

# Press Release

**From Barry Stamp  
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## Charity Group Work Praised

The work of Stafford and Stone Talking Newspaper for the Blind has been praised this week by the towns would be Liberal Democrat MP.

Barry Stamp made the comment following a tour of the organisation's Beaconside studio where he not only saw the team behind the production of the weekly newspaper but was also interviewed for inclusion on the tape.

"As a Staffordian I was aware of the Talking Newspaper, but probably like the majority of local residents had no idea of how the organisation operated. Last Thursdays visit to the studio at RAF Stafford certainly opened my eyes and gave me a real insight into the hard work which goes into producing the weekly tape. I was pleased to meet and talk with one of the volunteer teams which were responsible for recording, copying, and distributing Thursdays edition. In total twelve volunteers were in the studio complex, all working as a team to ensure over 600 tapes were sent to the post office sorting office at around 10.00pm. I was clear that everyone was thoroughly committed to making sure their blind and partial sighted listeners did not miss out on their weekly tape. Their dedication and enthusiasm was infectious. While I only saw one of the four teams of volunteers which take it in turn to produce the newsletter I personally would like to say a big thank you to the other sixty volunteers that make up the group," Said Barry Stamp.

As well as touring the studio Barry Stamp was interviewed by Jack Haywood, one of the group's volunteers. The interview which centred on Barry's links with Stafford and his predictions for the Town's future was included on that weeks tape.

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Notes to editors: The attached photograph shows Barry Stamp trying out recording equipment at the Talking Newspaper for the Blind studio watched over by David Drake one of the organisations volunteer workers.

