

Action for Blind People - West Midlands / RNIB

Action for Blind People is a national charity that has been offering vital support for people who are blind and partially sighted for over 150 years. We are part of the RNIB Group.

We can support you to live as independently as possible by providing tailored information and guidance to help you understand what it means to be blind or partially sighted. We can also offer advice to people who have a visually impaired friend or family member. Whether you have just been diagnosed or have a long-term eye condition we offer a range of services to help with living with sight loss. The West Midlands Team is based in Birmingham but covers all areas of the West Midlands.

Services offered:

- Any initial advice and links to other organisations / agencies
- Independent Living advice – Benefits, housing
- Employment support
- Children and Young People
- Emotional Support
- Technology support
- Eye Clinic Liaison Officer service – Coventry
- Living with Sight Loss course
- Welfare Rights

Action for Blind People West Midlands

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Tel: 0121 665 4200

Website: www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk

RNIB Helpline – for any enquiries including Talking Books 0303 123 9999

Website: <http://www.rnib.org.uk>

Coventry Vision and Hearing Impairment Team – Coventry City Council

Provides specialist social care - including registration, rehabilitation and support - to blind and partially sighted people in Coventry.

Qualified rehabilitation workers provide advice and support to people who are visually impaired. People do not have to be registered to receive a service.

Training can be provided to help you learn new skills or adapt old ones to keep your independence, including increasing confidence in the kitchen or training to help you get around independently, safely and confidently in your home or outdoors.

Services offered:

- Local authority social care
- Rehabilitation
- Community advice
- Everyday living skills
- Mobility training

Address: 2nd Floor, Spire House, New Union Street, Coventry, West Midlands, CV1 2PW

Tel: 024 7683 3003

Email: ascdirect@coventry.gov.uk

Website: http://www.coventry.gov.uk/scif/homepage/39/visual_impairment

Warwickshire Vision Support

Warwickshire Vision Support provides both statutory rehabilitation services and voluntary support services to blind and partially sighted people in Warwickshire. We offer a wide variety of voluntary social support groups and services. These groups seek to improve the quality of life of our members and ensure that they are best placed to access the latest information, the most modern equipment and perhaps most importantly, are able to develop a wider network of friends and contacts.

Services offered

- Getting out and about safely and using public transport
- Building confidence and moving safely around your home
- Our Rehabilitation Officers can help you to use household appliances safely and introduce you to specialist equipment.
- Support with correspondence and communication

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