

**Wishing you all a very
Happy & Healthy
Christmas & New Year**



“It’s with a heavy heart that we at deafPLUS visionPLUS announce that as from the 1st January 2026 we will no longer operate the Bath & North East Somerset Sensory Loss Service Contract. Our Bath office at 2 Queens Parade will close. Farewell Everyone

It has been an incredible journey with nearly 50 years of service to the people of BANES & BEYOND. Deafplus Visionplus has always strived to provide an inclusive service to Deaf, hard of hearing and visually impaired people in a "Client centred, Co-productive and Community led way. We delivered services with you in mind ensuring all people had access to mainstream services, visiting you at home and at our Bath Office & local Hubs throughout BANES, helping support you to lead independent lives. Over the last three years alone we have seen over 1500 people in their homes and at our various hubs, supplying information, advice and support. Enjoying comradeship & fun with our social groups, at many memorable outings such as Cycling, Craft @ the Holburne, Beckford, Bowling, Boat trips too many to mention. So. **Thank you to all who helped bring Joy!** "Karen, Lucy and Dan have delivered the service and obtained high levels of satisfactions from your feedback. We wish them all be best for the Future

This is not goodbye but Au revoir as deafPLUS national services will still be available.



Christmas fun at last month's gathering. Bumper raffle prizes. (see picture left) **The next Deaf Gathering** is on 20th December 2025, at CLUB 22, 22 High Street, Keynsham, BS31 1DQ. From 12 noon onwards. Lucy Barron will again be hosting. It is an opportunity for Deaf people to meet, converse in BSL and enjoy Deaf culture in a relaxed and safe environment.

Last month's Bath Social Group activity was Joint Restoration. The class worked all their joints and those areas of the body that need a little more attention, to keep them strong. Using a Range-of-Motion (ROM) exercises: Gentle movements like heel slides, wall climbs, to prevent stiffness and improve flexibility.

Strengthening exercises: Holding a position or body weight, straight leg raises, glute bridges, wall squats to build muscle and support around the joints. single leg stands to retrain the body's sense of joint position and prevent falls. Great Fun!

Sight Support and The Royal Association for the Deaf are delivering the Sensory Loss Service from 1st January 2026.

At time of printing, we do not have their contact details to pass on to you. We therefore advise contacting BANES Hearing & Vision Team by Telephone on **01225 394556** or email **Chris_Taylor3@BATHNES.GOV.UK** for Vision or **[Tracey Banks@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Tracey_Banks@BATHNES.GOV.UK)** for Hearing

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