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## **Sport in Action for blind children in Carlisle**

Visually impaired children from Cumbria are getting their very own sports club run by national charity, Action for Blind People. The club, called Actionnaires, will launch on Sunday 19 November and will allow blind and partially sighted children from eight to 16 to take part in such sports as climbing, archery and swimming on a weekly basis.

Ross Ford, Action for Blind People's Sports Development Officer, comments: "Carlisle Actionnaires offers blind and partially sighted children the chance to try different sports in a fun, safe and encouraging environment. We hope kids from all over Cumbria will join the club, whether they're budding Paralympians or have never tried sport before. We're very grateful to our funders for their generous support. Without funding for equipment such as footballs with beads inside, or the hiring of specialist coaches, the club simply couldn't run!"

Carlisle Actionnaires is supported by Carlisle City Council and Cumbria Local Education Authority. The club will meet every Sunday at St Aidan's County High School Sports Hall, Lismore Place, CA1 1LY from 1.30pm -4.30pm, and membership is free.

For more information about the Carlisle Actionnaires or volunteering for the group, please contact Ross Ford, Sports Development Officer on 01772 320550 or email

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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 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.
- If abbreviating "Action for Blind People", please use "Action" rather than AFBP or ABP.