

Local Information - Area 3 (North)

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Social Clubs – Transport to clubs can often be arranged

Yvonne Savage Club For Visually Impaired People - Letchworth

The club meets at the Methodist Church Hall, Pixmore Way, Letchworth on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for lunch and social activities from 12.30pm - 3.30pm. Transport provided.

Contact: Muriel Anderson on 01462 637405

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The Reg Bromige Club For Visually Impaired People, Stevenage

St Hughes Church, Mobbsbury Way, Chells.

The club meets on the 2nd Wednesday monthly between 2pm-4pm for social gatherings and outings

Contact: Mrs. Mary Green 01438 365186

Tuesday Blind Club. Stevenage.

The club meets at Ingelheim Court, Hellards Road, Stevenage SG1 every Tuesday between 10am and 2.45pm for social gatherings and lunch.

Contact: Jackie Smith on 01438 228728. Transport provided.

Hitchin Social Group meets at the New Testament Church of God Hitchin.

Junction of Hampden Rd and Willian Rd, Hitchin SG4 0LB

Every 2nd Monday in the Month at 11am Mrs Hyacinth Gregory

01582 523951 or Lindsey Wheeler 07825 005951

Letchworth Macular Disease Support Group

Meets at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South, Letchworth.
3rd Wednesday of the month. 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Contact: Gillian Richardson 01462 631165 or 07986742467.

Baldock Senior Club (over 65's) Welcomes Visually Impaired

The club meets on Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm at Baldock Community Centre, Simpson Drive, Baldock.
Contact: Penny Cook 01462 893579

Letchworth Book Group

Book club for blind and partially sighted people; meets on the 1st Wednesday in the month from 10.00 – 12.00, at The Community Care Hub, 43 Station Rd Letchworth, SG6 3BQ. For further information contact Sarah Carrick on 01462 672428 or 07913 863320 or Lindsey Wheeler 07825 005951.

Stevenage Book Group. Book Club for Blind and Partially sighted people; meets in Springfield House Community Centre 24 High St. Old Town, SG1 3EJ on the first Friday of every month at 11am for coffee and cake first. Enjoy a good read (audio or large print) and share your experience with others. For more info contact John Harlow on 07778 037411 or Lindsey Wheeler on 07825 005951

Knit and Natter Group Letchworth.

This group meets at the Brotherhood Hall, Gernon Rd, every Friday morning 10:00 am – 11:30 new members welcome.
Contact: Alvina Atkinson 01462 685362.

“Sightlife” Stevenage.

Younger group for those of working age. Practical support like interview technique, equipment advice but also fun sessions and activities, supporting one another and looking forwards. Meets at Holy Trinity Church Hall, High St. Old Stevenage, SG1 3DB 10:30am to 12:30 one Thursday morning a month. Contact Lindsey Wheeler 07825 005951
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Renaissance Social Group. Meets at Chells Manor Community Centre, 12 Emperors Gate SG2 7QX every Wednesday from 2:00pm – 4:00pm for tea, speakers, quizzes, outings etc. No transport provided. Contact Ann Coffin 07789 974168.

Stevenage Talking Newspaper

We have established a new talking news service for the area covered by The Comet. Anyone who wants to receive this weekly service, free of any charge, will be welcome. Contact John May for further questions by telephone: 07948 794982 or by email john@johnmay.org.uk

Internet Club

On the RNIB's website you can register to join web pals, comments on blogs and post comments for discussion.

www.rnib.org.uk

Click on 'get involved' then, click on 'online community'

Courses In Conjunction With Local Colleges.

North Hertfordshire College: - Hitchin Campus

Courses include Braille & Cookery.

Braille: Friday 10am - 12pm

Tutor: Pam Chohan 01462 424242 Ext. 2302

Lunch is available in the refectory.

North Hertfordshire College: - Stevenage Campus

Computer Studies:

Tuesday 1pm - 3pm, learners and more experienced welcome.

Contact: Julie Jones: 01462 424239 (Central Enquiries)

Dial-A-Ride

The Dial-a Ride service is available in Stevenage and North Herts area from 9.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Saturday. To obtain an application form or if you are already registered and wish to make a booking telephone please ring 01707 343600.

Royston Community Transport

Booking between 9am and 3pm (Mon-Fri): 01763 245228
(45p per mile or 80p per mile if with a wheelchair)

Herts Action for Disability Transport Scheme

HAD will provide transport at cheaper rates than taxis on a country wide basis. Contact: 01707 375159 to find out more.
(Available for Welwyn and Hatfield only)

Welwyn Hatfield CVS Community Car Scheme

Telephone: 01707 273875

North Herts Voluntary Car Service

01462 689402

Community Transport Scheme covering Stevenage & North Herts.45p per mile.

Lister Shuttle - Launched by Herts. travellink

01438 726219 or www.lrts.org.uk (£5 each way Lister, £10 to QE2)

Resources Centre Welwyn Garden City.

To view gadgets, equipment and electronic magnifiers.

The Woodside Centre, The Commons, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4SE
01707 324680 by appointment only

Age UK - 01707 386066, for help with filling in benefit forms.

HertsHelp, for help with filling in benefit forms. info@hertshelp.net