

## **NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL**

### **EDUCATION SERVICES**

North Tyneside Sensory Support Service

Teachers for the Visually Impaired

Linda Greener, Helen White, Kate Bucas and Karen Thompson

Beacon Hill

Rising Sun Cottages

WALLSEND, NE28 9JW

Telephone 0191 6433030 Fax 0191 6433032

For Schools see:

City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne

## **NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL**

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### Community Care - Blind and Partially Sighted People

The rehabilitation offered for the visually impaired provides a full assessment of need for people with sight problems. The following support services may be provided:

Equipment to help people who have problems because of poor sight.

Mobility training e.g. use of long cane, travel advice on road crossings, using symbol canes, guide canes, teaching Braille Moon and key board skills, training in independent living skills, household management e.g. dusting, hovering and all domestic tasks.

Contact:

Isabelle Wood

Rehabilitation Officer for the Visually Impaired

Community Disability Service

Sensory Support Team

Unicorn House

Suez Street

NORTH SHIELDS, NE30 1BB

Telephone            0191 6437973

## **NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL**

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Day Care for people with a visual handicap can be provided at establishments run by the Local Authority, Local Societies for the Blind and Age Concern which also cater for other members of the community, details from Local Community Service Centres.

#### Rising Sun Farm Day Service

The Co-ordinator

Kings Road North

WALLSEND, NE28 9JL

Telephone 0191 2340539

#### Tynemouth Blind Welfare Society

Pearey House

Preston Park

NORTH SHIELDS, NE29 9JR

Telephone 0191 2579026 Fax 0191 2579026

Pay Phone 0191 2570010

Contact: Mr. Fred Hodson

Pearey House provides a social centre with free transport and wholesome home cooked food in a tranquil environment.

Activities include:

- a. Craft and exercise classes
- b. Bowls
- c. Croquet
- d. Gardening
- e. Bingo and quiz sessions
- f. Guided outings
- g. Parties with entertainment
- h. Vision support courses; a basic rehabilitation course for people newly diagnosed as visually impaired
- i. Teaching of Braille, Moon, daily living skills, indoor mobility
- j. Agent for British Wireless for the blind
- k. Suppliers of aids and equipment through Cobolt and RNIB

## **NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL**

### **VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

Longbenton Voluntary Committee for the Blind

Secretary:

Mrs. J. Harker

12 The Spinney

Killingworth Village,

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NE12 6BG

Telephone            0191 2681569

Tynemouth Blind Welfare Society

Pearey House

Preston Park

NORTH SHIELDS, NE29 9JR

Telephone            0191 2579026      Fax    0191 2579026

Pay Phone            0191 2570010

Contact:

Mr. Fred Hodson

Centre Organiser/Secretary

The Society provides 12 flats within the grounds of Pearey House.

See Social Services for other activities.

A quick and easy Service Information Directory entitled "Ask SiD" on:  
[www.northtyneside.gov.uk/servicedirectory.shtml](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/servicedirectory.shtml)

## **NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL**

### **VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

Out of Sight

Support Group for Families with children with Visual Impairment

Secretary

Mrs. Maggie Willis

3 Dene Crescent

WHITLEY BAY, NE26 3AL

Telephone 0191 2533614

Organises regular social and leisure activities for the whole family.

Weekly swimming sessions.

Monthly trampoline sessions.

Stepping Stones - Self-help group who meet on a Friday 11:00am – 1:00pm at Pearey House, for information contact:

Pearey House

Preston Park

NORTH SHIELDS, NE29 9JR

Telephone 0191 2579026 Fax 0191 2579026

Pay Phone 0191 2570010

## **NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL**

### **VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

The Blind Society for North Tyneside

Park Side House

Elton Street

WALLSEND, NE28 8QU

Telephone 0191 2620869 Fax 0191 2951730

Email [admin@bsnt.co.uk](mailto:admin@bsnt.co.uk)

Approved suppliers to Jobcentre Plus and LSC.

The Society is an independent charity (registered No.1075973) which aims to relieve the needs of the visually impaired in North Tyneside by the provision of services and to support the activities and welfare of the blind and visually impaired.

The society provides a liaison service, transcription service, consultancy and training, research and development, a lending and reference library, resource room of specialised equipment for the V.I. and an equipment ordering service. The society also provides a home visiting service and telephone ring-round service for all of the society members within North Tyneside. The visiting staff can provide advocacy and benefits advice and equipment demonstration and training.

Torch Fellowship Groups see Page 108