

# Special Needs Resources and Useful Contacts



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Many resources are available to help those in Scouting - preparing for, supporting or working with young people with special needs.

## Special Needs Office – Gilwell Park

Please contact the special needs office at Gilwell Park on 0845 300 1818 or [special.needs@scout.org.uk](mailto:special.needs@scout.org.uk).

## Factsheets

A wide variety of factsheets focussing on both general and specific special needs information are available. They, and other support materials are available from The Information Centre (0845 300 1818) or from the Scoutbase UK website at [www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk)

The support material is listed in the Information Centre catalogue under special needs. The factsheets are regularly reviewed with new ones being introduced as needed.

## Loan material

The following videos and DVDs may be borrowed for an agreed time period from the special needs office at Gilwell Park on 0845 300 1818 or [special.needs@scout.org.uk](mailto:special.needs@scout.org.uk)

**NB. The following videos and DVDs are a mixture of old and new. Whilst not always current, they may still be useful.**

## Autism and Me – Rory Hoy (DVD)

Only people with Autism truly know what its like to be autistic – even then, every autistic individual is unique! Autism and Me provides a privileged glimpse into the world of Rory Hoy, an 18-year-old filmmaker with autism, letting us take a journey through his everyday experience and see it through his eyes.

**Level 1 British Sign Language (video) –** Homework video for students

**See the Person (video) –** a disability awareness video

**TALK – Disability Rights Commission (Video and DVD)**

**The Disability Discrimination Act and Your Business (Video)**

**“We’ll tell you what we want” (DVD) –** A programme by teenagers with a heart condition, British Heart Foundation

**Disability Rights Commission – The Appointment (DVD)**

Information and resources from many external organisations are available. Some of the topics covered are HIV/AIDs, Vision Aid Overseas, Epilepsy, Blindness, Sign & Say, Educating and Employing those with Disabilities, Deafness. Information guides for those with disabilities are also available from The National Trust, Windsor, Legoland and London Underground Stations. Some organisations have produced guides in specialised formats e.g. Braille

There are also various experiential resources that can be borrowed for information and learning situations.

For further information on any of the above, contact the special needs office at Gilwell Park on 0845 300 1818 or [special.needs@scout.org.uk](mailto:special.needs@scout.org.uk)

## General Information

A great deal of information on many aspects of special needs is available from the special needs office. Some of the areas most often enquired about are listed. To borrow any of these items, please contact the special needs office at Gilwell Park on 0845 300 1818 or [special.needs@scout.org.uk](mailto:special.needs@scout.org.uk).

**Scout Holiday Homes Trust –** The Trust runs a number of self-catering holiday homes situated around the country. They are available for people with disabilities or families with a disabled member. Also suitable for single parent or low-income families. There is a Holiday Homes Trust office at Gilwell Park (0208 433 7290).

## The Scout Information Centre

Gilwell Park Chingford London E4 7QW Tel + 44 (0)20 8433 7100 Fax + 44 (0)20 8433 7103 email [info.centre@scout.org.uk](mailto:info.centre@scout.org.uk) [www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk)

**Access Audits** – A resource that provides a guide and checklists for appraising the accessibility of public buildings. Gives useful information when considering building or adapting venues for special needs accessibility.

**Funding** – Various trusts and funds are available at Headquarters, County and sometimes even District. Nationally there is The Treloar Fund and for Greater London Counties only, The Agoonoree Trust. Both of these funds are to support Scouting with special needs. Application forms are available from the Special Needs Office at Gilwell Park ([special.needs@scout.org.uk](mailto:special.needs@scout.org.uk)). There are also many other trusts and funds with specific criteria, which need to be met e.g. Children in Need, Lotto, Rotary. Forms for these should be obtained directly from them.


### External Agencies

- **Allergy UK** - Leading medical charity for people with allergy, food intolerance and chemical sensitivity.

**Allergy Helpline** 01322 619 898


[www.allergyuk.org](http://www.allergyuk.org)

- **Anaphylaxis** – Thousands of people in the UK have life-threatening allergic reactions to peanuts and many other foods. The condition is known as anaphylaxis. The Anaphylaxis Campaign was set up to help them.

 01252 542 023


[www.anaphylaxis.org.uk](http://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk)

- **The National Attention Deficit Disorder Information and Support Service (ADDISS)** – Provide people-friendly information and resources about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to anyone who needs assistance - parents, sufferers, teachers or health professionals.

 020 8952 2800

[www.addiss.co.uk](http://www.addiss.co.uk)

- **Arthritis Care** - There are nine million people with arthritis in the UK. That's nine million individuals, plus their families, each affected in a unique way.

 0808 800 4050

[www.arthritiscare.org.uk](http://www.arthritiscare.org.uk)

- **Autism**


**National Autistic Society** - The National Autistic Society champions the rights and interests of all people with autism and ensures that they and their families receive quality services appropriate to their needs.

**Autism Helpline** 0845 070 4004

[www.nas.org.uk](http://www.nas.org.uk)

**Autism Connect** - [www.autismconnect.org](http://www.autismconnect.org)

- **Brittle Bone Society** - The only UK wide organisation providing support to people affected by the rare bone condition Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI).

 01382 204446

[www.brittlebone.org](http://www.brittlebone.org)


- **Cancer**

**CLIC Sargent** - Every day 10 families are told their child has cancer. As the UK's leading children's cancer charity, CLIC Sargent is the only organisation to offer them all round care and support.

**Child Cancer Helpline:** 0800 197 0068


[www.clicsargent.org.uk/](http://www.clicsargent.org.uk/)

**Teenage Cancer Trust** - Each day in the UK, 6 teenagers are diagnosed with cancer that is approximately 2,200 a year. One in every 330 boys and 1 in every 420 girls will contract cancer before their 20th birthday.

 020 7612 0370

[www.teenagecancertrust.org](http://www.teenagecancertrust.org)

**Macmillan Cancer Support** - Improves the lives of people affected by cancer. We provide practical, medical, emotional and financial support and push for better cancer care.

 0808 808 2020

[www.cancerlink.org](http://www.cancerlink.org)


- **Cystic Fibrosis Trust** - The Cystic Fibrosis Trust is the UK's only national charity dedicated to all aspects of Cystic Fibrosis.

**CF Helpline** 0845 859 1000

[www.cftrust.org.uk](http://www.cftrust.org.uk)


- **Deafblindness**

**Deafblind UK** - Offers support and specialist services to over 2.6 million people in the UK who are deafblind or living with a combined loss of sight and hearing, enabling them to lead as fulfilled and independent lives as possible.

 01733-358100 (voice/text)

[www.deafblind.co.uk](http://www.deafblind.co.uk)


**SENSE:** Sense is the UK's largest organisation for children and adults who are deafblind or have associated disabilities.

 0845 127 0060

[www.scope.org.uk](http://www.scope.org.uk)


- **Diabetes UK** - Diabetes UK is the largest organisation in the UK working for people with

diabetes, funding research; campaigning and helping people live with the condition.

 020 7424 1000  
[www.diabetes.org.uk](http://www.diabetes.org.uk)

- **Down's Syndrome Association** – Helping people with Down's syndrome to live full and rewarding lives.  
**Helpline** - 0845 230 0372  
[www.downs-syndrome.org.uk](http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk)


- **Dyslexia Action** – Dyslexia Action is a national charity and the UK's leading provider of services and support for people with dyslexia and literacy difficulties.

 01784 222300  
[www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/](http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/)


- **The Dyspraxia Foundation** – To support individuals and families affected by dyspraxia.

Helpline: 01462 454 986  
[www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk](http://www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk)

- **The Dyscalculia Centre:**


 01536 399000  
[www.dyscalculia.me.uk/index.html](http://www.dyscalculia.me.uk/index.html)

- **Epilepsy Action** – Epilepsy Action is the largest member-led epilepsy organisation in Britain, acting as the voice for the UK's estimated 456,000 people with epilepsy, as well as their friends, families, carers, health professionals and the many other people on whose lives the condition has an impact.


 0808 800 5050 (UK)  
[www.epilepsy.org.uk](http://www.epilepsy.org.uk)

- **General Information**


**Contact a Family** – the Contact a Family Directory is a fantastic resource detailing a wide variety of specific disabilities and disorders. It describes the main features with pictures and details of support organisations.

 0808 808 3555  
[www.cafamily.org.uk](http://www.cafamily.org.uk)

**Disability Information Resources** - Disability Information Services (DISS) is a leading provider of disability information in the UK.


 0800 0730 161  
[www.diss.org.uk](http://www.diss.org.uk)

**Design and Manufacture for Disability (DEMAND)** - A practical charity that attempts to create what we call "equality of life" for disabled people.

 01923 681800


[www.demand.org.uk](http://www.demand.org.uk)

- **The Haemophilia Society** – The Haemophilia Society is working for people with haemophilia, von Willebrand's or a related bleeding disorder and their families to secure the best possible care, treatment and support.


 0800 018 6068  
[www.haemophilia.org.uk](http://www.haemophilia.org.uk)

- **Hearing Impairment British Deaf Association:**  
[www.signcommunity.org.uk](http://www.signcommunity.org.uk)

**Makaton Vocabulary Development Project** - Programme for communication, language and literacy skills.

 01276 61390  
[www.makaton.org](http://www.makaton.org)


**National Deaf Children's Society** - The only UK charity solely dedicated to the support of all deaf children and young people, their families and professionals working with them.

 020 7490 8656  
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[www.ndcs.org.uk](http://www.ndcs.org.uk)


**RNID (Royal National Institute for Deaf People)** - UK's largest charity for deaf and hard of hearing people, with people in hundreds of different roles, right across the country.

[www.rnid.org.uk](http://www.rnid.org.uk)


- **Heart Conditions Children's Heart Federation** – Represent most of the organisations that are linked to children with heart conditions in the UK.

 0808 808 5000  
[www.childrens-heart-fed.org.uk](http://www.childrens-heart-fed.org.uk)

**British Heart Foundation** - Their vision is of a world in which people do not die prematurely of heart disease.

 020 7935 0185  
[www.bhf.org.uk](http://www.bhf.org.uk)

- **Mencap** - Mencap is the UK's leading learning disability charity working with people with a learning disability and their families and carers.


 020 7454 0454  
[www.mencap.org.uk](http://www.mencap.org.uk)

- **Muscular Dystrophy Campaign** - The Muscular Dystrophy Campaign is the only UK charity focussing on all muscular dystrophies and allied disorders.

 020 7720 8055


[www.muscular-dystrophy.org](http://www.muscular-dystrophy.org)

- **Scope** – The disability organization in England and Wales whose focus is people with cerebral palsy. Our aim is that disabled people achieve equality: a society in which they are as valued and have the same human and civil rights as everyone else.

 0808 800 3333

[www.scope.org.uk](http://www.scope.org.uk)

- **The Sickle Cell Society** - The Sickle Cell Society believes that every sickle cell sufferer has the right to quality care.

 020 8961 7795

[www.sicklecellsociety.org](http://www.sicklecellsociety.org)

- **Speech, Language and Communication Impairment**


**Afasic** – Afasic seeks to raise awareness and to create better services and provision for children and young people with speech and language impairments.

**The Afasic helpline** - 0845 3 55 55 77

[www.afasic.org.uk](http://www.afasic.org.uk)

- **Visual Impairment**

**Action for the Blind**- One of the largest charities in the UK working with blind and partially sighted people to enable them to transform their lives.

 0800 915 4666

[www.afbp.org](http://www.afbp.org)


**Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB)** -

UK's leading charity offering information, support and advice to over two million people with sight loss.

 020 7388 1266

[www.rnib.org.uk](http://www.rnib.org.uk)

- **Whizz-Kidz** - Whizz-Kidz changes disabled children's lives - literally overnight. By providing them with customised mobility equipment, training and advice, we actually give them something much more important. We give them the independence to live a life of freedom.

 020 7233 6600

[www.whizz-kidz.org.uk](http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk)