



Registered charity No 279141

We are a charity run entirely by sighted and unsighted volunteers

Since 1980 teams of volunteers have recorded a weekly cassette tape of local news and events, which is posted **FREE OF CHARGE** to blind and partially sighted listeners in the Oxford area.

Many listeners are elderly, often living alone and sometimes housebound. The cassette helps them to keep in touch with Oxford life, and the service is much appreciated.

Recording facilities generously provided by:  
**RADIO CHERWELL**



Hospital Radio in Oxford  
Celebrating 40 years  
1967 - 2007

*If you know of anyone who could benefit from this service, please contact:*

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Donations Welcome

Oxtalk Speakers Available



The Oxford and District Talking Newspaper for blind and visually impaired people.

Our mission at Oxtalk is to reach as many people as possible who might benefit from the service.

So whether you, or someone you know would like to give it a try, get in touch and we look forward to responding to any questions you may have.

## How do we do it?

Throughout the week, one of our editing teams selects articles from the local newspapers.

An editor then collates the articles and prepares them for the readers.

On Tuesday evening, one of our teams of four readers records the tape in the professionally equipped studios of Radio Cherwell at the Churchill Hospital.

On Wednesday evening, one of our copying teams produces around 200 copies of the tape and empties and refills the mail pouches ready for posting.

On Friday morning, Royal Mail delivers our weekly tape to listeners.

## Can we help you?

You are eligible to receive the OXTALK tape:

If you are registered blind or

If you can obtain a certificate from your doctor or ophthalmologist confirming that you cannot read newsprint.

The OXTALK tape can be played on any standard cassette machine.

There is NO CHARGE for this service and OXTALK relies on the voluntary donations kindly given.

The OXTALK tape is delivered free by Royal Mail.

## Can you help us?

We welcome volunteers - both with or without sight - to help with the following tasks:

### Editing

Read local newspapers and cut out suitable articles.

### Technical

Gain 'hands on' experience recording the tape on professional equipment.

### Copying

Operate the copying equipment, empty and refill the mailing pouches.

### Reading

If you have a good microphone voice, come along and try it.

### Fundraising

From organising a campaign to collecting donations.

### Publicity

Displays, talks to local groups, stalls and events.  
Ideas and artists very welcome.

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Oxford & District Talking News