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### PLYMOUTH, PLYM VALLEY & PLYMOUTH TAMAR Take WORLD SIGHT DAY to the CITY

The three City Clubs were out in force on World Sight Day with members taking part in a blind folded walk around the Plymouth Piazza accompanied by the Lord Mayor and Mayoress and a group of guide dogs.



### GLASTONBURY & STREET GO BACK TO SCHOOL

The Club spent a morning at Millfield School, Street and in conjunction with physical education staff gave about 50 pupils the chance to experience playing football and trampolining whilst blind.

The objective was to give young people the opportunity to understand and appreciate some of the challenges that those without sight contend with every day of their lives. Some of their comments illustrated their reactions to the experience – “difficult, scary, disorientating, awareness of the importance of hearing, noisy....”



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## CHEDDAR VALE LIONS CLUB

The Club celebrated World Sight Day in a supermarket car park by inviting the Somerset Mobile Sight Resources Unit to bring their Sight Bus along. This was full of aids and gadgets to buy, as well as simulation spectacles so members of the public could experience how different sight conditions would affect them.

Local Optician Anne Hull, who has worked in Africa and Asia with Vision Aid helping to restore sight, brought along a display of her work and also set up a numberplate reading test for those who didn't think they needed glasses!!!

A guide dog and his owner came along to educate people on how they should react with them and were a hit with the class of year 5's from Fairlands Middle School, many of them already knowing that you shouldn't distract a guide dog in harness if the owner is holding the handle. The youngsters were also fascinated by the technology of the useful gadgets which ranged from needle threader to talking microwave. The day, organized by Lion Tricia Lumley enabled members to promote MiaB as well and Tricia hoped it had been useful and informative for the community – *'especially as we weren't asking for any money!!!'*



## TAVISTOCK

For the second year running, the Lions Club of Tavistock organised a very successful event in the centre of Tavistock to mark World Sight Day. They were supported by various charities involved with the blind including the RNIB, to which the Club had recently given £1000 for new transcription equipment, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Tavistock's own Talking Newspaper. The West Devon Borough Mayor Philip Sanders and the Deputy Town Mayor Robin Musgrave, together with their wives and Town Crier, took part in "the walk into the unknown" led by Vice President Alan Wroath whilst Lion Elaine Jones (pictured below) kept a close eye on things!



**EYE EYE WHAT HAVE WE HERE!!!**

