

Bracknell Macular Support Group

A local self-help support group offering practical and emotional peer support to people with Macular Disease.

Contact: 01344 485477 or 0300 3030111

help@macularsociety.org

Berkshire Vision

Berkshire Vision aims to enable and support visually impaired people in Berkshire to live independently and to enhance their quality of life. Contact: 0118 987 2803

info@berkshirevision.org.uk

Action on Hearing Loss

Voluntary organisation for all aspects of deafness: interpreting, training, specialist telephone services, plus offers a range of leaflets on deafness.

Contact: 0808 808 0123 (voice), 0808 808 9000 (Minicom) or informationline@hearingloss.org.uk

Bracknell Area Deaf and Heard of Hearing Support Group (BADHOGS)

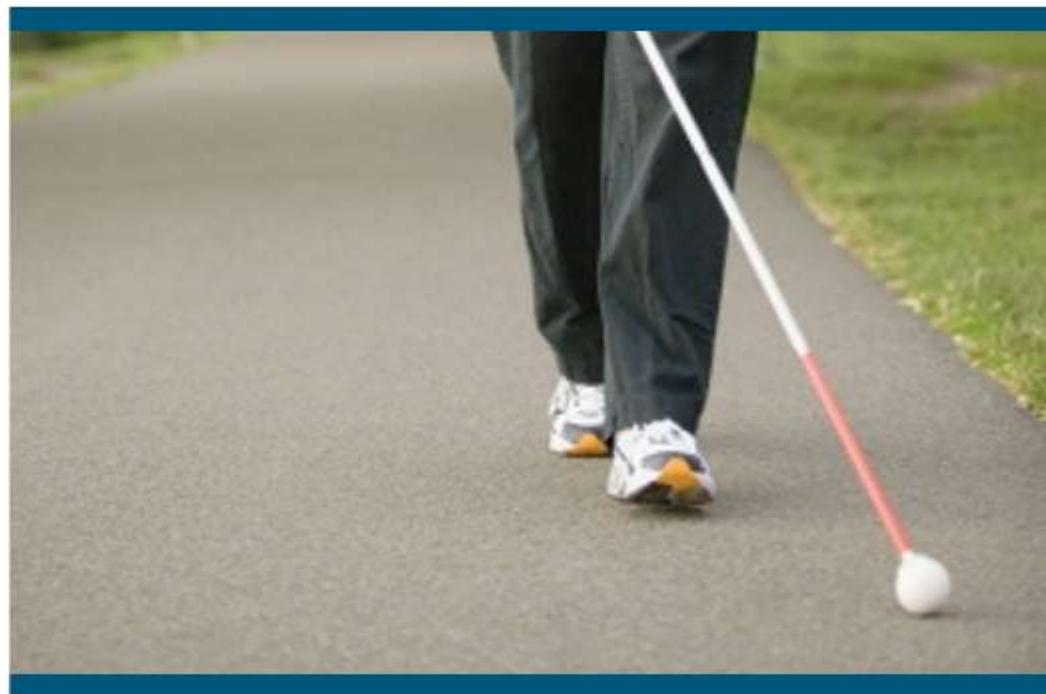
A support group for people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

Contact: 07949 025290 or info@badhogs.org



Managing with sight and hearing loss

People with sensory needs in Bracknell Forest have a range of support and services available to help them live safely and independently.



Registration

Registering your hearing and sight loss can make it easier to get support. It can also help with benefits and getting concessions, such as travel, parking and TV licence.

Becoming registered as blind or deaf entitles you to travel and other concessions such as the Disabled Person's Railcard and local travel schemes. You could also be entitled to free NHS sight tests and VAT exemption on specialist items.

Short and long term support

If you think you need support please contact us using the details on the back of this leaflet.

When you contact us we start by looking at how your sensory loss affects your day to day life.

We call this process an assessment.

The aims of our support and services are to:

- Promote independence and provide short-term rehabilitation programmes in order to manage daily tasks.
- Assess for, and when eligible, provide items of equipment e.g. task lamps and loop amplifier systems.

- Assist with home support or direct payments to provide a personalised service.
- Provide adaptations to the home to enable a person with a disability to access basic facilities.
- Provide access to carers assessments and services.

Clinic

Weekly clinics are held at The Bridgewell Centre so that people speak to an occupational therapist and try out equipment. The clinic operates on an appointment only basis.

Other support will be available to help with issues like correspondence, employment and benefits.

Our contact details

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