

# BRITISH WIRELESS FOR THE BLIND FUND

KEEPING BLIND PEOPLE IN  
TOUCH WITH THE WORLD



**"Without my  
radio there's  
just silence."**

The challenges of this year have reminded us all about the importance of our friends, our family, and companionship. Think about lockdown: being confined to your home with your support network now at a distance. Imagine also being blind.

Many of the things that we all turn to for comfort such as the television, our books and our newspapers, aren't always easy to access if you are visually impaired. During isolation the radio could be the only thing you can turn to for news, entertainment and a comforting voice at home.

Anne Dalton, from Bexleyheath, "couldn't have been happier" when she found out that British Wireless were still supporting people even at the height of the pandemic. Anne says: "I live alone and during lockdown couldn't have visits from my grandchildren or children. Also due to my sight loss I can't really watch TV or spend hours knitting like I used to."

Anne started to lose sight in her right eye 5 years ago due to Macular Degeneration. Then late last year the 78 year-old also experienced sight loss in her left eye and her world changed completely. Soon after – as the nation faced weeks of isolation - the challenges of her visual impairment became even greater.

**But British Wireless was there to reach out a helping hand.**

**"With the radio things are different. It feels so good, and so easy- it really helps. Now I just sit back with a cup of tea and listen to my books."**

During Covid-19 British Wireless established the BWBFconnect service. Through doorstep delivery and on-going phone support we have been able to, safely, continue helping people across the UK who were already feeling isolated due to sight loss.

Anne says "It really helps having noise in the house all the time, it's like being part of the conversation."

Anne is just one of thousands of people that British Wireless has continued to help this year, and our support won't end when the pandemic does.

British Wireless supports people struggling with sight loss throughout their lifetime. We will never stop reaching out to more people like Anne who find themselves in need.

**"Someone was there to take care of me," Anne said "I can't thank British Wireless enough."**

Now, we need your help to keep taking care of people during these challenging times.

We understand this year has been difficult, but a gift towards our work this Christmas will alleviate the loneliness experienced by so many more people like Anne.

Your support has never been more needed.

Wishing you all the best for Christmas and the year ahead.

Yours Sincerely,



**Sue Cook**  
**BWBF Patron**

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**"It brings joy in these times of gloom, when you can't get out"**