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## Morley Blind



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### taking visually impaired people to catch up with their friends

Morley Blind has been supporting people with a visual impairment since its foundation in 1941. Every Thursday, visually impaired people come together for activities – normally bingo or excursions. Leeds Alternative Travel collects Morley Blind's service users from their homes, bringing them to their venue or out on their trips.

'It's not really about the bingo,' explains Shirley, who has been a volunteer at Morley Blind for over 40 years. 'They come for bingo, but that's just an occasion, it's really about coming for a natter with their friends.'

'When we go for trips, it's the same. It's not so much the destination, but the opportunity for a "run out" and to get out and about with the group.'

'Bringing people here is so important, it's their one chance of the week to speak to different people and, for some people, to get out of the house. It's a chance to meet up with their friends.'

'I cannot go out on my own, I fall a lot,' explains Phyllis, who regularly attends on Thursdays. 'So this is the only time I can get out.'

'I look forward to talking with other members... finding out a lot of things,' said Helen, another regular at the group. 'You soon get to know people.'