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Immediate release

Move over Beckham – England captain wannabes wanted at Southampton Actionnaires

The Southampton Actionnaires, a sports club for blind and partially sighted children, is looking for new members. The club, which is run by charity Action for Blind People, in partnership with Southampton City Council, meets fortnightly at Chamberlayne Leisure Centre, and it's free!

Southampton Actionnaires is open to visually impaired children and young people aged between eight and 16 years, along with their friends and siblings. Children have the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of sports including football, judo and athletics, taught by both specialist and mainstream sports coaches.

Nicky Holloway, Sports Development Officer for Action for Blind People, comments:

“Actionnaires offers blind and partially sighted children from the Southampton area the chance to enjoy a wide range of sports in safe, fun and encouraging surroundings. Whether a child is a budding World Cup hero, or has never tried sport at all, it doesn't matter! All visually impaired children are welcome to join.”

For more information about the Southampton Actionnaires, please contact Nicky Holloway on 07793 527031 or email: nicky.holloway@actionforblindpeople.org.uk

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Action for Blind People is currently fundraising in Southampton. Funds raised will pay for vital services run by Action for Blind People, such as the Southampton Actionnaires.

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For further media information please contact Zoë Patel, PR Officer, Action for Blind People on Tel: 020 7635 4898 or zoe.patel@actionforblindpeople.org.uk

Notes to Editors

- Hilton in the Community Foundation has generously donated £50,000 to Action and part of this will fund the sporting activities at this club. Hilton in the Community Foundation was registered in the millennium year as the charitable trust for Hilton International and LivingWell. Hilton in the Community Foundation is committed to supporting those most in need to have a brighter future. For further information visit www.hilton-foundation.org.uk
- Southampton Actionnaires meets at Chamberlayne Leisure Centre, Weston Lane, Southampton, every other Saturday from 9.30am until 12pm.
- There are currently 16 Actionnaires clubs across the UK in Huddersfield, Portsmouth, Essex, Sunderland, Blackburn, Coventry, Liverpool (2), Manchester, West London, South London, Hull, Birmingham, Southampton, Nottingham 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.
- The name 'Action for Blind People' can be abbreviated as 'Action'. The charity does not recognise the acronyms AFBP or ABP.