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## **CAN YOU HELP ?**

Do you know someone who has any form of sight impairment ?

East Shropshire Talking Newspaper For The Blind (ESTN) is based in Ketley, and provides a FREE weekly USB memory stick of local news and features, including items from the local press and other publications, such as Shropshire Magazine and Infosound, alongside items produced in-house by the ESTN team; covering a wide range of subjects and matters of interest.

ESTN is staffed completely by volunteers, operates solely on the basis of donations, and receives no government or private funding as a matter of course.

The service is free to anyone who provides a certificate from an Ophthalmic Optician/Ophthalmologist/Doctor showing that they are either registered as blind, or have close-up vision (with spectacles) of N12 or less. People with other forms of disability may also be eligible.

We feel sure that there are many more people in the area who would be interested in receiving our recordings.

We would also warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us as a volunteer. There are many jobs involved in the production and circulation of a Talking Newspaper. Among these are :

- Selection and editing of news items and features
- Reading on the weekly recording
- Bulk memory stick copying from the master
- Administering membership
- Sorting and packing pouches for collection by the Royal Mail

We are particularly in need of people who are available during the day time for copying/packing/unpacking, but also, anyone who would be willing to organise and participate in fundraising and awareness activities for us.

Had you heard of the East Shropshire Talking Newspaper before you read this ?

Sadly many people haven't, and this is what we need to change, in order that we can offer this service, much valued by its existing listeners, to as many eligible people as would like to receive it.

For more information about becoming a listener *to* or a volunteer *with* ESTN, please call the studio on 01952 241888, and if you hear the answer phone, please do leave a message and we promise to call you back as soon as we can.

We look forward to hearing from you.