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- It is estimated that 55% of people aged over 60 in the UK are hard of hearing.
- Overall about 9 million people in the UK have some degree of hearing loss.
- Research by RNID found that while about two million people owned a hearing aid, only 1.4 million used them regularly (30% don't!).
- Medical News Today (03/09/08)



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- Approximately 170,000 people in the Greater Glasgow & Clyde region are deaf or hard of hearing!
- That's equivalent to filling Hampden Park 3 times over!



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HOW DO WE DO IT

- Home visits
- Nursing Home visits
- Residential Home visits
- Hospital Visits
- Outreaches and drop ins



Hearing Aid maintenance

Discussions on “deafness issues”

Advice on Hearing issues

Provide a “Listening ear”

Impartial Advice on Technical or Product issues

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- Cleaning tools
- Batteries
- Replacements
- Care of Aids advice



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- Types of Hearing Aid:

- **NHS:**

- Free
- Free Batteries
- Limited
- Long wait

- **Private:**

- Modern (Aesthetically)
- Better (Technology)
- (But) Expensive and ...
- Batteries & Replacements are not free



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Telephones:

- Volume Control (Amplification)
- Tone Control (High or low Pitch)
- Freedom from Magnetic interference
- Corded or Un-corded
- Ease of use
- And Mobiles



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TV & Radio:

- Infra-red
- Bluetooth
- Wireless
- Wired
- Loop System



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Loop Systems:

- Becoming more recognised as a positive aid to hearing:
- Banks
- Cinemas
- Meeting rooms
- Mobile phones
- Home
- Car



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General listening:

- Everyday conversations
- Crowded rooms
- Meetings
- TV & Radio



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Alerting:

- Bedside alarms
- Travel Alarms
- Wristwatch Alarms



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- **Door Alarms**



- **Smoke Alarms**



- **Baby Alarms**



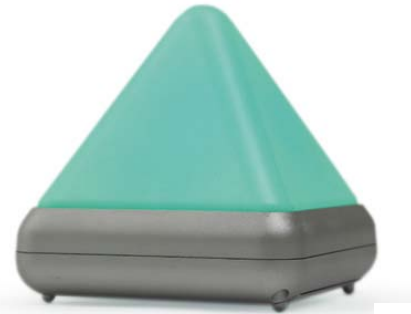
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Tinnitus:

- (Constant “Buzzing” in the ear(s))
- No single cause
- No outright cure
- Difficult to control
- De-Stressing answer?





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Where we're going

- **Ideas for the future:** [not in any order]
- More Volunteers (**Urgently needed**)
- More frequent (regular, e.g. Monthly) “Outreaches”
- School visits
- Industrial & Commercial organisation visits
- Counselling (Families/Work/Play/Social life issues)
- Tie-ups with similar organisations
- Greater public awareness and support projects
- Seminars, Presentations and Community gatherings
- And more ...



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- I trust this presentation has given you some idea of what the project is all about and where we are going.
- If we can be of any further help to you and/or your friends I hope you now feel that we are truly.....



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