



Photo of the visually impaired walking group at Ladybower Reservoir

# INSIGHT

Autumn 2021

Welcome to our latest newsletter for 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.

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## RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Steve Hambleton, General Manager, has decided that the time has eventually come for him to retire which he will be doing at Christmas this year.

Steve says “It has been a great honour and privilege to lead such a fantastic organisation and team of people through many projects over the last 21 years. There have been plenty of challenges along the way of course, especially throughout the last 18 months or so with the coronavirus pandemic and my unfortunate absence last August/September because of my heart attack. Hopefully, by the time I retire, the charity will be back to some semblance of normality.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that the Trustees have already confirmed Joanne Ardern as my permanent replacement and I know in Joanne and all the staff, I am leaving the organisation in very safe and capable hands. I wish Joanne all the best in continuing the development of the Society.

I know I will be very sad to leave but I will be leaving with many happy memories created by all the wonderful clients, volunteers and staff I have met over the time I have been here.”

## **SUMMER RAFFLE**

We had another excellent response to our raffle with ticket sales amounting to £3,273 which with donations enclosed with the raffle tickets, took the total to over £3,500 which is absolutely fantastic – THANK YOU.

## **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

We are looking forward to our Gala Dinner when we will be joined by special guests the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor Gail Smith and her Consort as well as the Master & Mistress Cutler plus after dinner speaker Richard Caborn, former MP for Sheffield Central.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:marketing@srsb.org.uk)

### **STAFF CHANGES**

With Steve's impending retirement we have made a few changes to the management structure with Liz Gurler moving to the role of Operation Manager to support Joanne in her new role as General Manager. Liz's position as Community Advice Officer Team Leader has been filled by Sarah Keegan who has been a Community Advice Officer (CAO) for the last 16 years so brings a wealth of experience to the role.

Heather Weston, CAO, left us at the end of May and 3 of the existing CAO Team are reducing to 4 days per week so this created several

additional vacancies. We have filled these with Wesley Peters, Sophia Zubair, and Nicky Hattersley who started with us in June/July plus Hannah Khatib who joins us on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Joy Waters, Activities & Groups Co-ordinator, is also joining the CAO Team with her position being filled by Annette Parker who joined us on 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Rosie Brown started with us in the role of Receptionist at Rotherham Sight & Sound and Jake Clarke started with us at the beginning of August as Apprentice Technology Support Officer, primarily based at Sheffield but also covering Rotherham.

So a host of new starters over the last couple of months and we wish them well in their new roles.

Paul George left his role of Finance Manager at the end of August and David Ashforth who has been the Finance Officer for the last 12 years moves up to take on the role of Finance Manager. We are therefore advertising for the position of Finance Assistant.

Sandra Cox our Business Support Officer is also leaving us for pastures new on 10<sup>th</sup> September so we are currently recruiting for that position as well.

## **LOCAL TALKING NEWSPAPERS**

Talking Newspapers are a great source of information for people with a visual impairment and we are fortunate to have two really good

ones in our area – Sheffield Talking News (STN) and Rotherham Talking Newspaper (RTN).

Both STN and RTN are totally independent charities mainly run by volunteers. We have a particularly close working relationship with STN as they are based at our Mappin Street Centre.

Traditionally, talking newspapers have been delivered first on audio cassette tapes, then CD and now memory sticks but as technology moves on there are many other ways of accessing their recordings including over the telephone, streaming over the internet, and smart speakers such as Alexa and Google.

For further information about signing up for their services you can contact us or just for a bit more information then their contact details are as follows:

### **Sheffield Talking News:**

Tel: **0114 278 0440**

Email:

[stnmail@sheffielddtalkingnews.org.uk](mailto:stnmail@sheffielddtalkingnews.org.uk)

Website:

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

### **Rotherham Talking News:**

Tel: **01709 522 429**

Email: [rothnewstalk@btconnect.com](mailto:rothnewstalk@btconnect.com)

Website: <https://rothnewstalk.co.uk>

For both STN and RTN the phones are not manned all the time but there is an answer machine so if you leave your name and number somebody will call you back.

## **GOALBALL**

Great to hear that South Yorkshire Goalball Club have a couple of sessions booked at English Institute of Sport in Sheffield on 15th

September and 6th October from 5pm to 6:45pm.

They are looking for more members from age 14+ Find out more here: <https://www.srsb.org.uk/Goalball/>

## **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.

In addition Little Sparklers, our pre-school parent and toddler group is restarting at our Mappin Street Centre in September.

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

## **SRSB AND RSS SERVICES**

### **HOLIDAYS**

We are not planning any holidays for 2021 but will reconsider for 2022 when hopefully the pandemic will be on its way out.

However, a few of our clients are arranging their own holiday together, a "Turkey & Tinsel" break at Llandudno for 5 days (4 nights) from 8th November including return coach travel. If you would like to join them then book direct with National Holidays at <https://www.nationalholidays.com/itineraries/10407-llandudno-grand-festive-special-turkey-and-tinsel> Please note that this is provided for information only and is not a holiday organised by **SRSB**.

### **LOOKING AHEAD COURSES**

Over the last year these courses have only been run on Zoom but from

October we will be able to run them "face to face" at our Mappin Street Centre but also with the option for people to also join the course via Zoom.

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, but if you wish to see Hayley in person either at home or in our centres then please do not hesitate to ask.

Hayley is currently being supported by Jack Silveroak, an Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy student on a university placement with us, so we have a little more capacity for emotional support.

If you feel that you might benefit and would like an informal chat with Hayley or Jack just give us a call.

## **TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT**

As you will have read earlier, we have a new staff member providing support for people wanting to start or develop their use of tech. Jake is employed from 8:30am to 3pm and can support with most aspects of tech, including Windows computers, iPads, iPhones, Android phones/tablets, JAWS and NVDA screen reading software, etc.

He is also looking to develop groups for coding and 3d printing etc as well as using Raspberry Pi/Arduinos. If you are interested in this type of group or indeed suggestions for other tech related groups then just get in touch with Jake.

### **Synapptic Tablets**

We have also received funding to loan out tablets running Synapptic software which makes using tablets very simple and accessible for people with a visually impairment, including

using speech to tell it what you want to do. The 12.4 inch tablets will be loaned out on a 3 month “try before you buy” basis so that you can be confident you are going to use the equipment before making the commitment to buy it. You will also benefit from purchasing it at a discounted price. Full training on the tablet is included.

If you wish to register your interest in this please contact us.

## **KNOWLEDGE HUB SECTION ON OUR WEBSITE**

We are continuing to populate this section of the website where we 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.

## **Tomorrow's Tech**

A space where we share interesting ideas being developed.

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](mailto: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 are currently planning on starting another 8 weeks course in October and this will be available to people to join "face to face" or online video conferencing.

If you think you might benefit from joining us for some or all of the sessions then please get in touch with Joanne.

## **COMMUNITY ADVICE SERVICES**

Our Community Advice Officers are now able to visit people at home subject to the household we are visiting having had both doses of the vaccine. When the CAO speaks to you to arrange a visit they have a risk assessment questionnaire that they need to complete.

If you require any help, support or advice please do not hesitate to contact us.

## **HEARING IMPAIRMENT SERVICES**

### **Hearing Aid Repairs**

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. An appointment for hearing aid repairs is essential at both Rotherham and Sheffield, just give us a call.

### **New Hearing Aid Users**

Tony Atkin has also produced a really helpful guide to people just starting with hearing aids. It can be found on our website at <https://srsb.org.uk/Client-Reviews/> or if you can't access it that way just give us a call and we'll send you a copy.

### **British Sign Language (BSL)**

With more BSL interpreters being seen on TV the interest in sign language has increased. We are currently planning how to resume our short 'Introduction to BSL' course but in the meantime there are free sign language apps available and we recommend Signbsl app available on both Play store and App store for those that want to try learning a few signs.

### **Smart TV's and Hearing Loops**

The increase in new smart TV's has led to problems with personal listeners and hearing loops no longer working, this is due to the way the

loop is connected to the TV and not a fault of the equipment. This can be sorted by connecting the aid to the TV a different way. Please contact Tony Atkin at **RSS** for any assistance.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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 Annette 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**

This group has been meeting via telephone conferencing On Tuesday mornings but from Friday 29th October they will be resuming their weekly meeting at our Mappin Street Centre, 11am to 1pm. If anybody is unable to attend in person but can

use Zoom then we can link you up with the group that way.

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 Annette. You will need to make your own way to Hillsborough Park.

The cost is £4 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.

### **Tai Chi**

Fridays, 2:30pm to 3:30pm

This group has been meeting via Zoom with Sandra who used to run the classes at our centres but with effect from Friday 8th October the weekly sessions will be returning to our Mappin Street Centre, same time 2:30pm to 3:30pm. If anybody is unable to attend in person but can



use Zoom then we can link you up with the group that way.

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**.

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### **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**

Our Activity Packs continue to be popular every week now going out to almost 250 clients. Each pack contains a large print Word Search, Crossword, Quiz Questions,

## **OUR SERVICES – LOOKING AHEAD**

As the coronavirus restrictions have now been removed we are starting to re-open our centres. As a responsible charity we have a duty of care to our clients, the majority of whom would fall into the “very vulnerable” category due to their age and other health conditions as well as our duty of care to volunteers and staff.

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.

The packs are themed to keep things interesting and feedback from you about different subjects is always welcome.

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

### **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.

All of our staff have received the COVID vaccine and have one PCR test plus 2 lateral flow tests every week. Our overarching aim is to keep safe all staff, visitors to our centres and anybody we come into contact with so that we can continue to deliver our services whilst ever the pandemic continues.

For that reason our centres remain closed to general visitors although staff are working at both centres and can see clients in person strictly by appointment only, including our Equipment Centre.

We are now carrying out lateral flow tests for all visitors to our centres as part of our ongoing COVID precautions and this is likely to continue for some time, certainly until the end of this year and possibly into next year.

Our buildings were not designed to accommodate testing large numbers of people with those people waiting in a

## **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

secure area for up to 30 minutes whilst the results of the test are known so we are not yet able to fully re-open our centres.

For small groups of people we will be able to accommodate them at both our Mappin Street and Ship Hill centres from October. Details of the groups elsewhere in this newsletter but if there is a specific activity you would be interested in then please contact our Activities & Groups Co-ordinator, who will then investigate the feasibility of running that group for you.

which they have had to self-isolate of course.

We currently have vacancies for new residents at Cairn Home so if you would like to find out more about the home please just call and speak to any of the management team on **0114 266 1536**.

## **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.

For more information please contact Nick Woodford on **0114 236 8971** or Robin Story **0114 236 2251**, email: [story.rob@yaho.co.uk](mailto:story.rob@yaho.co.uk)

### **RP SUPPORT GROUP**

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.

We had a meeting via Zoom in July which seemed to work well. Our next meeting is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2pm to 4pm which will be a mixture of a "face to face" meeting at our Mappin Street Centre for those people comfortable coming into our centre but also available via Zoom for people unable to attend in person.

Numbers attending in person may need to be restricted.

Please book your place for attendance in person or via Zoom by giving us a call.

## **SHEFFIELD VISUALLY IMPAIRED WALKING GROUP (SVIWG)**

This group has resumed its walks now.

SVIWG offers visually impaired people the opportunity to go walking regularly, assisted by trained volunteer guides. They have walks of different lengths to suit people of differing abilities.

If you would like more information about SVIWG or may be interested in joining our group as a visually impaired person or a guide please contact the chairman David Cadet – Tel: 0114 232 5453, Mobile: 07554 143 262 or email davidcadet81@gmail.com or the Membership Secretary, Christine Hewitt – Tel: 0114 236 6685, Mobile: 07730 472 606 or email hewitt.c4@sky.com

## **CHARLES BONNET SYNDROME (CBS) SUPPORT GROUP**

Are you experiencing vivid, silent visual hallucinations?

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.

The group is currently meeting monthly by telephone conference but we will consider running a “face to face” group later in the year if people want that.

## **SHOWDOWN**

This is a new (to the UK anyway) sport for visually impaired people that is very popular in Eastern Europe, it's a hybrid of table tennis and air hockey. We have secured funding for the table with associated equipment and we have a young client who is keen to get involved with running a weekly session. A video of the sport can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Vh13ES8FXdo>.

Showdown is one of the sports included in the 2023 International Blind Sports Association's World Games being held in Birmingham in 2023 so there is even an opportunity to represent your country.

We have placed an order for the table and are waiting for a delivery date which we hope will be prior to Christmas. If you are interested in trying this new activity then please get in touch with us.

## **GREAT PLATES**

Would you like to learn how to cook up some tasty treats? Maybe you want to add a few more dishes to

your repertoire or maybe you fancy yourself as the next Masterchef!

Come and join our weekly cooking group starting October at our Mappin Street Centre. Whilst this activity doesn't necessarily lend itself to Zoom we think we can accommodate people joining the meeting via Zoom as well. For more information please give us a call.

## **BOOKS AND BEYOND**

We are setting up a new book group – every month all members of the group will receive the book of choice

## **VOLUNTEERS**

We are currently looking for volunteers to support the following activities:

Tele-Conferencing

Tele-Friends

Tele-Contact

Cooking Group

Showdown

Book Group

Store Collections

Administration

### **A tribute to Graham Hattersley**

Many of you will remember Graham, who was one of our minibus drivers for many years. Graham sadly passed away recently.

He retired as a staff member in 2015 and after 13 years of service he still

## **FUNDRAISING**

We hope everyone is keeping safe and you've been able to get out and about a bit more now that most of the restrictions have been lifted.

on a memory stick from Calibre Audio Library. You will get 4 weeks to listen to the book and we will then meet up to discuss it. Whether you liked it or hated it we want to hear your thoughts!! This group will be meeting "face to face" at our Mappin Street Centre, however if you would like to join via Zoom then we can accommodate that as well.

The first meeting will be in October so if you are interested please get in touch with us.

wanted to support our clients and returned as a volunteer, transporting them in his own car to and from our centre. When asked about his role, Graham said "I love interacting with people, and get enormous job satisfaction from volunteering. I know that this role makes a difference to people who may not be able to access the centre otherwise"

Graham was a keen fisherman and a great family man. We were very sad to hear that he had passed away and want to send our deepest condolences to his family. He was a familiar sight to us all at the centre and we'll miss seeing him sitting in reception doing the crossword in his newspaper! We will miss him very much.

Over the past few months we've seen a gradual pick up in some of our community activity. We've held successful store collections at Tesco Extra Rotherham and Morrisons

Catcliffe, had some fantastic support from young people through the Princes Trust at Sheffield College and the National Citizen Service at Rotherham United. We've also held our Round Rotherham Guided Walk in July which raised a fabulous £1120 for the Rotherham Appeal. Many thanks to everyone who helped or took part.

We've got our Annual Golf Day at Wath Golf Club on the 10th September, our Pub Quiz at The Old Queens Head on the 30th September and Bill & Ed's Musical Extravaganza on the 16th October to look forward. Places are still available for all of them. Our 160th Anniversary Dinner at Weston Park is finally happening on the 17th September. It's almost a sell out with a limited number of tickets still available. The dinner will launch a year of celebrations and activity to finally celebrate our 160th birthday – there was no way a global pandemic was going to stop that happening! More about that later.

So as things start to open up a bit more, and we start to get more things happening, please do get involved. We're here to help and support you with whatever you decide to do.

Further information on all our current events are below. To join us at any event you can book online, call on **0114 272 2757** or email [fundraising@srsb.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@srsb.org.uk)

### **SRSB AND RSS GOLF DAY**

Wath Golf Club, 10th September  
Team places are still available

### **SHEFFIELD HALF MARATHON & SHEFFIELD 10K**

Sunday 26th September

If you or someone you know can run for us please just get in touch with us.

### **SRSB VIRTUAL PUB QUIZ**

The Old Queens Head, Pond Hill

Thursday 30th September, 7:30pm

We'll it's finally arrived, the long-awaited return to The Old Queens Head for our regular pub quiz. It will be lovely to see everyone again and to meet new people – so why not get that grey matter really working and join us for a laugh on the night?

Complimentary sandwiches and chips are provided at half time by the pub. Don't worry if you don't know anyone, there is always a friendly face with volunteers, staff and clients taking part. There are prizes for the winning team too!

Team Entry £16 (Maximum of 4 per team) or £4 per person.

### **FREE WILL WEEK**

11th to 15th October

Thank you to everyone who took part in our first Free Will Week of 2021 in June at both Rotherham and Sheffield. Our second week will be taking place from Monday 11th to Friday 15th October.

The weeks are when 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 are lucky to have a group of local solicitors

who have kindly offered to do this for us at discounted rates.

We would hope that you will consider making **SRSB** a beneficiary under the will and/or making a small donation to cover our costs, but there is no obligation to do so.

For further information please call our Legacy Officer, Steve Loane or email [giftsinwills@srsb.org.uk](mailto:giftsinwills@srsb.org.uk)

## **BILL & ED'S PIANO MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA**

Victoria Hall, Saturday 16th October, 2pm - 5pm

(Victoria Hall is still operating social distancing guidelines, including wearing masks.)

Join us for Bill and Ed's joint Musical Extravaganza with their friends. This annual event raises funds for blind and partially sighted people in Sheffield City Region, and will be returning to the beautiful Victoria Hall. Special guest performances from several musical friends of Bill & Ed.

Ticket price: £10 per person – available from SRSB

Tea and coffee available to purchase.

## **OTHER FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Skydive**

Hilbaldstow Airfield, Lincolnshire

Dates to suit in 2022

### **Wing Walk**

Wickenby, Lincolnshire

Dates to suit in 2022

## **SRSB 160+ CHALLENGE**

We're celebrating our 160th birthday a year late with various fundraising activities through the year, starting with our anniversary dinner at Weston Park Museum.

The SRSB 160+ Challenge is aiming to recruit 160+ individuals or groups who will pledge to raise £160+ during the year to support our work. It could be something as simple as having a home or elephant collection box. Or you may want to organise your own event or take part in one of the special events we're planning, such as the 160ft abseil at Sheffield Hallam University next May! If you're interested in getting involved please get in touch.

## **ROTHERHAM APPEAL**

Our Rotherham 'Give us a Lift' appeal has got off to a great start and raised almost £9,000 so far. The appeal aims to raise £70,000 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.

For further details or to make a donation please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/RSS-GiveUsALiftAppeal>

## **PLANNED GIVING**

Knowing about your gift in advance is always a big help to us and here are just some of the ways that you can help.

## **SRSB Weather Lottery**

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

If you win, we'll automatically pop your prize-winning cheque in the post for you! There's no need to claim your prize.

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, with the added bonus of a chance you could win £25,000!

### **Standing Order or Direct Debit**

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!

### **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.

## **THANK YOU**

Over the coming months we will be planning our 2022 activity, including store collections next year and hopefully for Christmas 2021, Covid permitting. If you are able to help or can volunteer at future events, please let us know. We will continue to add new events to the website and update you in future editions of Insight.

Finally, a big thank you from Jane, me and everyone at **SRSB** for everything you do. I look forward to meeting you in person when our centres do open. In the meantime, take care and continue to stay safe

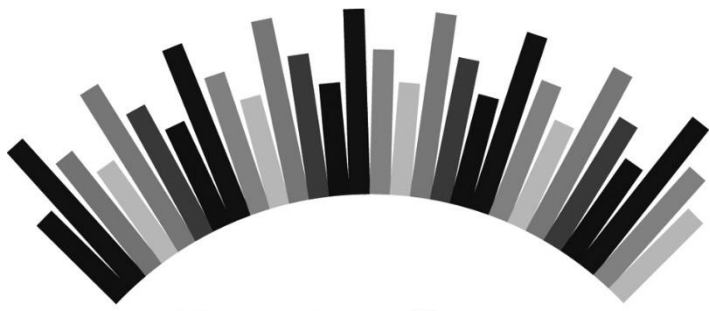
Steve Loane, Fundraising Manager

## **CONCLUSION**

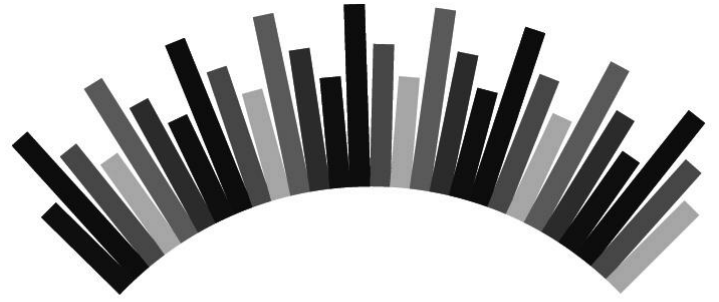
Don't forget, we are **here to help** you. If we can't do something ourselves we almost certainly know somebody who can – Just contact us at **SRSB** or **RSS**.

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