

Who are Forest Talk?

Forest Talk is a registered charity producing weekly audio recordings. Our service is run entirely by volunteers.

We are members of the Talking News Federation, which serves about 500 Talking Newspapers throughout the UK.

Who do we serve?

Our free of charge service is available to anyone who, because of poor sight, has difficulty reading conventional printed material.

Listeners do not have to be registered blind or registered visually impaired.

What is in the recordings?

Each weekly recording has about 45 minutes of items read from local newspapers and about 45 minutes of magazine type articles taken from a range of sources. These include short stories, poetry and true life anecdotes.

How would I listen to the recordings?

Each week's recording is supplied on a USB memory stick.



If you live in the Forest of Dean area and don't already use a computer or memory stick player we will provide you with an easy-to-use player on free loan.

How are recordings received and returned?

Each week's recording is delivered by normal post in a specially designed pouch. When you have finished listening you return it by posting the pouch back to us.

This postal service is FREE thanks to the Royal Mail's 'Articles for the Blind' concession.



How to become a listener

Please choose from one of the following options:

1. Complete the form on the other side and send it to us at Forest Talk, No 1 Town House, Lords Hill Walk, Coleford, GL16 8BD
2. Telephone Jon Beales, our Secretary, on 0300 102 3970 (0300 numbers are solely for charities and are charged at normal national rates – they are not premium rate numbers)
3. Send an email to secretary@foresttalk.co.uk giving your name and phone number and we will contact you.



Listener application form

Please arrange for me to receive my weekly copy of Forest Talk's Talking Newspaper.

Name:

Address:

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Telephone:

If you are **not** registered blind or partially sighted please also ask your doctor, social worker or ophthalmic optician to sign below.

I confirm that has close-up vision with spectacles of N12 or less (unable to read newsprint)

Name

Signature

Professional role

Phone number

Date

Volunteering with Forest Talk

We have four teams of volunteers, totalling about 40 people. Each team produces one edition every 4 weeks, which involves selecting, editing, reading, recording and duplicating a week's news and magazine articles.

We welcome new volunteers and the commitment need only be 4 or 5 hours every 4 weeks.

To find out more please contact Jo Smith (phone 01594 542062 or email c.smith177@btinternet.com) or complete the form below and send it to: Forest Talk, No 1 Town House, Lords Hill Walk, Coleford, GL16 8BD.

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Find out how you can receive our weekly recordings or how you can help us

Phone us on 0300 102 3970

(call charged at normal national rate)

or see www.foresttalk.co.uk

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