



CASE STUDY 6

Hearing the need for support

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Nearly nine million of the UK population experience some degree of hearing loss. That's one person in every seven. Over 650,000 of these people are severely or profoundly deaf and could benefit from a hearing dog.

Hearing dogs change lives. They alert their deaf owners to sounds we take for granted, providing greater independence, confidence and security. Whenever possible, the dogs are selected from rescue centres, but they are also donated by breeders and members of the public, with the remainder coming from the Charity's own breeding scheme.

Since they receive no government funding, hearing dogs rely totally on the generosity of individuals and organisations to continue transforming the lives of deaf people.

Volunteer Workout has been working with Hearing Dogs to identify areas that companies can utilise as part of their employer supported volunteering.

These include renovating fences, make overs of the training houses and creating an enrichment playground for the dogs (while they are in the final stage of sound-work training).

Teams of volunteers have worked with Hearing Dogs, amongst them are two teams from Dunn and Bradstreet who have used their employer supported volunteering day to help.

In July and in September the teams have decorated the training houses. The training houses are used in the final stages to ensure that both dog and their new owners can work together and to ensure that the transfer to the new home is smooth and problem free.

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