**Hello from our new Fundraiser:**

Hi everyone, my name is Jo and I am the new fundraiser here at My Sight Notts. I am really excited to be joining such a great team and can’t wait to get stuck in and find out more about the amazing impact My Sight Notts is having across the county.

As you know, My Sight Notts is a Charity and we rely on funding from trusts and foundations as well as individuals, community groups and companies to enable us to provide our services. Since the pandemic, traditional fundraising activities and events have struggled, but we want to change that and start rebuilding our community of fundraisers so we can support more people with sight loss. We want Nottingham to be fully accessible to people with a vision impairment and recognised as an area where visually impaired people have the same opportunities as everyone.

Now that Spring is here, with warmer weather and longer days, it feels like a good time to get out and about and take on new challenges. There are lots of ways you can get involved and I’d love to hear your thoughts and ideas on how we can shape the future of fundraising here at My Sight Notts.

* **I’d love to hear from you if you would like to take on your own fundraising event** – whether it’s holding a bake sale or coffee morning, organising a raffle or auction, taking on a walking challenge, hosting a quiz, putting on a show, washing cars or shaving your head! Let me know your ideas and I will support you all the way.
* **Do you want to take on a fundraising challenge?** Are you a runner and interested in taking part in the Robin Hood Half Marathon in September? There are lots of events you can take part in to raise money for My Sight Notts – like Tough Mudders, Nottingham Running Festival, Run Alton Towers, inflatable 5Ks and even skydives! I can help you get a place in an event, set up your sponsorship – and cheer you on, on the day!
* **Are there any events that you would like My Sight Notts to organise?** What are you interested in doing? Do you like to swim, run, abseil, row or cycle, or are you more of a baker, enjoy crafting or like to attend a show? We are looking at what events we can put on over the next few months and would love to hear your thoughts.
* **And, finally…** are you or your family and friends’ part of a community group or a company that might be interested in supporting My Sight Notts through a Charity of the Year partnership? We have a lot to offer to community groups and companies in return for their support, such as sight loss awareness training, accessibility audits and volunteering opportunities – all of which help meet Corporate Social Responsibility goals. Fundraising for a local Charity is great for team-building and motivating staff, as well as being great fun!

If you want to get involved, or you think your family or friends or colleagues would like to find out more about supporting My Sight Notts, please do get in touch. You can call me on 07817 437143 or email me at joanneb@mysightnotts.org.uk.

**The more funds we raise, the more impact we can have and the more people we can support. I look forward to hearing from you!**

**Our Charity Shops urgently need donations:**

We urgently need donations of clothing, shoes, bags, bric-a-brac etc. Donations can be dropped off at one of our charity shops or at our centre on Heathcoat Street.

**Mapperley Shop**

912 Woodborough Road, Mapperley, Nottingham. NG3 5QR

**Hockley Shop**

10-12 Carlton Street, Nottingham. NG1 1NN

**Charity shop opening times**

Tuesday – Friday: 10am-4pm

Saturday: 11am-5pm

**My Sight Notts**

26-28 Heathcoat Street, Nottingham. NG1 3AA

**Centre opening times:**

Monday – Thursday 9.30am-4pm

**We can also collect large donations,** please call 0115 9706806 and ask for Michelle to arrange a collection.

Sorry we are currently unable to accept electrical items, books, DVD’s, CD’s or bedding.