
Who funds us?

We are a registered charity that relies on funding from several different sources.

We are currently funded by:-

Lancashire County Council

Local Gateway Grants Scheme

Help Direct Small Sparks Fund

Lancashire LINK

Community Foundation for Lancashire

The Co-Operative

Community Fund

This service is available to community groups, businesses, clubs and individuals throughout East Lancashire.

We are able to offer impartial advice and guidance on screen reader software and the latest computing technology for blind and visually impaired users.

Braille IT also offers a service transcribing print into Braille.



FREE BRAILLE CLASSES AT BRAILLE I.T.

Registered Charity Number: 1117214



Do you know someone who is blind or visually impaired and would like to learn Braille?

*Braille IT offers accredited **free** tuition in Braille skills to blind or visually impaired, parents and carers at five centres around East Lancashire:
Blackburn, Burnley, Clitheroe, Accrington and Chorley.*

Why learn Braille?

When an adult loses their sight, there is no provision in the area for learning Braille. They lack confidence in themselves and have difficulties in leading an independent lifestyle, as they are not able to access information such as books, magazines, letters, internet and email etc.

Also parents/grandparents are unable to support and assist their children better with school work and general learning, which would lead to a more supported and harmonious family life

The RNIB statistics show that almost two million people in the UK are living with sight loss. That's approximately one person in thirty. The number of people in the UK with sight loss is set to increase dramatically in the future. As we get older we are increasingly likely to experience sight loss, and the UK population is ageing. In addition, there is a growing incidence in key underlying causes of sight loss, such as obesity and diabetes. It is predicted that by 2020 the number of people with sight loss will rise to over 2,250,000.

Older people with sight loss are almost three times more likely to experience depression than people with good vision.

Only one-third of registered blind and partially sighted people of working age are in employment.

What we do

We provide Braille tuition to of the blind community . Past members have described how isolated and excluded they were before learning Braille. Without our organization they will not be able to learn Braille.

Braille will fit into each individual student's life with it's functional uses: making lists, keeping track of phone numbers and addresses, reading to children or grandchildren, labeling personal items, and so on. It will insure privacy. Students can keep journals, write reminders to themselves, keep track of finances etc.

Braille opens the door to literacy, intellectual freedom, equal opportunity, and personal security.



Where and when are the classes?

- Chorley** Chorley Library Meeting Room
Alternate Mondays 9.30 -12 noon
- Blackburn** Mill Hill Resource Centre
Tuesday 1 - 3.30pm
- Burnley** Meeting Room Burnley Library
Wednesday 1 - 3.20pm
- Clitheroe** Clitheroe Library Meeting Room
Thursday 9.30 -12 noon
- Accrington** Accrington Blind Society
Bank Street, Accrington
Alternate Saturdays 9.30 -12 noon

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