



East Cheshire Eye Society has been supporting local people affected by vision impairments since 1875. To celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary we are holding an art competition for local schools.

We are delighted to exhibit the winning art works at The Silk Museum from **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

Children will create artwork showing local places that are special to them. They will consider how their work can be enjoyed by people with low vision. We look forward to enjoying a wide variety of works including painting, collage, sculpture, sound and more.

To celebrate the work of East Cheshire Eye Society and to raise awareness of living with vision impairments, we are running a series of FREE workshops at Macclesfield Silk Museum.

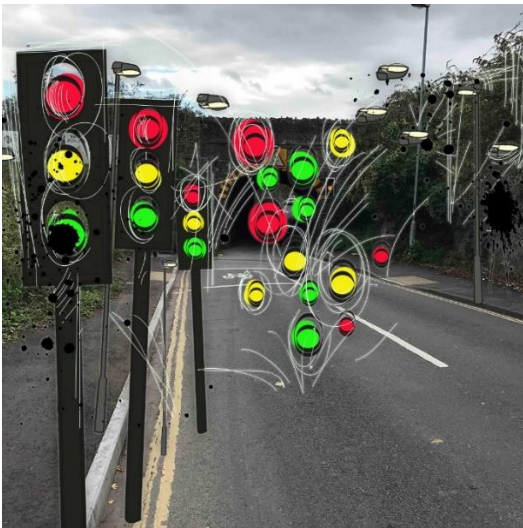
To book a place visit <https://www.thesilkmuseum.co.uk/whats-on>

Or contact East Cheshire Eye Society on **01625 422602** for help to book a place.

**Charles Bonnet Syndrome Café** – Hosted by Pam Hodgkiss of East Cheshire Eye Society (no need to book, just drop in)

- Wed 2nd April 2pm to 4pm

Drop in anytime between 2pm and 4pm, for a cuppa and chat and learn about visual hallucinations related to sight loss in a relaxed and informal setting.



**Museum Tots:** Have fun reading tactile books together and exploring the Prior Tactile Pre-Braille learning system at Silk Museum. Fun for all children, with or without experience of living with vision impairments.

- Thurs 3rd April 10am to 12



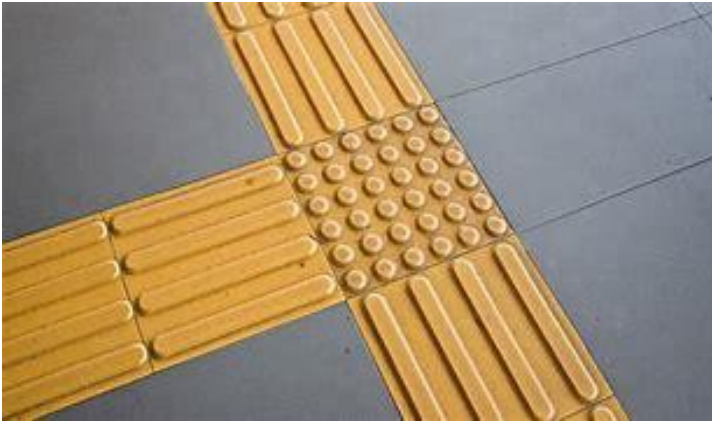
**Explore the handling collection at Silk Museum**

- Fri 4th April 2pm to 4pm

## Explore the tactile world

- Wed 9th April 2pm to 4pm

How can people living with vision impairments make the most of the tactile clues around them to keep independent and active? Practical and fun ideas. Strategies for the home and out an about including telephones, cooking and games everyone can enjoy.



## Making tactile books for children and families

- Thurs 10th April 10am to 12 noon

Tell a story that everyone can read and enjoy by making a tactile book: How do children affected by vision impairments enjoy books and share stories? Make your own book using lots of different textures and shapes to tell a story. Fun for all children, with or without experience of living with vision impairments.



## **Reading and alternatives**

- Thurs 10th April 2pm to 4pm

Do you or someone you know have difficulty reading text? Come along and discover alternative ways to enjoy books, magazines and newspapers. From no tech to high tech, something for everyone to try. From tactile books and audiobooks to smartphones and dedicated OCR reading machines.



## **Explore the handling collection at the Silk Museum**

- Fri 11th April 2pm to 4pm

## **Introduction to Braille**

- Wed 16th April 2pm to 4pm

Braille is 200 years old and 150 years ago, East Cheshire Eye Society started teaching local people affected by sight loss how to read using first Moon then Braille. Come along a learn more about this fascinating reading system. Use a Perkins Brailier to type a message, try the Braille quiz and make some Braille Art





## **Crazy giant knitting and crochet**

- Thurs 17th April 10am to 12 pm
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150 years ago, local people who developed sight loss, could lose their jobs in the silk industry. East Cheshire Eye Society would teach them alternative ways of making a living such as basket weaving, rush seat making and sewing sacks. Come along and explore the Eye Societies archive and have fun making crazy scarves, bags and place mats using recycled t-shirts. Great fun for novice knitters and people with experience.

