newsletter.

Steve Hambleton, General Manager

## RUMOURS

There have been a number of situations recently where clients and volunteers have "heard on the grapevine" things such as we are selling our minibuses, that Rotherham Sight & Sound will not be re-opening or that a particular service won't be restarting.

These are all just rumours with absolutely no foundation or grain of truth. We have no intention of selling

## SRSB AND RSS NEWS RAFFLE

We had a fantastic response to the Christmas Raffle with ticket sales surpassing all records, certainly in the last 20 years. Tickets sales amounted to £3,817 which with donations enclosed with the raffle tickets, took the minibuses, Rotherham Sight & Sound is not closed and is operating exactly the same as **SRSB** in Sheffield and no decisions have been taken to not resume any of our services. Further information on our current service delivery later in the newsletter.

If you want to know what is happening please do not listen to gossip, please just give us a call and speak to Joanne Ardern or Steve Hambleton.

the total to over £4,000 which is absolutely fantastic – THANK YOU.

So the bar has been set now for the Summer Raffle with again the first prize of £160 to reflect our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and plenty of other lovely prizes. Unless you have requested otherwise, 2 books of tickets are enclosed for the Summer Raffle. Tickets are £2.50 per book (£5 for two books). If you can sell them please put the money and the ticket counterfoils in the enclosed plastic bag and return to **SRSB** in the FREEPOST envelope no later than Monday 21st June 2021. Cheques should be made payable to "**SRSB**".

If you or your family are able to sell extra tickets please call **SRSB** as more tickets can always be provided.

If you prefer to make payment for the raffle tickets with a debit /credit card just give us a call on **0114 272 2757**, we can take your payment and enter tickets into the draw for you. It's simple and ALL proceeds will go to **SRSB**.

If you are not able to sell any tickets then don't worry as we appreciate that not everybody is a salesperson but please DO NOT return the tickets to us as we do have to pay postage for the FREEPOST envelope if you use it. If you would prefer not to receive raffle tickets in future then please just give us a call.

Some people kindly put a postage stamp on the envelope to save us the postage cost which is very much appreciated. However, if you do that please ensure that you cross out the first line of the address on the envelope which starts "Freepost Plus" and the barcode immediately above it. Please could you also ensure that any person buying raffle tickets are aged 16 or over.

## **160TH ANNIVERSARY**

Sadly due to Covid 19 regulations we had to postpone all the events we had planned last year to celebrate our 160th Anniversary but we are now planning our 160 plus 1 celebrations.

#### 160+1 Gala Dinner

Weston Park Museum, Friday 17th September

Last year's dinner was cancelled but Weston Park Museum has confirmed that they are expecting to be operating at full capacity by September. We will certainly be ready for a party! For further information and to book tickets do get in touch.

Weston Park Museum is closely linked to our history as it was the home of the Harrison sisters who started our organisation over 16 decades ago by opening the workshops on West Street employing blind people.

If you want to purchase tickets we have them on sale now, price £50 which will include a drink on arrival, a marvellous dinner and the opportunity to look around the museum.

To purchase your ticket just give us a call or book online at http://bit.ly/3uNV9Wd

## SRSB Sensory Garden and Heritage

We are currently talking to Sheffield City Council about developing part of the Rose Garden at Graves Park into a sensory garden as part of our 160+1 Anniversary celebrations. The Heritage Lottery have indicated that it is a project which fits their remit and which they would consider funding. We are very much in the planning process, and are submitting it alongside a wider heritage project including exhibitions, books and oral histories. If you are interested in joining a steering group for the garden or getting involved in our heritage project, it would be great to hear from you. Please contact Steve Loane or Jane or email marketing@srsb.org.uk

#### The History of SRSB

**SRSB** has been working on behalf of blind and partially sighted people for 161 years in Sept 2021. We are currently collecting memories from our long history with Sheffield to produce a book. Do you have a memory that you would like to share? We are also planning to record an oral history, so if you would like share a story in this way, please let us know.

This is open to anyone who would like to contribute, clients, staff, volunteers, supporters and any other members of our community. Please give Jane a call or email marketing@srsb.org.uk

## <u>'TRUST IN CARE' ACCESSIBLE</u> <u>PERFORMANCE AT</u> <u>SHEFFIELD THEATRES</u>

Our friends at Rationale Arts are performing a high energy, accessible production at the Crucible on Friday 4th June called 'Trust In Care'. It has poetic audio description embedded into the main sound score for everybody to hear instead of the Audio Description being delivered through the headsets. The show is suitable for the entire family.

You can find out more at https://www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk/ev ents/trust-in-care

## YORKSHIRE VI CRICKET CLUB

Great news that the Yorkshire VI Cricket Club training is starting up again. We are passing on this information about another taster sessions that is coming up.

They have a coaching session at Old Sharlston Cricket Club near Wakefield on Sunday 23rd May, from 12:30pm to 4pm if anyone wants to call in to have a go at anytime during the day.

Available for people of all ages and abilities. Please arrive in tracksuit and trainers, with your own refreshments.

Ground address: Weeland Road, Sharlston Common, WF4 1DB

Further information from: John Garbett (Cricket Development) on **07769 909906** or

JohnGarbett8@virginmedia.com

## COOKERY FEATURE

Do you enjoy cookery? Would you like to share your passion for cookery in a feature? A local magazine that has a regular food related article has approached us with a concept about focussing on people who may need to do things differently (for example visually impaired people). You may be asked about your passion for food, aids/adaptations you may use and perhaps to share your favourite

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recipe. Just get in touch with Jane, or email marketing@srsb.org.uk if you would like to find out more.

## WELLBEING POSTAL PACKS

We are compiling a list of people who would be interested in a postal Wellbeing Pack. The pack will contain information about wellbeing, for example: useful tips, activities, products, recipes, links etc.

## SRSB AND RSS SERVICES MAPPIN STREET & SHIP HILL CENTRES

Our centres remain closed to visitors for the time being although staff are working at both centres and can, if absolutely essential, see clients in person strictly by appointment only at both centres.

## HOLIDAYS

We are still not planning any holidays for 2021 at the moment, but as soon as we are able to do so we will let you know.

## ZOOM VIDEO AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCING

Many of our services and activities are now being delivered via Zoom. Some people may feel a bit inhibited or nervous about using this new way of working but, based on feedback we have received from clients who we have persuaded to try it, please be assured that it is something that you can do if you have an internet connection and we will guide you through the process.

For people without an internet connection then we have set up If you are interested in receiving a FREE pack, please get in touch with Joanne on **0114 272 2757** or email info@srsb.org.uk

The first 40 people to put their name down will also receive a Lush product that the store in Meadowhall very kindly donated for our clients.

telephone conference facilities where we call you and join you into a group session.

## LOOKING AHEAD COURSES

At the moment these courses are only being delivered online via Zoom video conferencing but within the next few months we hope to be able to offer face to face sessions as well as continuing with the Zoom sessions. For some people it is more convenient to use Zoom rather than having to travel to our centres in either Sheffield or Rotherham.

The course offers an introduction to help and support for daily living, accessing information in print, magnifiers, mobility, how technology and mobile phones can help and a range of guest speakers from both within and beyond **SRSB** and **RSS**.

The course has been offered for the last six years and comments from past attendees have highlighted a growth in confidence, friendships formed during the course and increased knowledge about how to access support as well as what is available. If you think you might benefit from signing up for one of these courses, please contact Liz Bowman.

## **EMOTIONAL SUPPORT**

Our Emotional Support Officer, Hayley Martin, is working albeit up to now all her consultations are being done over the phone. However, over the next few months we hope to be able to let people come into our Rotherham or Sheffield centres to see Hayley. If you feel that you might benefit and would like an informal chat with Hayley just give us a call and we will ask her to call you.

## KNOWLEDGE HUB SECTION ON OUR WEBSITE

We are working on populating a new section of the website where we will share information, stories and videos about equipment and technology relevant to our clients with sight and/or hearing loss. These are not recommendations, just a sharing of information.

Visit http://srsb.org.uk/Our-Services/Knowledge-Hub/

#### **Equipment Videos**

Information videos about different assistive equipment available for our visually impaired and/or hearing impaired clients.

#### **Client Reviews**

Reviews from our clients about products and equipment that they use, and want to share information about with others

#### TechKnowledge

A space to share links to various technology products.

If you would like to tell us about a product or would like to write a review about a product, please just get in touch with Jane on marketing@srsb.org.uk

## JOB CLUB

The current situation may not be ideal for people looking to get into work but if you are considering looking for work or to retain your existing job then our job club may be for you. We have just completed the job club which started in January, again via Zoom video conferencing but will be organising another as soon as we have a few people wanting to join, so please contact us for further information.

## COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICES

Our Community Advice Officers are working mainly in the office advising clients, carrying out initial assessments, organising delivery of equipment, attending to welfare benefit claims etc. If you require any help, support or advice please do not hesitate to contact us. If absolutely essential our staff can see people "face to face" by appointment in our centres and if they believe that a home visit is necessary that can also be arranged whilst at all times maintaining social distancing and other infection prevention control procedures.

## HEARING AID SERVICES

We are able to service hearing aids at both Rotherham and Sheffield or if we can't carry out any aspect we can contact the audiology department on your behalf. If you require batteries, tubing or anything else regarding your hearing aids then please get in touch with us.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Joy Waters, our Activities and Groups Co-ordinator, is organising a number of groups. If you would like to join any of these groups please just give Joy a call.

#### Aerobics

Every Monday via Zoom, 10:30am to 11:30am

These sessions are delivered by Grainne who is a fully qualified aerobics instructor and also teaches Zumba and Pilates.

These virtual sessions are open to clients from **SRSB** and **RSS**. The cost is £3 per person per session.

#### **Meditation**

Every Tuesday via Zoom from 8:30am to 9am

These sessions are delivered by Catherine, who used to run yoga sessions at our centre in Sheffield prior to the first lockdown.

These virtual sessions are open to clients from **SRSB** and **RSS** and are FREE.

#### **Creative Writing Group**

Every Tuesday, 11am to 12noon via telephone conferencing

This group used to meet every Friday morning at our Mappin Street Centre but it is now meeting via telephone conferencing.

These sessions are open to clients from **SRSB** and **RSS** and are FREE

#### Cycling

After positive feedback from all who attended the preliminary sessions at Hillsborough Park we had a regular monthly session prior to lockdown in March last year and it was briefly restarted last October with full social distancing but quickly came to a halt again last December.

These weekly sessions, every Wednesday 12:30pm to 1:30pm, have now restarted so if you would like to join the group please get in touch with Joy. You will need to make your own way to Hillsborough Park.

The cost is £5 per person per session.

#### Yoga

Every Thursday via Zoom, 9am to 10am

These sessions are delivered by Catherine, who used to run the yoga sessions at our centre in Sheffield prior to the first lockdown.

These virtual yoga sessions are open to clients from **SRSB** and **RSS** and are FREE.

#### Zoom Weekly Get Together

Every Tuesday, 1pm to 2pm via Zoom

Join us on our weekly Zoom get together to have some fun with quizzes etc.

#### **Activity Packs**

In addition to all the groups that she organises Joy also prepares and mails out an Activity Pack every week to more than 200 clients. Each pack contains a large print Word Search, Crossword, Quiz Questions, Colouring Page and Sudoko with the solutions sent out the following week. For people that struggle with large print we will endeavour to identify alternative solutions.

Joy themes the packs to keep things interesting and she asks for feedback from you about different subjects.

If you would like to try an activity pack then please just give us a call.

#### Tai Chi

Fridays, 2:30pm to 3:30pm via Zoom

Join this virtual Tai Chi session with Sandra who used to run the classes at our centres. Sandra has been working with our visually impaired clients for over 10 years, so you are in experienced hands. She will give step by step instructions to the practice and also set practice exercises for the group.

New starters are welcome to join these sessions, so don't worry if you don't have any experience.

These virtual sessions are open to clients from **SRSB** and **RSS** and are FREE.

#### **Telephone Conference Groups**

For clients who can't manage Zoom video conferencing we have started a number of telephone conference groups for clients that used to attend our Mappin Street Activities Centre but anybody can join these groups and we can start new groups if there is a particular subject that you would like covering – just let us know.

#### **Charles Bonnet Support Group**

2nd Tuesday of every month

This group is now meeting via telephone conferencing. If you would like to join this group then please just get in touch with us.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES – SRSB & RSS

Even though we haven't been able to run any activities for Children and Young People our Community Advice Officers are still supporting families with welfare benefits such as completing Disability Living Allowance claims, Family Fund applications etc. Please just get in touch with us if you require any support or advice.

## OUR SERVICES – LOOKING AHEAD

As the coronavirus restrictions are easing with most of them scheduled to

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We have also been doing a themed Activity Pack for children, the first ones being for Halloween, Christmas and Easter. The next one will be an "Outdoor Activity" theme. If your child hasn't been receiving these and would like the next one then please let us know.



finish on 21st June we are currently planning how we will be resuming our services.

Initially we are taking a cautious approach and will be starting with small groups of up to 8 people so that we can maintain social distancing. We will make a decision on the wearing of masks in our building nearer the time that we resume services, based on government advice at the time.

The situation is complicated by the fact that our Mappin Street Centre in Sheffield is currently surrounded by scaffolding for the replacement of all the cladding with very restricted access to our building which is not safe for our clients to use. These works are scheduled to be finished in September

so we won't be resuming any services within our Mappin Street Centre until October when we will also be opening our Café.

At Rotherham we are investigating installing a lift with some other property improvements planned at the same time but the timescale for these works is not clear yet so we are planning on starting some small activity groups with effect from Monday 5th July.

We will be consulting with clients who currently access some of our activities via Zoom or Telephone Conference call whether they wish to continue with this or prefer to return to our centres which may result in us doing a mixture of virtual and face to face activities.

would like to find out more about the

home please just call and speak to any

of the management team on 0114 266

CAIRN HOME

We are incredibly proud of all the staff at Cairn Home for their dedication and commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all the residents during the COVID pandemic. We have had no COVID related deaths at the home which is a fantastic achievement and only a few staff have had COVID for which they have had to self-isolate of course.

g the **1536**. We are also holding a Garden Party, where we will be serving tea and scones, in the wonderful garden at

Cairn Home on Saturday 26th June from 10am to 4pm as part of Crosspool Open Gardens

We currently have vacancies for new residents at Cairn Home so if you

#### GROUPS AND CLUBS SHEFFIELD MACULAR GROUP

Degeneration of the macular results in loss of central vision. It is usually a result of ageing and is the commonest form of sight loss in older people. This group, which is a branch of the national Macular Society, now meets via telephone conference calls. New members are most welcome, just come along.

For more information please contact Nick Woodford on **0114 236 8971** or Robin Story **0114 236 2251**, email: story.robin@yahoo.co.uk

## **RP SUPPORT GROUP**

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RP (Retinitis Pigmentosa) is an eye condition affecting the retina usually affecting peripheral vision first and, in time, central vision as well. It is usually inherited.

This group didn't meet in 2020 due to COVID restrictions but we have restarted the group meetings via Zoom in January and April this year. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15th July at 2pm via Zoom.

## CHARLES BONNET SYNDROME (CBS) SUPPORT GROUP

Are you experiencing vivid, silent visual hallucinations?

#### VOLUNTEERS

Our current requirement for volunteers is significantly reduced as we aren't running any group activities or fundraising events but hopefully later this year these may be able to resume in some form and we will be looking for volunteers at that point.

We currently have volunteers staying in touch with clients by phone who benefit from a weekly telephone call. If you would like a weekly call to check that you are OK or just to relieve the boredom of lockdown then please give us a call.

We also have volunteers who contact clients that we haven't been in touch

If so you are not alone, you may be suffering from a condition called Charles Bonnet Syndrome that affects many people of all ages who are having problems with their vision. The onset of these hallucinations are not due to mental health but are caused by loss of sight. They can be very disturbing and can impact negatively on your daily life.

This group didn't meet in 2020 due to COVID restrictions but group meetings have now been restarted via telephone conferencing.

with for any reason in the last 6 months just to check that they are OK.

We also have a few volunteers who help us out with other tasks such as stuffing envelopes to send out this newsletter.

We would not be able to deliver this level of services for our clients without the support of our amazing volunteers.

The impact on the lives of our clients is huge and our thanks are extended to all our volunteers, both those active as well as currently inactive due to COVID restrictions, for their commitment and dedication to supporting our clients.

### FUNDRAISING

We hope everyone is keeping safe and well in these challenging times.

In 2020 and 2021, we have had to cancel most events in our centres and the community, and this has had a huge impact on our fundraising income. To help, we launched our Covid-19 Appeal and thank you to everyone who donated. The appeal is still open at https://bit.ly/3eyjBDD for anyone who still wants to help.

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During the pandemic many people missed the opportunity to celebrate landmark birthdays or other special occasions, including **SRSB**. We still intend to hold our 160+ Anniversary Dinner on the 17th September (restrictions permitting) and to launch a year of celebrations around then as well - more about that in the next copy of Insight.

In this edition, we will feature ways you can help us plan, an exciting miniappeal for Rotherham, two new will writing weeks and some virtual fundraising events that are in the pipeline. As we move out of lockdown, we hope to be able to add to this list and hopefully get back to normal as soon as we can.

Further information on all our current events are below. To join us at any event you can book online, give us a call or email fundraising@srsb.org.uk

## LOCKDOWN LOOKS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Present to Monday 21st June

As we start to move out of Lockdown, we want you to share your favourite image from the past year. This could be one that you have taken, or one that someone has taken of you. We've got 10 fantastic categories for you to choose from, with a prize for the best in each, and a grand prize for the overall winner.

- Fabulous Families
- Hilarious Hair
- Gorgeous Gardens
- Wonderful Wildlife

- Perfect Pets
- Happy Hobbies
- Dynamic DIY
- Super Sheds
- Funky Fashion

Deadline for entries is 21st June 2021. We will announce the winners the following week.

Suggested minimum £5 donation per entry to the 'Lockdown Looks' photography competition. Just email your photo to fundraising@srsb.org.uk and make your donation via www.srsb.org.uk (or give us a call to make a card payment)

## <u>SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM</u> <u>STAYS IN</u>

Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th July

This is our annual event where we ask the people of Sheffield and Rotherham to 'Stay In' and hold their own event for **SRSB** or **RSS**. It's a great opportunity to catch up with friends, family and colleagues, ask them for a donation to attend and have fun while raising funds and awareness – something we haven't been able to do for quite some time! Subject to staying safe due to COVID you could hold your event at home, in your local pub or at work. It could be at night or during the day.

There are great prizes for:

- Most funds raised (by an individual)
- Most funds raised (by a corporate group)
- Best Photo
- Most innovative event

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Some ideas are:

Garden party, cheese and wine party, pie & peas night, quiz or watch a film night, coffee and cake morning, the list is endless.

We will provide you with the following to support your event:

- Invitations to send to your family, friends or colleagues.
- **SRSB** balloons for use at your event.
- Collection box to collect donations.

You will receive a thank you letter and certificate after the event to acknowledge how much you raised.

## **SRSB VIRTUAL PUB QUIZ**

Thursday 8th July, 7:30pm via Zoom

We are getting closer to a return to our regular guizzes at The Old Queens Head so have provisionally booked a date in September. In the meantime, until it's safe to go to a pub quiz, why not put those brain cells to the test from the comfort of your own home? Put on the kettle, crack open a beer or pour a glass of wine, and join us for some fun. Ian Batty, husband of Val who is one of our clients, is the Quizmaster on the night. Ian also provides the questions for all our quizzes. Thank you lan for all your help. So why not get that grey matter really working and join us for a laugh on the night? Book your place, and we will send your Zoom joining instructions. It is that easy and it would be great to see you on the night.

## Round Rotherham for Sight and Sound Walk

21st June to 21st September

A walking challenge to support the RSS 'Give us a Lift' appeal.

#### SRSB Golf Day

Wath Golf Club – Friday 10th September

#### 160+ Anniversary Dinner

Weston Park – Friday 17th September

#### Sheffield 10k & Sheffield Half Marathon

Sunday 26th September

## Bill & Ed's Piano Recital

Victoria Hall – Saturday 16th October

#### Skydive

Hilbaldstow Airfield, Lincolnshire, dates to suit in 2021

#### Wing Walk

Wickenby, Lincolnshire – join Heather Weston on Friday 6th August or other dates to suit in 2021

## **GIVE US A LIFT APPEAL**

We want our clients at our Rotherham centre to have as good an experience as they do at Mappin Street. That's why we've launched a £70,000 appeal to install a new lift at our three-storey building on Ship Hill that will make it safer and more accessible for clients. We also want to undertake other improvements at the same time, including refurbishing the toilet facilities and better lighting throughout the building.

You can donate to our appeal by:

• Making a one-off donation

## OTHER EVENTS

- Providing regular support through a standing order
- Hold or take part in an event for RSS
- Support **RSS** through your business or group of friends

Steve Hambleton, our General Manager, says "Our Rotherham centre is a vital support and social hub for local people who are visually and hearing impaired. These changes will dramatically improve their experiences with us, and your support will really make a difference."

## **GIFTS THAT HELP US PLAN**

For charities like us, being able to predict our future income is a huge advantage. It helps us to maintain and develop existing services, and start new projects. It's more cost effective, sustainable and allows us to streamline services. Here are just three ways that you can support us in this way:

#### Provide a regular gift

Many of you already choose to give monthly, quarterly or annually by standing order or direct debit – thank you. Committing to give the equivalent of the cost of one cup of coffee, pint of beer or glass of wine each month can make a huge difference to us. We will certainly raise a glass to you if you choose to help in this way!

#### **SRSB Lottery**

Why not join our £1 weekly lottery with the chance to win £25,000?

If you win there's no need to claim as all prizes are paid automatically and you will be notified.

When you join you receive a unique 6 digit lucky number to be entered in a weekly draw with the chance to win up to £25,000. Prizes are also given when 3, 4 and 5 numbers match. If you choose more than one entry you are given a separate lucky number for each entry.

We use an organisation called The Weather Lottery – the Lottery results are calculated using the last 6 digits of temperatures in Fahrenheit from 6 popular European destinations Europe on the day of the draw, with results published in the Daily Mail.

It's a great way to regularly support **SRSB/RSS**, with the added bonus of a chance you could win £25,000!

#### Consider a gift in your will

Making a will is perhaps one of the most important things you will ever do. It is the only way to be sure that your family, friends, favourite charities and others are provided for as you wish after your death.

By leaving a gift in your will to **SRSB**, you will help ensure our valuable work continues for many more years to come.

Remember! If you do not make a will, your estate is divided up according to Intestacy Law. Your spouse or partner, children and other blood relatives could still benefit, but perhaps not in the way that you would want or by the amount that you feel is appropriate. If you do not have any family, what you own will automatically pass to the Crown, in other words the Government.

## FREE WILL WEEKS

We are planning two Free Will Weeks in 2021 at both our Rotherham and Sheffield centres.

Week 1 – 28th June to 2nd July

Week 2 - 11th to 15th October

They are where people get the chance to see a solicitor for advice about making a will, and if they decide to make a will, **SRSB** will pay the cost of a straightforward, basic will. We would hope that you will consider making **SRSB** a beneficiary under the will but there is no obligation to do so.

For further information please call our Legacy Officer, Steve Loane or email giftsinwills@srsb.org.uk

#### Best wishes to everyone from Steve and Jane, the Fundraising and Marketing Team at SRSB.

## THANK YOU

At the end of January, we sadly said farewell to Sue Coggin our fundraising

manager of 16 years. Sue retired after many years of dedication to our charity, and we wish her well for her retirement and thank her for everything she did. I hope to be able to build on all her hard work in the coming years. I was fortunate enough to spend three weeks with Sue before she left, and already from the short time I've been here, I can see the fantastic support you provide. So, it's a big thank you from both Sue and me for everything you do. I look forward to meeting you in person when our centres do open. In the meantime, take care and stay safe

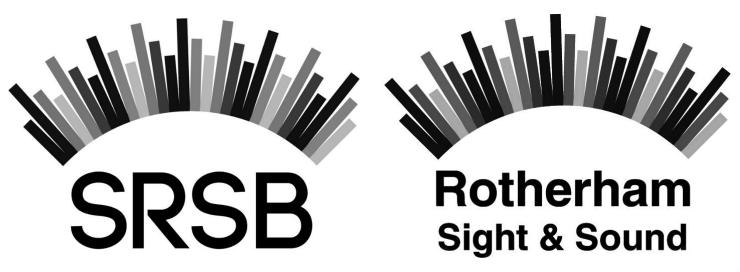
Steve Loane, Fundraising Manager

## **CONCLUSION**

Don't forget, we are **here to help** you. If we can't do something ourselves we almost certainly know somebody who can – Just contact us at **SRSB or RSS**.

## Always Making a Difference in Sheffield and Rotherham.

Our next newsletter should be arriving with you in August.



Making a Difference across Sheffield City Region









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