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**BRITISH WIRELESS  
FOR THE BLIND FUND**

KEEPING BLIND PEOPLE IN  
TOUCH WITH THE WORLD

## THE BWBF NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the new BWBF newsletter. Since 1928 British Wireless has proudly been sustained by donations from the great British public. During more than 30 years as Chief Executive, the warmth and generosity of our supporters has continued to humble and inspire me. As a charity we are committed to providing the best possible care for both our recipients and those who enable us to continue our work.

Now more than ever, I feel we should be sharing the impact of our work with our supporters, without whom BWBF would simply not exist. I hope you enjoy reading our stories and on behalf of those you help please accept our sincere thanks.

**Margaret Grainger**  
Chief Executive

## Give a friend a friend

We're so proud to be supporting over 40,000 blind and partially sighted people across the UK. However, we know there are more people out there who would benefit from one of our sets. Can you help us find them?

If you think you know someone who would benefit from one of our radios please tell them to get in touch with us so we can help them straight away.

## Paul's story

Our radios mean so much to so many different people. They give back independence, provide companionship and for one of our recipients, even save lives. Paul King, from The Wirrall, says his Sonata internet radio got him through the dark days when he first lost his sight.

He said: "I used to find it quite difficult using a normal radio. When I first lost my sight everything was alien. But the British Wireless sets are so accessible for the blind.



"When I first got the Sonata it was wonderful. I would recommend BWBF to anyone who's got any kind of sight loss.

"Looking back now I was in a world of darkness, I would jump at every noise, but my radio calmed me down. It really did save my life."

**Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas appeal. It was a particularly successful year and will enable us to provide over 150 of our most popular radio, the Concerto 2, in 2017.**

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## For your ears only

We have been providing support for those with sight loss since 1928 and this year is going to be especially exciting for us.

We continue to research trends, particularly at this time when technology is leaping ahead, to ensure that the latest developments are implemented as soon as possible. To find out more come and join us at Birmingham Sight Village.

## Come and meet us!

Every year we visit as many places as we can in the UK to meet current users and future recipients. We'd love you to come along, meet the team and get any questions you have answered, so here are a few of the places we'll be this year.

You can find further details and a full list of 2017 events on our website [www.blind.org.uk/events](http://www.blind.org.uk/events)

**Cardiff** Cardiff Institute for the Blind - 25th April

**Glasgow** Sight Village - 26th April

**Falmer** Brighton Exhibition - 29th April

**Shrewsbury** See and Hear 2017 - 10th May

**Edinburgh** Macular Society Roadshow - 16th May

**Guernsey** Guernsey Blind Association - 31st May

**Taunton** Somerset Sight Exhibition - 6th June

**Beccles** East Suffolk Association for the Blind - 21st June

**Cranleigh** Macular Society Talk - 27th June

**Manchester** Macular Society Roadshow - 30th June

**Weymouth** PVS exhibition,  
Weymouth Angling Society - 6th July

**Birmingham** Sight Village - 18th July

**Royal Tunbridge Wells** KAB exhibition - 27th July

**Peterborough** Peterborough low vision day -  
21st September

**London** Sight Village London - 7th November

## Fundraising Regulator

Last year a new organisation was formed governing the fundraising activities of all charities. Like many, BWBF was invited to sign up and we are happy to let you know we are now members of the Fundraising Regulator. You may wonder why this is important.

We want to assure all our supporters and benefactors that we are a trustworthy and open organisation. While striving to ensure there are always enough funds to continue our work we also commit to ethical and responsible fundraising and spending. By joining the Fundraising Regulator we are demonstrating our commitment to their codes of practice and to you, our supporters.



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