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Future Freddie Flintoffs? Sports club for blind kids opens in Peterborough

Blind and partially sighted children from Peterborough will learn to bat, bowl, dribble and lay-up at the launch of a new sports club. Peterborough Actionnaires, run by national visual impairment charity, Action for Blind People, opens on Saturday 28 January, 1–4pm, with a session teaching cricket and basketball.

Peterborough Actionnaires, is a multi sports club for blind and partially sighted children and young people aged between eight and 16 years. Children will have the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of sports taught by both specialist and mainstream sports coaches.

John Ellery, club organiser and Sports Development Officer for Action for Blind People, comments:

“The Actionnaires club offers a wonderful opportunity for blind and partially sighted children in Peterborough to enjoy a wide range of sports in a safe, fun and encouraging environment. Whether a child is a budding cricketer, has an untapped interest or has never tried sport at all, it doesn’t matter! All visually impaired youngsters are welcome.”

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Peterborough Actionnaires will meet fortnightly at Stanground Sports College, Peterborough Road, Stanground, Peterborough PE7 3BY. For more information on the club, please contact John Ellery, Sports Development Officer on Tel: 0121 665 4200, email: john.ellery@actionforblindpeople.org.uk

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Notes to Editors

- Journalists are invited to attend the launch on Saturday 28 January.
- There are currently 14 Actionnaires clubs across the UK in Huddersfield, Gravesend, Portsmouth, Essex, Sunderland, Blackburn, Coventry, Manchester, West London, South London, Hull, Birmingham, Southampton and Peterborough.
- Action for Blind People supports over 20,000 blind and partially sighted people in the UK every year. Action for Blind People's National Freephone Helpline is 0800 915 4666.
- 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.
- Action provides visually impaired people with opportunities through employment, housing, leisure and information and support.