

**Local Group Update**

Local Group Name  
Group Chair/Treasurer  
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Town  
Postcode

19 July 2017

Dear XXX,

As the main contact for your local group, we are writing to you with important updates from Diabetes UK. We need you to pass this message on to your committee and people that visit your group, where relevant, to make sure your group is kept informed.

The Volunteer Development Team

## Updates

### Refreshed branded materials

Our brand team will be creating new materials and resources to help you reach and engage with people in your area. Let us know what you need to help support the work of your group. Email your ideas to [volunteering@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@diabetes.org.uk).

### No Big Collection

We would like to share news that sadly this year there will be no Big Collection. However, there are many other ways you can get involved to help raise vital funds for our work. To find out more contact your local volunteering team.

### Join forces with your local football club

Local football clubs are a great way to reach new people and grow your local group. We've put together a step-by-step guide based on the work the Burton Diabetes Support Group are doing right now with Burton Albion. For a copy of the guide and more information, email [diabetesvoices@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:diabetesvoices@diabetes.org.uk) or contact your local volunteering team.

## Key events

### UK Inspire Awards

An incredible performance from Apache Indian, an inspirational talk from Beth Baldwin and the announcement of the UK Inspire Award winners. We pleased to reveal our 2017 winners are:

- Julie Southcombe (Midlands) – Campaigning and Influencing Award
- The Lewis Family (Midlands) – Fundraising Award
- Foyle Diabetes Support Group (Northern Ireland) – Reaching Out and Connecting Award
- Sally Oxlade (South East) – Supporting Diabetes UK Award
- Alison Marnoch (Scotland) – Supporting Diabetes UK Award (posthumous)
- Jayden Beckwith (South East) – Young Person's Outstanding Contribution Award

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A huge congratulations to all our winners and finalists. Find out more about the day's events on the Inspire Awards page: [www.diabetes.org.uk/Get\\_involved/Inspire-Awards/](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Get_involved/Inspire-Awards/)

### Diabetes Week 2017

A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time to help us 'Know Diabetes. Fight Diabetes'. Whether you took to Twitter or held an awareness event, you did a fantastic job of raising awareness and celebrating Diabetes Week. You can find out what groups got up to in your area on the local group portal: [www.diabetes.org.uk/Local-Groups-Portal/Newsletter/Diabetes-Week-2017/](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Local-Groups-Portal/Newsletter/Diabetes-Week-2017/)

## Other news

### Join the Big Conversation

Many people are unsure what life will be like for people with diabetes in the future. What are your hopes? What are your worries? We want to know. Take our short online survey and have your say: [www.diabetes.org.uk/Get\\_involved/Campaigning/The-future-of-diabetes](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Get_involved/Campaigning/The-future-of-diabetes)

### Talking about Type 2 and genes in a pub

At a special Diabetes Week event in a pub in Oxford, Professor Anna Gloyn explained how she knows and fights Type 2 diabetes with research. Read about the event in our blog post: [blogs.diabetes.org.uk/?p=8577](http://blogs.diabetes.org.uk/?p=8577)

### I WILL

We know that nobody likes talking about Wills, but that needs to change if we're to continue our vital work. Around a third of our total funding comes from gifts in Wills. These special gifts ensure our support reaches those who need it, and funds vital research that could help lead us to a cure. That's why we want to challenge, inspire and encourage our supporters to think about leaving a gift in their will. For more information, visit [www.diabetes.org.uk/legacies](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/legacies)

### Let's keep in touch

Do you want someone else to act as main contact? Get in touch with your local volunteering team so we can update your details.

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