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Local MP checks into Windermere Manor for World Sight Day

Tim Farron MP is supporting World Sight Day with a trip to Action for Blind People's Windermere Manor Hotel, on Friday 14 October, 10am-11am.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Who: Tim Farron MP, children from St Vincent's School for blind and partially sighted children and Action for Blind People.

What: Children from the Liverpool-based school and the local MP try their hand at archery.

Where: Windermere Manor Hotel, Rayrigg Road, Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 1ES

When: Friday 14 October, 10am

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.'¹ 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.

Kids from St Vincent's school for blind and partially sighted children in Liverpool will have the opportunity to try out sailing, canoeing, kayaking, archery and play team building games when they visit Windermere Manor. Activities will start at 10am finishing at 3.30pm. Tim Farron MP will be checking into the hotel for the day and supporting the World Sight Day activities by joining in the fun. Refreshments will be served.

¹ Vision 2020, The Right to Sight www.vision2020.org

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Tim Farron MP comments:

“World Sight Day plays an important role highlighting the issues of global blindness. I was truly shocked to learn that every minute a child goes blind. I fully support Action for Blind People and Windermere Manor Hotel in their work to create opportunities for blind and partially sighted people”

Chris Lawrence, Manager of Windermere Manor, comments: “Windermere Manor not only caters to the needs of visually impaired people, it’s also a fantastic venue in its own right. It’s vital. Thirty eight per cent 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