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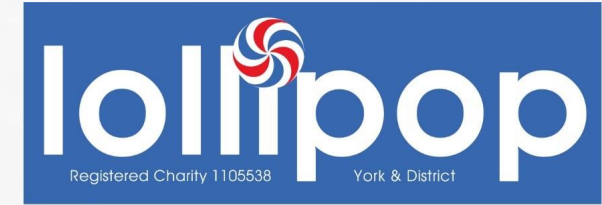


LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)

Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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Note: There are several links in this newsletter. To open them in a new window, hold down the Control key (or Command key on a Mac) whilst clicking on the link.

Cover photo: Holly Whittle and Joe Powell at Dalby Forest in June 2019.

Affiliation with the NDCS



Penny McDonald - Chair

At the Special AGM in March members agreed for Lollipop to become affiliated with the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS).

We know that partnership working, especially in the current climate, works well and we will continue to do this with the partners we already work with. Trustees have been aware for some time that Lollipop and the NDCS have similar aims and we are happy that we can now develop a more formal partnership with them.

In practice this means that Lollipop continues as a charity in its own right but has additional support from a larger national organisation. We have agreed to support the NDCS mission and work towards a shared set of values. Read on to find out more...

We hope that those of you who are not members of NDCS will consider joining as they provide lots of interesting and useful information for deaf children, young people and families. Check them out at: www.ndcs.org.uk

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3eWTR41>

Our shared values

Families – ‘We help families give the best possible support to their deaf child every step of the way. We also agree to:

- respect choices parents and carers make about their child's education, language, communication and use of technology.
- welcome all families with deaf children whatever choices they have made, recognising that different approaches suit different children and that there is not a single approach which suits everyone.’

Children – ‘Deaf children and young people are at the heart of our work. We make sure their needs come first, and we help others do the same’.

Choice – ‘We give expert unbiased support to help deaf children and their parents make informed choices about their lives’.

Challenge – ‘We work together with others to positively challenge unfairness.’

In addition, Lollipop will continue to support CODA children (Children of Deaf Adults) and their families, something that NDCS doesn't do.



*‘Together we
will overcome
the social and
educational
barriers that
hold deaf
children back’*



BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3vP6d5n>

Ways to get involved

The NDCS asks that we are committed to empowering and involving service users in all our work, something we have tried hard to do at Lollipop.

Examples of how you might help include:

- becoming a volunteer to help run events
- becoming a trustee
- being a deaf mentor, role model or befriender
- being part of our fundraising or activities teams
- holding a fundraising event
- helping us with evaluations and feedback



If you would like to get more involved please let us know. We'd love to hear from you and appreciate your continued support.

Penny McDonald
on behalf of the Trustees
chair@lollipoppyork.org.uk

If you are interested in getting more involved with Lollipop or would like to find out more, contact Heidi at servicemanager@lollipoppyork.org.uk

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3h3oibJ>

What is the Buzz?



The NDCS has completely redesigned their website for deaf young people aged 8 to 18.

They listened to 1,500 deaf children and young people about the services they'd like, and 90% said they wanted a dedicated website just for them.

As a result, they created the Buzz, a website created by deaf young people for deaf young people. It's the only website of its type in the UK and is split into two sections:

- One for children aged 8 to 12
- Another for teenagers aged 13 to 18

[CHECK OUT THE BUZZ](#)

The new features mean that deaf young people now have a platform where they can read inspiring stories, connect with others like them, find the latest information and support, sign up to events, ask questions and get involved. There are 50,000 deaf young people across the UK, and we want you to know that you are not alone and can succeed at whatever you want to!

[Click here to watch The Buzz animation](#)

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3tkVdLj>

Welcome to our new activities team member!

Lollipop is delighted to welcome one of our Deaf parents, Marijo Janovicus, to our activity planning team. We invited him to tell us about his skydive to raise money for Lollipop – an amazing experience he will never forget!

Click here to [watch his signed video](#) followed by photos and footage from the day. (Transcript below for non-BSL users).

Hello everyone. Hope you are all well. My name is Marijo Janovicus. I've had lots of support from Lollipop, which I appreciate, with Lollipop providing activities.

Two years ago I noticed a fundraising poster that Lollipop put up about skydiving. I immediately signed up for it and imagined what it would be like high up. I set about finding people who would sponsor me and I got lots of support and encouragement.

When it was time to go and do the skydive, I got excited and got myself prepared. When I arrived, there was lots of information and support about the jump. When I fully understood what to do, I was ready to go and fly off the plane! Everyone was so friendly, smiling, being supportive, we all bonded well together.

When I got on the plane and was ready to jump, I looked down and saw this beautiful view. When I finally jumped off, I felt like I was flying. The experience was amazing, I really enjoyed it and I had a good time. It was a day I will never forget!



Marijo taking part in the [Lollidrop Skydive](#) in July 2019

If any of you are interested in doing this but feel nervous or put off, please don't worry! You will be looked after, and it is also good to raise some money for Lollipop. I would recommend it. Thank you and I hope you enjoy watching my amazing experience.

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/33hy8hZ>

Upcoming activities

We hope to be able to resume our programme of face-to-face events soon so watch this space!
In the meantime, save the dates for these upcoming online activities.

Sparkle Jelly Tots Toddler Group



A free, friendly toddler group in the comfort of your own home!
On Zoom every third week of the month. **Next session Tues 18 May at 10.30am**
Find out more at: [Lollipop Online Toddler Group](#)

Monthly Virtual Quiz



Feeling competitive? Why not go head-to-head with your friends and family to win cash prizes in our monthly virtual quiz! **Next session Fri 21 May at 8pm**
Find out more at: [Lollipop Monthly Virtual Quiz](#)

For further info about any of our activities email Becky at admin@lollipoppyork.org.uk

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3vP8jSN>

Deaf Awareness Week (3-9 May)



Deaf Awareness Week is an annual event and the theme for 2021 is 'Coming through it together'

Deaf Awareness Week aims to celebrate Deafness, raise awareness of best practice, and demonstrate change and positivity to reduce the isolation that deaf people can sometimes experience.

Did you know?

- There are 50,000 children with hearing loss across the UK
- There are 11 million people with hearing loss across the UK
- At least 24,000 people in the UK use British Sign Language (BSL) as their main language

The [UK Council on Deafness](#) who coordinate Deaf Awareness Week celebrate ALL of the amazing local organisations around the UK, like Lollipop, that support deaf people and their families. **Read on to see their top tips on Deaf Awareness and find out how YOU can become a Deaf Awareness champion.**

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3b6bVYw>

Be a Deaf Awareness champion



Changes introduced as a result of Covid-19, such as use of face masks and working/socialising online have made communication harder for people with deafness.

- Face coverings with a transparent panel over the mouth are now available to help those who rely on lip-reading. Check out the NDCS guidance on [where to buy clear masks and what to look for](#).
- Zoom has several options for [creating closed captions](#) in online meetings and activities. They also plan to make [automatic captions free and available to all](#) by the autumn. Anyone who needs to access automatic captions before the wider roll-out can sign up using this [online form](#).
- With lockdown easing and shops beginning to reopen across the UK, [RNID](#) are stepping their 'Access for all in Retail' campaign up a gear - find out how you can [help make shops more deaf aware](#).
- Clothing brand 'Deaf Identity' are to become the [first deaf-owned brand in John Lewis](#). Founder Luke Christian will be hosting a pop-up shop in the Victoria Leeds shopping centre during Deaf Awareness Week. Why not head down to offer your support and check out his cool merchandise!

Deaf Awareness Top Tips

- ✓ Face the person while you are speaking, don't turn away
- ✓ Repeat yourself if necessary
- ✓ Never say 'It doesn't matter'
- ✓ If the person doesn't understand you, don't give up!
- ✓ Write it down or draw a picture
- ✓ Speak one at a time, don't talk over each other
- ✓ Keep your mouth visible
- ✓ Smile and relax
- ✓ Don't speak too quickly or too slowly

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3fcY3Nx>

Captain Tom's 100 Challenge



Thank you to those who took part in the Captain Tom 100 challenge!

Friday 30 April 2021 would have been Captain Sir Tom Moore's 101st birthday and the one-year anniversary of the extraordinary celebrations following the famous 100 laps of his garden that raised an incredible £38.9 million for the NHS.

Tom's simple message of hope – ***"Tomorrow will be a good day"*** – resonated around the globe during some of the darkest days of the pandemic, bringing light and comfort to millions worldwide.

Captain Tom's family pledged to celebrate his life with an event that everyone, in the UK and around the world, could get involved in to celebrate his generosity of spirit and sense of fun - and that event was the Captain Tom 100. Taking part was simple, you just needed to make up a challenge around the number 100!

Funds raised from the event go to The Captain Tom Foundation or a charity of your choice - thank you to our wonderful supporters for choosing to fundraise for Lollipop!

The event took place from 30 April – 3 May so there wasn't enough time to gather pictures and fundraising totals before this newsletter was published, but look out for these in next month's edition!



Everyone's invited!
#CaptainTom100

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3vWD6x5>

Fundraising hero: Luke Zwalf



On 12 September Luke will be competing in Ironman Wales to raise money for Lollipop!

The challenge includes a [2.4 mile swim and 112 mile bike ride followed by a marathon](#)! As part of his training and to kick-start his fundraising he will be cycling 112 miles on a static bike in June. This will take place in York College atrium with his colleagues taking it in turns to compete against him. Here Luke talks about why he has chosen this challenge to raise funds and awareness for Lollipop:

"Lollipop were one of the first charities who supported us when Freya was born profoundly deaf in 2006. As a York based charity we were able to easily attend sessions and their support through the early months and years of squealing hearing aids to the operations for cochlear implants and to Freya's first years in a mainstream school have all been invaluable. As a now confident, resilient, fiercely determined 15 year old who makes us proud each and every day, she is almost oblivious to any impairment and without question some of that is due to Lollipop".



We are extremely proud and grateful to Luke and will posting updates on his progress via our website as the events get closer. To sponsor him in this amazing challenge visit [Luke's Virgin Money Giving page](#) and share the link with your friends and family. Good luck Luke, we are all behind you!

Thank you also to the Linden Charitable Trust who recently gave Lollipop a grant of £1000. Their continued support is much appreciated!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3vGsLFe>

Fun and games

Can you spot 10 differences between these two scenes of this bear's healthy picnic on the beach?
Look very carefully, some are easy to miss. We'll reveal the answers in our next newsletter. Good luck!



PICNIC 1



PICNIC 2

Answers to the Easter 'Spot the Difference' puzzle in our April edition are on the next page....

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3vNJBCf>

'Spot the Difference' answers to our Easter puzzle

1. It is later in the afternoon so the sun is lower in the sky.
2. The scarecrow has been moved and placed further back on the hill.
3. The wind has changed direction so the weathervane on top of the house has turned around.
4. The windows on the house have changed from blue to pink.
5. The lollipop in the left paw of the first bunny has changed from pink to blue.
6. The middle little bunny lost the branch of leaves in his paw.
7. A beautiful orange butterfly has appeared above the bunnies.
8. The pretty daisies in front of the bear have disappeared.
9. A ladybird has appeared in front of the bear.
10. The bear has switched hats!



Did you find them all?

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3vNJBcf>