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## Local MP checks into the Cliffden for World Sight Day

Richard Younger-Ross MP and the Mayor of Teignmouth are supporting World Sight Day with a trip to Action for Blind People's Cliffden Hotel, Teignmouth on Friday 14 October, 11am-2pm.

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### PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

**Who:** Richard Younger-Ross MP and the Mayor of Teignmouth.

**What:** The local MP will receive visual awareness training by Action for Blind People.

**Where:** Cliffden Hotel, Dawlish Road, Teignmouth, South Devon, TQ14 8TE

**When:** Friday 14 October, 11.30am.

**Why:** Thursday 13 October is World Sight Day. World Sight Day focuses on the issues of global blindness. 'Every five seconds one person in our world goes blind and a child goes blind every minute.'<sup>1</sup> Action for Blind People support World Sight Day and aim to raise awareness of the challenges visually impaired people face and explore how these can be overcome.

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When Richard Younger-Ross and the Mayor of Teignmouth check in for the day, they will have the opportunity to be trained in visual awareness by the Action for Blind People team. There will be tours of the hotel and refreshments will be served. Cliffden Hotel's open day will also be attended by local associations for blind and partially sighted people.

Richard Younger-Ross MP comments: "World Sight Day plays an important role highlighting the issues of global blindness. I was truly shocked to learn that every five seconds someone goes blind. I fully support Action for Blind People and the Cliffden Hotel in their work to create opportunities for blind and partially sighted people"

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<sup>1</sup> Vision 2020, The Right to Sight [www.vision2020.org](http://www.vision2020.org)

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John Bailey, Cliffden's Assistant Manager, comments:

"The Cliffden doesn't just cater for visually impaired people, it's a fantastic hotel in its own right. Set in seven acres of grounds, the hotel boasts 48 spacious en suite rooms, a swimming pool and a first class restaurant, plus all the extras a visually impaired person might need.

"It's vital, 38% of blind and partially sighted people haven't had a holiday in the last five years!"

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## Notes to editors:

- Action for Blind People supports over 20,000 blind and partially sighted people in the UK every year.
- 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. Action for Blind People's National Freephone Helpline is 0800 9154666
- World Sight Day is coordinated by the International Agency for the prevention of Blindness as part of the Vision 2020: Right to Sight Campaign. For further information on World Sight Day visit [www.v2020.org/world\\_sight\\_day/index.asp](http://www.v2020.org/world_sight_day/index.asp)