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LANCASHIRE BLIND CRICKET DAY

Action for Blind People have organised a sporting fun day for blind and partially sighted adults in Lancashire to get a taste of some cricket. Lancashire Galloway's Cricket Club will be hosting the event on Saturday 9th July from 10am until 12pm at BAC/EE Social and Sports Association, South Meadow Lane, Preston.

The aim of the day, which has been funded by Galloway's Society for the Blind, is to help reform the local cricket club for visually impaired people. Experienced visually impaired cricket coach, Gary O'Neil, will be sharing his sporting skills with those who attend. Gary is looking to develop cricket for blind and partially sighted people across the North West region.

Ross Ford, Sports Development Officer at Action for Blind People says: 'This will be a fantastic opportunity for visually impaired people across the county to come and enjoy this popular sport, which they may not always get the chance to do anywhere else. We are so thrilled to have been a part of reforming the club.'

Action for Blind People support blind and partially sighted people across Lancashire through work, housing, leisure and support. Galloway's is one of the many great partnerships within the county the charity has had the great pleasure of working with.

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Cricket Coach, Gary O'Neil says: 'It is fantastic to be able to reopen the club, so they can once again compete in the national blind cricket league. Thanks to the help of Action for Blind People we have been able to get the ball rolling, so to speak.'

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For further information about the event please contact Gary O'Neil on 07841 575 938

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Notes for Editors

- 1) Action for Blind People supports over 20,000 blind and partially sighted people in the UK every year.
- 2) Action works to inspire change and create opportunities to enable blind and partially sighted people to have equal voice and equal choice and to live a full and valuable life.