

## **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**

### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

Wansbeck General Hospital  
Woodhorn Lane  
ASHINGTON            NE63 9GZ  
Telephone            08448 8118111

Hexham General Hospital  
Corbridge Road  
HEXHAM,            NE46 1QJ  
Telephone            08448 8118111

## **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Carol Nelson  
NSEES Administrator  
Northumberland Care Trust  
Merley Croft  
Loansdene  
MORPETH, NE61 2DL  
Telephone 01670 394400

Referrals for services to people with visual impairments are made through local Social Services District Offices given below.

Alnwick District Office  
34 - 38 Green Batt  
ALNWICK, NE66 1TU  
Telephone 01665 603411

Berwick Social Services  
Walkergate  
BERWICK UPON TWEED, TD15 1DB  
Telephone 01289 334000

Cramlington District Office  
Social Services  
Civic Precinct  
Forum Way  
CRAMLINGTON, NE23 2SH  
Telephone 01670 712925

Blyth District Office  
Compass House  
68 Bridge Street  
BLYTH, NE24 2SA  
Telephone 01670 354316

## **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Castle Morpeth District Office  
Children with Disabilities Team  
Team Manager:  
Mr. Steve Ingham  
94 Newgate Street  
MORPETH, NE61 1BU  
Telephone 01670 516131

Hexham District Office  
Priory Buildings  
Beaumont Street  
HEXHAM, NE46 3NE  
Telephone 01434 603582

Prudhoe District Office  
Oaklands House  
Front Street  
PRUDHOE, NE42 5DQ  
Telephone 01661 832758

Newbiggin District Office  
Gibson Street  
NEWBIGGIN BY THE SEA, NE64 6UP  
Telephone 01670 810600

Social Workers with Deaf / Blind  
Social Workers with Deaf  
Day Centre  
Town Centre  
BEDLINGTON, NE22 5UQ  
Telephone 01670 824060

## **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Young Persons Team

Day Centre

Town Centre

BEDLINGTON, NE22 5UQ

Telephone 01670 536330

"Consumer Guide to Services for Visually Impaired People" issued to all registered blind and partially sighted, also available in large print and on tape in 16 of the Counties Libraries.

Rehabilitation Skills provided on an agency basis by N.A.V.H., referrals via Social Services staff.

See Voluntary Services for Talking Newspapers etc.

## **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**

### **VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

Northumberland County Blind Association (NCBA)

(Registered Charity No.1009824)

Reiver House

Staithes Lane

MORPETH, NE61 1TD

Telephone 01670 514316 Fax 01670 504393

Email [lorraine.dryburn@NCBA.org.uk](mailto:lorraine.dryburn@NCBA.org.uk)

The Northumberland County Blind Association (NCBA) is a local voluntary association working for visually impaired people (VIP's) throughout Northumberland. Our purpose built resource centre is home to a wide range of services and facilities based in one accessible location. The services include clubs and support groups, social rehabilitation, voluntary home visiting and an equipped training kitchen with examples of talking equipment, a large display of helpful daily living items and examples of computer accessibility software. These services and facilities are free and open to everyone with a visual impairment. Telephone, write or call in for more information. Riever House is open from Monday to Thursday inclusive from 9:00am to 5:00pm and on Fridays from 9:00am until 4:30pm. Visitors are welcome during these hours.

#### Specialist Rehabilitation

NCBA's rehabilitation team provides registration visits, specialist assessments and training in daily living skills including communication techniques (e.g. Braille), kitchen skill, mobility (using various canes) and also personal care, eating and drinking. You may be referred for rehabilitation or advice by your hospital eye specialist, optometrist, eye clinic, GP, community nurse or care manager. You can also contact NCBA yourself for advice about your needs.

#### Voluntary Visitors

The home visiting service has been set up to provide visitors/enablers for visually impaired people throughout Northumberland. Volunteers can help to maintain leisure interests, read mail, choose talking books, escort to shops or just have a cup of tea and a chat.

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### **VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

Northumberland County Blind Association (NCBA) cont'

#### **Clubs and Support Groups**

NCBA has branch clubs in Alnwick, Ashington, Bedlington, Berwick, Blyth, Cramlington, Hexham and Prudhoe.

#### **Local clubs**

Ashington

Ashington Club meets every Monday (except August) between 2:00pm and 4:00pm in the:

Newbiggin Centre

NEWBIGGIN

Activities – Guest speakers, social activities, outings, teas and domino tournaments.

Contact:

Northumberland County Blind Association

Telephone            01670 514316

Bedlington

Bedlington Club meets alternate Mondays throughout the year between 2:00pm and 4:00pm in:

Sleekburn House

Bedlington Station

Activities – social activities, dominoes, teas and meals out.

Contact:

Northumberland County Blind Association

Telephone            01670 514316

## **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**

### **VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

Northumberland County Blind Association (NCBA) cont'

Blyth

Blyth Club meets every Thursday from April to December (except August) from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in:

St. Willfred's Church Social Club

Arthur Street

Blyth

Activities – dominoes, outings, teas, guest speakers and social events.

Contact:

Northumberland County Blind Association

Telephone           01670 514316

Hexham

Hexham "Pop-In" Club meets alternate Fridays between 10:00am and 12noon in

Red Cross House

Hexham

Activities – crafts, guest speakers, outings, reminiscence and social events.

Contact:

Northumberland County Blind Association

Telephone           01670 514316

"Insight"

Insight is a self-help group run by and for visually impaired people in Blyth Valley and Wansbeck. Insight meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm at the Adult Training Centre

Kitty Brester Trading Estate

Blyth

Activities – guest speakers, pub meals and sports.

Contact:

Northumberland County Blind Association

Telephone           01670 514316

## **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**

### **VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

Northumberland County Blind Association (NCBA) cont'

Morpeth Area Partially Sighted (M.A.P.S)

Meet in

The Bus Station

Black Riggs

MORPETH,

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month contact Castle Morpeth Disability Association (CMDA)

Telephone            01670 510652

North Seaton Social Group

NCBA

Reiver House

Staithes Lane

MORPETH,            NE61 1TD

Alternate Thursdays between 10:00am and 1:00pm for people with learning difficulties.

Prudhoe

Prudhoe Club meets alternate Wednesdays between 10:00am and 12noon in the:

Parish Hall

Front Street

Prudhoe

Activities – guest speakers, social activities and crafts.

Contact:

Northumberland County Blind Association

Telephone            01670 514316

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### **VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

Northumberland County Blind Association (NCBA) cont'

#### **County Wide Clubs and Support Groups**

##### **Activities Club**

The Activities Club provides for a number of activity days held throughout the year.

Activities – away days and have-a-go days.

Contact:

Northumberland County Blind Association

Telephone            01670 514316

##### **The Vikings Ten Pin Bowling Club**

The Vikings – bowling club meet fortnightly on Wednesdays between 12:00pm and 2:00pm in the XS Superbowl Bowling Alley, Whittley Road, Benton.

Suitable for Visually Impaired People.

Activities – Ten pin bowling teams are made up on a rotating basis.

Contact:

Alan Simm            Chairman

Telephone            01670 855686

Pam Lennon         Secretary

Telephone            01670 545615

Margaret Glenton   Treasurer

Telephone            01670 820996

Newcomers to the team are most welcome from the Blyth Valley, Wansbeck and North Tyneside areas.

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#### **Womans Group**

The Womans Group meets Tuesdays monthly 11:00am to 12:30pm at:

Reiver House

Staithes Lane

MORPETH, NE61 1TD

Telephone 01670 514316 Fax 01670 504393

## **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**

### **VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

#### **TALKING NEWSPAPERS**

ALNWICK TALKING NEWSPAPER

(every 2 weeks)

Alnwick Lions

PO Box 73

ALNWICK, NE66 1WS

BLYTH VALLEY & WANSBECK TALKING NEWSPAPER (News Post Leader)

Telephone 01670 353609

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NCBA's quarterly free newspaper on tape.

TYNESIDE NEWS Newcastle Talking News, available to people throughout Northumberland from

P.O. Box 614

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NE99 4YN

Telephone 0191 2614121

#### **TALKING MAGAZINES**

HEALTH TODAY the Health Authorities' newspaper - details from NCBA.

Northumberland County Blind Association

Telephone 01670 514316

NATIONAL TRUST

Yorkshire & North East Newsletter - free to members

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Telephone 01670 773950