

# Friends of Hi Kent

If you would like to support Hi Kent by becoming a Friend simply complete the membership form overleaf and return to us at Hi Kent, 18 Brewer Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1RU

Type	Monthly	Annually
Single	£3.00	£33.00
Single (Over 65)	£2.50	£30.00
Joint	£4.00	£45.00
Joint (Over 65)	£3.50	£38.00

As a Friend, you'll not only be supporting Hi Kent, you will also enjoy exclusive updates on events and the opportunity to pre-book tickets.



Join the Friends of Hi Kent. Help make a difference for deaf and hard of hearing people in Kent.

Hi Kent is the local registered charity for deaf and hard of hearing people. Established in Kent in 1986, we help over 65,000 people each year.

Working in partnership with Kent County Council, Hi Kent aims to enable deaf and hard of hearing people to overcome the socially isolating aspects of being or becoming deaf. It provides a network of support for deaf and hard of hearing people to improve independence and quality of life in towns and villages throughout the communities of Kent.

Hi Kent received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2007.

Our Resource Centres have a huge range of assistive equipment which can be demonstrated by appointment. Our Centres are open on weekdays from 9.00am to 5.00pm.

**Find out more about Hi Kent, watch our two short videos:**

**Making a difference.**  
Take a look at the charity's work and the services it provides in the local community.

**Breaking the silence.**  
A perspective on what it's like to be deaf, and the service that Hi Kent provides to help.



[www.hikent.org.uk](http://www.hikent.org.uk)

## Head Office & West Kent Centre

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Registered Charity Number 1052036



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## How Hi Kent can help

Hi Kent is the registered charity for deaf and hard of hearing people in Kent. Established since 1986, we received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2007. Our aim is to provide a full range of services that meet the needs of anyone with hearing difficulties, and those who have an interest in their welfare. Our services include:

## Assessment Service

We can assess your needs relating to hearing loss if you are over 65, live in the Kent County Council area and do not use BSL as your first language. This can be in our Resource Centres or your home and equipment may be provided on long term loan funded by Kent County Council.

## Hearing Aid Aftercare Clinics

We run regular Hearing Aid Aftercare clinics in towns, villages, communities and in Gateway Centres throughout Kent for the aftercare of NHS hearing aids. Trained volunteers provide new batteries, retubing and cleaning – all free of charge, and helpful advice is always available.

## Deaf Awareness Courses

Hi Kent can provide specialist Deaf Awareness Courses designed for the individual needs and requirements of any size of company in the private sector, including retail. Public sector courses can also be tailor-made to your requirements.

## Lipreading Classes

We run Lipreading Classes throughout Kent completely free to participants. Lipreading is a tremendously important social skill which enables people who have become deaf to begin to communicate once again and re-establish normal life and social interaction outside their homes and to overcome the

social isolation and despair that deafness can bring. All our classes are extremely successful and are taught by ATLA-qualified tutors.

## Tinnitus Support Groups

Our support groups for people with tinnitus meet regularly in Maidstone, Ashford, and Pembury.

## Commercial Equipment/Services

Hi Kent provides commercial loop systems for business premises, village halls, meeting venues etc.

## Courses and Training

### British Sign Language

Sign Language is a visual language through which the profoundly deaf can communicate without speech. Hi Kent provides training through courses run by professional tutors, from BSL Levels 1 to 3 inclusive, at very competitive prices.

Our courses are held in convenient venues in towns all over Kent, with daytime and evening options available.

### Deaf Awareness and Equality Act Training for Frontline Staff

A half day course to train frontline staff to deal effectively with deaf and hard of hearing customers or clients.

### Training for Care Staff

A one day course providing knowledge and practical skills for care staff dealing with elderly people with hearing loss.

For full details on the services we offer please visit our website [www.hikent.org.uk](http://www.hikent.org.uk) or call us on 01622 691151

## Friends Application Form

I/we would like to become a Friend/s of Hi Kent and wish to pay: (Please tick)

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single           | <input type="checkbox"/> £3.00 per month | <input type="checkbox"/> £33.00 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single (over 65) | <input type="checkbox"/> £2.50 per month | <input type="checkbox"/> £30.00 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joint            | <input type="checkbox"/> £4.00 per month | <input type="checkbox"/> £45.00 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joint (over 65)  | <input type="checkbox"/> £3.50 per month | <input type="checkbox"/> £38.00 per year |

### Your Personal Details

#### Member One

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Age:  16 - 25  26 - 35  36 - 45  46 - 55  56 - 65  
 Over 65

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Member Two (for joint membership)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Age:  16 - 25  26 - 35  36 - 45  46 - 55  56 - 65  
 Over 65

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Your Payment

You may pay by Cheque, Credit/Debit Card or Standing Order.

I wish to pay by: (please tick one)

Cheque

I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_

made payable to Friends of Hi Kent:

Credit/Debit Card Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Card No:

Start date:  /  /  End date:  /  /

Security code:  /  /

Cardholder's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Standing Order

I wish to pay monthly/annually and have completed my bank details below:

Bank/Building Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sort Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please debit my account with the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ per monthly/year (please delete as appropriate). Commencing on \_\_\_\_\_ and thereafter until further notice.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### For bank use only

Bank: CAF Bank Limited

A/C Name: Hi Kent

A/C No: 00020516

Sort Code: 40-52-40

Gift Aid:

I can confirm that I have paid, or will pay, an amount of Income and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and council Tax do not qualify. I understand that the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Data Protection:

We would like to send you further information and updates from Hi Kent. If you would prefer not to receive this information, please tick this box.

**Please return this form in an envelope to us at  
Hi Kent, 18 Brewer Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1RU**