

# Headway Monthly Bulletin



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*Providing support for people with brain injuries*

## Lions Club International

We are delighted to report that three local branches of the Lions Club have been very generous lately, and 'thank you' to them all for thinking of us.

We've just spent a £750 donation from Market Harborough Lions on a shiny new computer for the day centre; Oadby and Wigston Lions have pledged their support for our anniversary celebrations later in the year. Alison and Dawn enjoyed an evening of hospitality and great food at Ashby Court in Hinckley while collecting a cheque from the Hinckley and Burbage Lions for £250 (it's a hard life).

The money was raised through, among other things, a sponsored walk.



**We are now on Twitter;**  
follow us, and we'll follow you right back!  
[www.twitter.com/headwayleics](http://www.twitter.com/headwayleics)

## Owl be back!

Last year, we hosted an 'Animals For Parties' event, which proved to be very popular with everyone, and we planned to do another this year. Last month, Mary Goulty's husband Martin found a stray Barn

4 days. The owner turned out to be none other than the 'Animals for Parties' man, and the owl was the very same one who had visited Headway



*Rosie snacking on a French bean?*



*Tula's sitting pretty with Gina*

Owl. He brought it home, Mary brought it into work, and after a series of phonecalls to the RSPCA etc, the bird was reunited with it's owner. She had been missing for

House last year. What a happy, lucky coincidence! The owner, Jon offered us a free animal party as a Thank You, and he returned with

Flower the skunk, Rosie the Rabbit, and of course, Tula his fabulous owl. Everyone was thrilled and thoroughly enjoyed the

animals' company, (even the snakes and cockroaches!). If you want to see more pictures, or find out about the animals, go to [www.animalsforparties.co.uk](http://www.animalsforparties.co.uk).



*Mohan's close encounter with a bearded dragon*

## Logo Agogo

Last month, we applied for some funding to produce publicity materials, and were lucky enough to get it. The money has to be spent quickly, so with the help of Dulcie our volunteer, and two local design companies, we've been beavering away to come up with new logo and leaflet designs for Headway Leicester. It's not as easy as you may think, so we could be at it for some time ....

The funding came from Leicestershire County Council for organisations like us to promote 'Personal Budgets'. We are hoping to get some more funding for lots of exciting new creative developments over the next few months.

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## New Volunteers

By Alison Leight, Volunteer Co-ordinator

We are very lucky to have a fairly constant stream of willing volunteers at Headway, all of them having heard good things about us from past volunteers, members, or their families.

In January we welcomed Holly Haigh, from Nottingham who is studying for an Msc. in Psychology at Nottingham Trent University. She is planning to do her dissertation on an aspect of brain injury, so is very interested in members' own experiences of Headway. Nicola Burchill joined us too, Nicola is a third year Neuropsychology student at Leicester

University, and found out about us from her mum, who works in a similar role in Derby. Mum has worked



**Nicola**

with Headway Derby who had lots of nice things to say about us, so Nicola thought she would investigate!

Eloise Sharp has also joined us – you will



**Holly**

recognise the name, Eloise is Marietta's daughter and she is a Speech and Language Therapy graduate of Reading University. We are delighted to welcome Mary Salmon back too. She can only join us on alternate Thursdays as she has to travel from her university placement in Shropshire just to be here. That's what we like to see – *commitment!*

## Famous Fatima

Headway member Fatima has been immortalised on the Big Lottery Fund website, along with quotes from Andy Rees and Maryanne who were interviewed last year about their experiences in woodwork. The article

is one of three case studies on the biglotteryfund website. This is the second time we have been chosen, last time Roy Mason was the star, getting his photos on all the Big Lottery publicity materials. To read the article in full, go to the



Big Lottery's website [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) and look up 'case studies'.

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