

# Information Booklet



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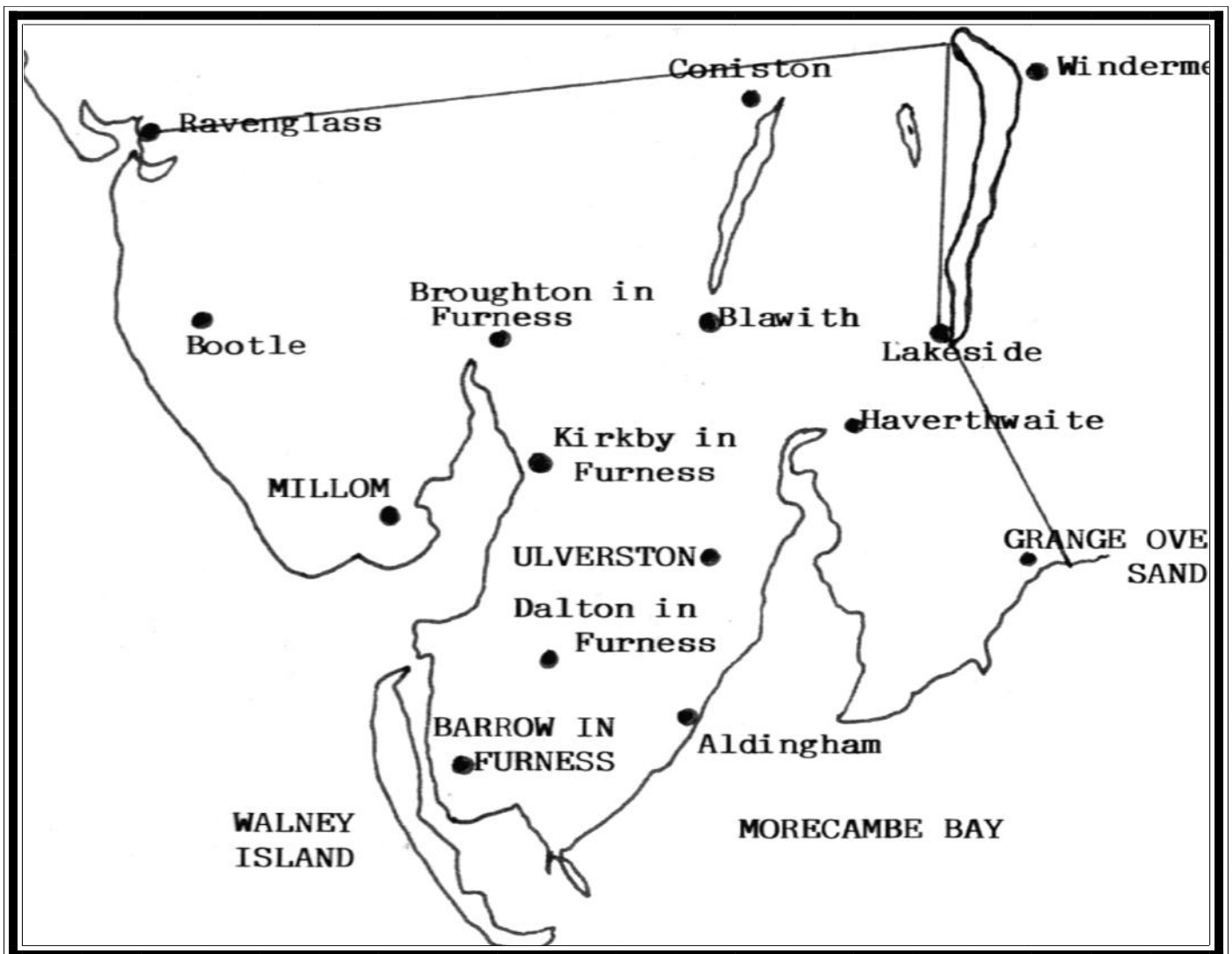
**Helping LOCAL Visually  
Impaired See a Brighter  
Future**

# Who are we?

Barrow & Districts Society for the Blind Ltd (better known throughout the area as Barrow Blind Society), was established in 1923 for the welfare of Local Visually Impaired.

With a dedicated Social Welfare Team, we are able to visit clients in their own homes and offer help and advice where it is needed the most.

Covering an area from Millom, South of the River Esk, the Furness Peninsula to Grange-over-Sands, we offer a personal and individual service, a service that is on-going



**THE DENNIS NOALL ACTIVITIES CENTRE**

**OSTLEY HOUSE ABBEY ROAD,**

**CLUBS**

**MONDAY**

**Social Club 7.00pm—9.00pm**

**TUESDAY**

**Craft Class 1.15pm—3.30pm**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Gentlemen's Club—First Wednesday every month**

**only 1.30pm—3.30pm**

**THURSDAY**

**Thursday Club 1.15pm—3.30pm**

**Additional Clubs**

**Ulverston Craft Class— Free Grace Baptist Church,**

**Quebec St.**

**Wednesdays 1.30pm—4.00 pm**

**Grange-over-Sands Club—Netherwood Hotel**

**First Wednesday in the Month—2.00 pm—4.00 pm**

**Millom Club— Salvation Army Citadel, Nelson St.**

**Fridays 1.00 pm—4.00 pm**

# **SERVICE GUIDE**

**Social Welfare Support Team**

**Advice and Information Service**

**Benefit Form completion i.e.  
Attendance Allowance/,Disability Living Allowance/  
Pension Credit/ Council Tax/Housing Benefit**

**Reviews, Reconsiderations and Appeals**

**Referrals to access the Low Vision Aid Service at  
Furness General Hospital**

**Referrals to the Rehabilitation Officers for the  
Visually Impaired (ROVI) for  
Mobility Training/Assessment Services**

**Social Welfare support in all areas of Daily Living**

**Provision of Aids and Equipment**

**Home Visits**

# **SERVICE GUIDE CONTINUED**

**Referral Fire Service**

**BT Enquiry Service**

**Talking Books/Newspapers/Fortnightly News CD**

**Lifeline**

**Information Drop-in Service**

**Fully equipped Resource Centre**

**IT Support Service**

**Social Clubs**

**Residential Care**

**Respite Care**

**Day Care**

**Independent Bungalows**

## **DROP IN CENTRE**

**THE DENNIS NOALL ACTIVITIES CENTRE  
OSTLEY HOUSE HOME FOR THE BLIND, ABBEY ROAD,  
BARROW IN FURNESS, CUMBRIA, LA13 9JY**



**Available to all members of the public on the second Tuesday of every month 10am—12pm. Call in and speak to one of our Social Welfare Team in a relaxed and informal environment. They will be happy to provide information and support.**

**This service is also available to support those attending the Low Vision Aid Clinics, who may feel that they need additional advice or information.**

**Equipment & Aids available for trial  
within the Centre.**

## OSTLEY HOUSE HOME FOR THE BLIND



**Ostley House is an attractive Victorian House situated in its own grounds on the outskirts of Barrow approximately two miles from the Town Centre. The home has been extended and improved to offer first class residential accommodation. Ostley House provides specialist care facilities for up to 44 residents of either sex with a sensory impairment over and under 65 years of age. We also offer residential accommodation for older people without sensory impairment**

**Ostley House has a dedicated care staff who are or working toward a minimum NVQ level 2 .**

**Ostley House benefits from the recent addition of an eight bedroomed wing and is able to cater for a maximum 44 residents. If you would like a full colour brochure please contact the Society (Contact details on the back cover).**

## **LOW VISION AID SERVICES**

The Low Vision Aid Clinic (LVA) has been held for many years at Furness General Hospital by Gil Smith (Fellow of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians) on a monthly basis (last Thursday of the month). This clinic has proven to be a vital service to the Visually Impaired, offering the highest standard of care for people needing magnification aids and equipment to assist them in their everyday lives. There is a second clinic held in Grange over Sands at the Health Centre (first Friday of the month) which has opened this valuable service up to even more users.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE GENTLEMEN'S CLUB**

The Gentlemen's Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month. The Club has been in existence since April 2009 and has grown in numbers. We have had speakers talking about submarines, the history of Barrow and Ulverston, the proposed marina and many other interesting topics. We have also enjoyed musical afternoons. We are urgently seeking volunteers to assist our Welfare Team in providing this service and in doing so the volunteers would enjoy a fun, informative afternoon.

**PLEASE CAN YOU SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS ONCE A  
MONTH TO HELP**

# **VOLUNTEERING**

**Barrow & Districts Society for the Blind values the contribution volunteers have made over the years in making life a little easier for someone dealing with Visual Impairment. If you can spare a few hours a week and are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact us on 01229 820698. We look forward to hearing from you.**

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**SOCIAL WELFARE**

**SOCIAL CLUBS**

**FUND-RAISING**

**NEWS CD**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**RETAIL**

**YOU COULD MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE**



**BARROW & DISTRICTS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND  
WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
FURNESS BUILDING SOCIETY NEED YOU TO  
HELP US IN  
BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**

**Ostley House was established as our Residential Home in 1964, since then over 2 million pounds has been spent on improving and extending its services. In an attempt to assist with the problems society face, Barrow and Districts Society for the Blind Ltd is endeavouring to raise enough funds to build a dementia unit for the more vulnerable e.g. sufferers with sensory impairment.**

**The word dementia describes a group of symptoms caused by the gradual decline of functions such as memory, orientation, understanding, judgement, learning, language and thinking. Dementia is a terminal disease which affects 1 in 3 people. To be able to build a Unit, the Society needs to raise funds of approximately £500,000.**

**This is where you can help by opening an “Ostley House ‘Building for the Future Affinity Account with the Furness Building Society. You will be supporting us in our endeavour because Furness Building Society will make a cash payment each year equal to 0.75% of the average total balance held in all the Building for the Future Affinity Accounts. So the more that you save the more you will help us in Building for the Future. To open an Account please call into your local Furness Building Society Branch or Agency with your initial investment and identification. You can also access the application form on the Furness Building Societies website**

**Furness**   
BUILDING SOCIETY

Always with your interest at heart

# CAN YOU HELP?

The Society spends much of its time in fundraising activities in order to support our services to LOCAL VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

Would you like to make a donation?

Are you a taxpayer? Through the Gift Aid Scheme, the Society could reclaim the tax paid on your donation.

If you would like to donate to Barrow & Districts Society for the Blind Limited and help our LOCAL VISUALLY IMPAIRED,

Please complete, detach and return the form opposite with your donation.

# WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



YES I would like to make a donation to help the Local Visually Impaired of £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please class my donation as Gift Aid

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For further information on the Gift Aid Scheme please contact the Society.





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**Help is just a phone call away**

**If required this information brochure is available in CD format**