



# TALK

Supporting People with **Aphasia** after Stroke  
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## Message from the Chair

Hello everyone. I hope you and your families are keeping well and have enjoyed some good times over the summer. We have missed you all since the groups closed last March.

Sharon and Alison have worked really hard to keep in touch with all of you. I hope you've enjoyed the weekly activities that Alison sends out.

Sharon has been keeping in touch with new recoverers and with local speech and language therapy services.

Jo, our fundraising manager, has also worked hard to make sure we stay financially secure.

Thank you Sharon, Alison and Jo!



## Trustees news

The TALK Board of Trustees have also been keeping busy. David, our treasurer, has prepared our annual accounts. These have been audited and will be sent to the Charity Commission.

We are also very pleased that we have recruited five new Trustees to the Board. We welcome: Clive Moon, Pallu Modi, Valerie Blake, Philippa Mitchell and Gudrun Varey. They are all local people who will bring useful experience and skills to the Board.

We are sorry that Alan Price has decided to step down from the Board of Trustees. Alan has been on the Board for some time and has done great work for TALK, including printing the Newsletter. Thank you Alan.

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## What next?

Unfortunately we won't be able to open our groups this term. The government's "Rule of 6" makes this impossible. Also our venues are not yet open.

We will keep a careful eye on government guidelines and hope that things will be better by Christmas. We may be able to open up again in January.

In the meantime, we'll continue to keep in touch with you all and send you the activities. We also plan to offer some opportunities to meet each other and to meet up with volunteers online, using Zoom



or FaceTime.



Perhaps some of you have been using these to keep in touch with your family and friends. I've enjoyed my Zoom Pilates classes!

## A note about money

TALK is financially secure at the moment, but we need to keep an eye on the budget and the future. If you are able to make a donation to TALK, we would be grateful for anything you could spare.

This will help to make sure our wonderful staff can carry on with the activities and support we're providing and help us to make sure TALK can carry on.

You can make a donation via our appeal at VirginGiving:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=12607&charityId=1009526>

Or you can send a cheque to TALK Surrey CIO to the address below.

We thank you for your continued support, and wish you all good health

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Interim Chair, TALK Surrey CIO

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