

SOUTH HANTS HEARING DOGS

For Deaf People

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Sunday 26th May 2013 - Portsmouth Spinnaker Abseiling



Dear readers.

This time last year after approx 4 years wait i was matched to inca. Inca was socialised in Southampton district so may know many of you. I cant begin to tell you how much shes changed my life. I was on a bit of a slippery slope before. Anxiety, depression,lonely,isolated, and most of all lacking independence. Im not one to gloat but Incas changed all this, and i feel like i have my life back. Shes my ears, my independence and helps so much getting out and about. I,m starting to get my life back and I'm the happiest I've ever been.

Last year i met logan with his torch.. this was around the olympic era. He designed a paper torch and it was going round the world on a fundraising relay. The made a very good fortune. I went to meet him and family up the spinnaker tower in Portsmouth to personally thank them for there efforts. It was that day that inspired me to do something for hearing dogs.

After a joke to someone about frequent abseils down the spinnaker tower. It suddenly clicked an idea! I was going to face my fear by doing it,an abseil out the spinnaker for hearing dogs. Yes i know I'm mad, terrified and possibly going to be traumatised. Inca and the charity has done so much for us this is my way to help someone else like me! Not wanting to things small. With the charities support I've managed to persuade 9 others to do it with me

There will be a stall on the day 26th May 2013 from 1pm to 5pm to promote the work hearing dogs do and hopefully some hearing dogs and pups around for awareness along with our lovely mascot! I would personally like to say thank you to all participants because it will indeed help reduce the 4-5 year waiting list i had to wait.

I also still need sponsors so please do give generously to my just giving page.. www.justgiving.com/Lisa-Baldock/

Also I'm trying to arrange a raffle on the day so if you know anyone at all that can help, it can be a bottle of wine. Voucher or unwanted gifts please do get in touch via email lisabai@ntlworld.com or 02392711493

Look forward to meeting you all soon and wish us luck!! It will indeed be a challenge ! By the way no incas not doing it with me! Shes going to put her paws over her eyes! She knows how crazy i am about her!

Lisa Baldock and Inca

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Royal Victoria Country Park

We attended the event of Dog Day Out in April runner by Hamble Hounds. As you can see the weather have been wonderful with lovely blue sky and sunshine. The crowds came out by numbers due to this glorious weather and we have raised £133 on the Tombola, £4.81 Donation and £89.44 on stock goods. A good turn out on both side.



Southampton Auditory Implant Service at University of Southampton

Chosen us for the Charity of the year.

Cake Bake Off - raised approx £55 There were 8 cakes to be judge by Mark Pegg

First Prize



Second Prize



Third Prize



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**Deaf Awareness Session was held
at
Test District Guide Hall
Wednesday 24th April 2013
run by Kim Harbut.**

Deaf Awareness Training for Socialisers

In April Mandy's socialisers in Southampton were invited to attend a workshop on deaf awareness. The session was run by Kim Harbut, our very own South Hants Treasurer who kindly gave up her time to come and talk to us. Kim delivers deaf awareness training as part of her job with Southampton City Council and is well used to delivering presentations to all sorts of audiences. Kim's enthusiasm and sense of humour meant her presentation was both informative and very enjoyable

- puppies stayed at home so the workshop ran without interruption! We covered a wide range of topics and the lip-reading exercise produced lots of laughter and rather mixed results. Kim gave us lots of useful hints and tips on how we can all communicate more effectively including:

- * Make sure to have the person's attention before starting a conversation
- * Look directly at them and make sure your face/mouth is clearly visible and remember to keep your hands away from your face
- * Speak more slowly and clearly (avoid shouting as this distorts lip patterns)
- * Keep your sentences short and if necessary repeat/re-phrase what you want to say. Remember that it can be tiring for someone to lip-read – help by suggesting a 5 - 10 minute break if your meeting is long
- * If giving important instructions/directions check that your message has been fully understood
- * In a group it is more difficult to follow a conversation – so speak one at a time
- * Move to a quieter area if the environment is too noisy and distracting
- * Lastly, have patience and if need be write down what you want to say

Cathy Plumb & Sara Yaxley

*I really enjoyed the class on Deaf Awareness this afternoon as did all attending. Kim's session was entertaining and informative. The exercise when we had to lip read was really interesting, and made me realise how tiring having to concentrate all the time it must be. There were lots of useful tips eg don't suddenly tap a deaf person on their back as you will make them jump out of their skin. I also found the different types of deafness fascinating. As a result of the course, I feel more confident in speaking to people about deafness: to both deaf and hearing people.
Cath Potten*

*I thought Kim's presentation was brilliant. I enjoyed it and the time seemed to go very quickly. I certainly learnt new methods when talking to a deaf person of what to and what not to do.
Chris Voller*

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Future events

June 18th - Paws Tea Party

June 29th - Cosham Fire Station

July 20th - Asda Southampton

Please contact Kim Harbut



Paws Tea Party on Tuesday 18th June **Time : 14.00 - 16.30**



Dianne Hatfield is organising Paws for Tea Party at her home. This is the address :- 5 Garstons Road, Titchfield, PO14 4EJ. Entry charge will be £3 to include drink and piece of cake. Hearing Dogs and puppies are welcome on leads, but sorry not PET DOGS except by special arrangement, as space is limited. If people are definitely coming or not coming as Dianne would like to know to help to have a rough idea of numbers, but people are welcome to turn up on the day if they are not sure. Any queries let Kim Harbut know and she will forward to Dianne

Unwanted Gifts Needed

For future Tombola. Gifts must be in good condition.

Please contact Kim Harbut for arrangement.



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Daniel and Sinead Morgan

Sinead and Daniel decided to do a fund-raiser for Hearing dogs as it has always been a charity close to their Families hearts with Daniel being deaf. Being Deaf is a loss of a sense and has a large impact on your life, the Hearing Dogs are amazing animals that offer these individuals the independence of any one else and relieve some of their worries by assisting their owners with day to day activities. Arranging the Fund-raiser Raffle at the Scottish and Southern Energy office allowed us to spread the word and the feedback was astounding from the colleagues whom offered great support. As a result we raised over £500 on this event.

We have both carried out adrenaline activities but the Spinnaker tower is the icing on the cake. Knowing that so many people rely on the charity and the money they raise is enough to get us through the abseil but nerves will definitely be there.

We both have a love for Dogs so knowing our actions over the 3 months leading up to the abseil are going to be worth offering even just one person a better quality of live to be able to achieve anything they strive to do.

You can sponsor us at www.justgiving.com/morganabseil



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Cruise and Star visit Haskins Garden Centre

April 27th / April 28th we have raised £543

One child said " Goodbye Fluffy
dog" to Erin



Coming Soon !

*New Handover Website South
Hants Hearing Dogs*

