



New

Product

Guide

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Welcome to the July issue of **New Product Guide!** Whether you're basking in sunshine on Leith or dashing through a rainy night in Soho, I hope you get to enjoy a relaxing break this summer.

We've got plenty to share with you – from a new seaside-themed tactile colouring book

to accessories for the Versa paperless slate, electronic magnifiers, and multimedia players. So, grab a cuppa, put your feet up, and until next time...

Happy reading!

Jo

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Call our Helpline on
0303 123 9999

Some of our products have been specially designed, this means that blind and partially sighted people, or anyone buying on their behalf, will not pay VAT on these products. These products are listed with two prices. If there is only one price, that is the price all customers pay and this will include VAT (unless it's a zero-rated VAT publication). VAT is 20 per cent as of May 2023. We reserve the right to amend prices.

Stock and Special Order products are returnable within 14 days of receipt in an 'as new' condition in original, undamaged packaging. This excludes bespoke products and software. Hygiene items cannot be returned unless unopened or faulty. We kindly ask our customers to ensure that any faulty products being returned are packaged securely for stable transit, or the warranty may be voided. Where possible, please use the original packaging.

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Make your Versa even more versatile

Get even more out of your Versa paperless braille slate with these handy accessories, available from 11 July.

Versa protective leather case

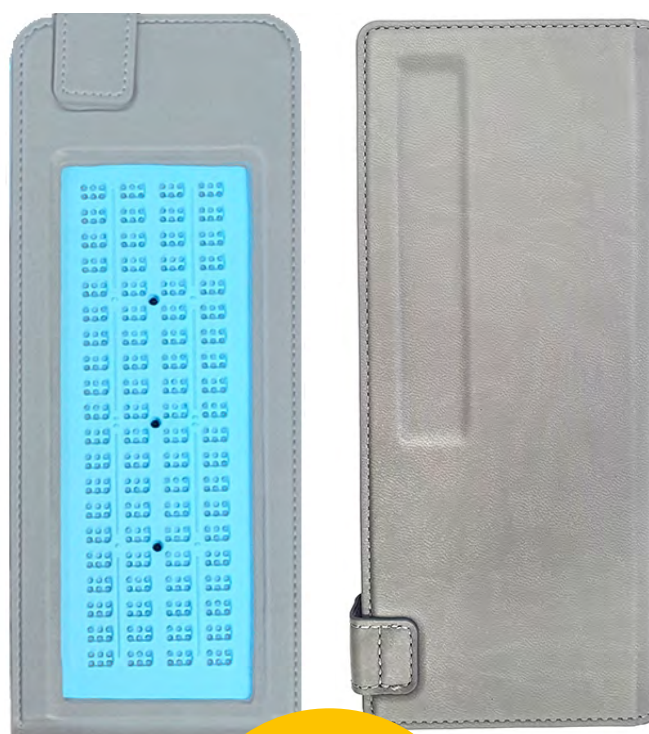
Protect your Versa paperless slate with this durable, magnetic case covered with high grade synthetic leather.

Exclusively designed to fit the Versa slate and protect it from wear and tear, you can read and write on your Versa without removing it from the case.

When closed, the case leaves the writing cells exposed and the reading cells covered. To use both sides of the Versa, simply release the magnetic clasp to open the flap.

The Versa is held in the case by magnets, which can also be used to attach the slate to a fridge or similar surface.

To attach the slate to the case, position the case with the opening facing down and the flap facing you. Then place the slate on the case with the reading side facing up and the stylus to your left. The magnets will gently pull the slate into position.



Available
from
11 July

HA15 £33.00 £39.60

Call today 0303 123 9999



HA17

PRINTO Versa slate braille printing kit

If you love your Versa paperless braille slate, but sometimes need your memos in paper form, PRINTO is the accessory for you.

This simple kit allows you to braille on to paper using your Versa slate and contains a plate that fits on to the back of the slate and a book of 100 customised memo papers (each memo measures 145 × 66mm and has space for up to 80 cells). And when you need more paper...



HA16-M

Versa memo paper

Whether it's a reminder to buy lemons when you do the Big Shop, jotting down your dentist appointment, or getting your date's phone number, this replacement pack of memo paper for the Versa slate will help to keep you organised. (100 sheets of customised memos measuring 145 × 66mm.)



HA16-A5

Versa A5 paper

Keep your to-do list, travel directions, shopping list or more to hand... This pack of 50 sheets of A5 braille paper can be used with the Versa Slate and the PRINTO accessory (HA17) to make hard copy braille notes. Paper measures 149 × 220mm and has space for up to 240 cells.

PRINTO Versa slate braille printing kit

HA17 £19.99 £23.99

Versa memo paper

HA16-M £4.99 £5.99

Versa A5 paper

HA16-A5 £4.99 £5.99

Up to eight reminders to remember



Whether you need reminders for a short course of antibiotics or for long-term medication regimes, this talking pocket clock can help to make sure you never miss a dose.

Set up to eight daily alarms to remind you when your tablets, eye drops or injections are due.

The clock is radio-controlled (UK and US only) which means the time and date are set automatically by radio signal (time can be set manually in other parts of the world, but may require sighted assistance). This also means the clock will automatically update when the clocks change in the spring and the autumn, and therefore means you should never have to change the time manually unless out of the signal range.

It has two English voice settings (male and female), two clock settings (12-hour or 24-hour) and speaks the time at the press of a large button. (Press twice to hear the date.)

When the battery is low, the LCD shows a blinking low battery icon. The voice, signal reception and backlight functions will not operate.

This pocket clock has a black front and white back with contrasting buttons (white buttons on the front, black buttons on the back). It is supplied with a carabiner clip and a lanyard, and can be used as a keyring.

DH473 £26.00 £31.20

Four legs good!

This clever task lamp with a rotating LED panel and four folding legs makes it easy to direct bright light where you need it for work, rest, and play.



The legs are attached to the lamp head with elastic cord to make assembly easy, and the LED panel rotates through 300 degrees so you can direct the light without obstructions or shadows. You can also use the power button to dim the light by fifty per cent if required.

With an IPX64 waterproof rating, and weighing less than 400g, the work lamp is a great portable light for use anywhere, and it folds away when not in use to save space too.

This task light is also rechargeable, so there are no cables to get in the way while you're reading, crafting or completing a crossword. In addition to the mini-USB charging port, the light has a USB-A port which can be used to turn the light into a power bank for charging a phone or tablet if needed. The ports have a rubber cover when not in use to keep the light waterproof.

While charging, a red light will show through the opaque lens. This light will turn green once charging is complete. The light charges fully in two hours and gives 2.5 hours of light (200 lumens, 5,400k) per charge.

DH479 £22.49 £26.99

Learning braille can be a labour of love

Okay, breathe through the contractions and you'll master your braille course in no time at all... (Of course, unlike giving birth, strong contractions in braille are probably the easiest ones to get to grips with!)

To make it easier to learn (and teach) braille, we've put two more of our braille reading schemes on USB stick, so you can emboss or print pages as you need them.

We're also launching the second half of the Read Write Inc phonics book set and introducing the SENSEE braille learning kit for children aged three and up.



Dot-to-Dot for sighted learners on USB

Dot-to-dot is a self-teach uncontracted braille course. This version of the course is designed for people learning to read braille by sight, for example, teachers. (For people learning braille because of sight loss, there is a touch learners pack available.)

This USB memory stick contains the braille and the print files for the complete Dot-to-Dot for sighted learners scheme. It is for use with a computer – please note, it does not contain audio files.

Compared with the touch learners pack, the Dot-to-Dot sight learners pack takes a quicker route at the early stages, as reading braille by sight is considerably easier than reading by touch. However, you're encouraged to work through the pre-braille skills in Book 1 using touch, as this will

help you appreciate the skills involved, especially if you go on to support touch learners.

This pack teaches the complete uncontracted braille code and uses plenty of reading and writing activities to consolidate learning.

The course has a heavy emphasis on the practical use of braille from the start and includes tactile braille booklets. You can also download a free dotted cell practice sheet from the Online Shop (go to Users Guides on the product page).

TC21442-USB £39.99

Hands On on USB

Getting Hands On with braille has never been easier.

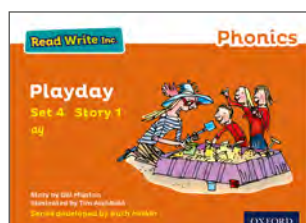
Our first stage braille reading scheme, Hands On, is now available on a USB stick.

The five-level course, designed for a young child, introduces the alphabet and alphabetic word signs, strong contractions, a few short forms, numbers 1 to 10, basic punctuation, and capitals, over 32 practice books, plus a booklet of fun activities and several real stories at each level. (Hands On does not introduce the full contracted braille code – for that see our second stage scheme, Take Off (TC21413-USB).)

This USB memory stick contains the braille and the print files for the complete Hands On scheme as well as the teachers' handbook so you can emboss or print pages as you need them. It is for use with a computer – please note, it does not contain audio files.

TC21403-USB £40.00

Available
from
25 July



Read Write Inc

Read Write Inc (RWI) is a structured, synthetic phonics-based literacy programme that teaches reading, writing and spelling. It is aimed at children aged four to seven, but many braille learners may benefit from using the programme beyond age seven. The RWI programme consists of two parts – phonics sounds lessons and storybook lessons.

We have produced braille versions of the RWI storybooks for braille learners. These storybooks incorporate pages of uncontracted (grade one) braille into a print book, so that braille learners can read with a sighted peer.

We launched the first four book levels in the series last year, now you can complete the set as we launch levels five to eight.

The books can be used alongside phonics sounds lessons, in which the child learns to read and write the braille letters while learning the sounds that the letters represent. Once they have learnt enough letters and sounds, they can complete storybook lessons using the RWI braille storybooks, developing their fluency, comprehension and writing skills.

The RWI uses a different approach to teaching literacy from traditional braille reading schemes such as 'Hands On', in that it focuses on teaching children to decode words using phonic knowledge.

The RWI books are divided into eight levels (each containing 10 books), marked by different coloured bands, from red (1) to grey (8). The complete order is: red, green, purple, pink, orange, yellow, blue, grey.

Available
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£39.99 per set of 10 books

Orange TC21455-O

Yellow TC21455-Y

Blue TC21455-BU

Grey TC21455-GY

SENSEE braille learning kit

This innovative braille learning kit from SENSEE combines brightly coloured books and magnets to teach braille, the alphabet and numbers – all at the same time and in an enjoyable way.

Introduce children to braille with the two alphabet books, one number book, braille practice board, brightly coloured cut out magnetic letters and numbers, and magnetic balls.

The beautifully illustrated books have the letters and numbers engraved so they can be felt and the correct cut out character placed on the page. Each page has spaces for the magnetic balls, so they can learn the matching braille character.

Children can also practice forming braille characters on the practice board.

Suitable for ages three and up.

ET95 £150.00 £180.00



Buy and charge...

Whether you're looking for an additional wireless quick charge pad for your RNIB Accord USB player or would like a power pack designed with accessibility in mind, these new additions should give you a buzz!

Wireless charging pad

This easy-to-use, quick charge pad wirelessly charges the RNIB Accord USB player – just place your player on the charging pad and listen for the audible confirmation that charging has started.

The RNIB Accord is supplied with one of these Qi-compatible charging pads, but if you'd like to be able to charge in more than one location without unplugging and moving the pad, an additional pad may be the solution!

Charges in 1.5 to three hours when connected to a 9V/2A adaptor by the 50cm USB-C to USB-A charging cable (please note this pad is not supplied with a USB charger plug – these can be purchased separately using product code HT376).



HA14 £12.50 £15.00





Energrid audible power banks

Never run out of charge again... Bring back mobile phones, tablets, wireless headphones (and more) from one per cent battery with these power banks designed especially for blind and partially sighted people.

Energrid power banks can charge an array of digital devices including iPhone, iPad, Android smartphones and tablets.

These power banks use sounds and vibration patterns to indicate different battery levels. They will also tell you when you've successfully connected with a device or with a power source when being recharged. Choose between an audible and/or vibratory alert by simply pressing and holding the power button for two seconds.

Charging starts automatically after connection and stops when the phone, or other device, is fully charged.

The power bank has three USB ports – each marked with one, two or three tactile dots to make it easier to identify – micro-USB/USB-B in, USB-C in and out, USB-A out. It is supplied with a USB-C to C charging cable which can be plugged in either way up.

This power bank is available with 10,000mAh or 20,000mAh capacity.

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| HA13-10 | £99.00 | £118.80 |
| HA13-20 | £129.00 | £154.80 |

Portable magnifiers with BIG ideas

Luna S

The Luna S is a pocket-sized magnifier packed with features, including voice control and an FM radio. It's simple to use and produces clear, crisp images on its 4.3-inch screen so you can read menus and books, check price tags and medication labels, and – by using the built-in writing stand when needed, sign cheques and address envelopes.



It has an advanced image processor and auto-focus camera, to ensure the display is always sharp and blur-free, whether in true colour mode, greyscale or one of the 10 high contrast colour modes. Because the Luna S is used close to the reading material, there is also no light reflection or distortion to worry about.

Select your preferred colour mode and magnification level (from 2× to 19×) using the large, intuitive buttons, and use the 'freeze image' feature to capture text or images.

You can also control the magnifier hands-free with voice control. To activate voice control say "Hi, Luna", when the text prompt shows on screen use the Luna's commands, such as "big", "small", "yellow black" or "power off" instead of the buttons. (Voice control turns off automatically after one minute without any voice commands issued.)

You can also use the Luna S to keep up with **The Archers** or play Popmaster, thanks to the built-in FM radio. Turning the radio feature on and tuning to your favourite station is quick and easy.

Supplied with a carrying case and wrist strap. Recharges in four hours; power saving turns off the device automatically after three minutes' inactivity. Battery gives three hours continuous use.

HC134 £295.00 £354.00

Call today 0303 123 9999

Compact 8 HD

Not pocket-sized, but still portable, this eight-inch touchscreen video magnifier is packed with all-new features and magnifies documents and objects brilliantly.

The Compact 8 HD video magnifier offers brilliant image quality, allowing you to read magnified text (up to 30×) in high contrast colours and view objects from a short distance. The generous eight-inch touchscreen provides maximum overview by letting you fit more text on the screen.

Optelec's Dynamic Contrast feature enhances the contrast of similar colours to provide sharper, clearer, and more defined images. In some cases, making undetectable text visible again!

It's easy to zoom in and out of your targeted live view and swipe (pan) in all directions to read and magnify this larger field of view – all without physically moving the device. And by folding out the built-in reading stand, the Compact 8 is ideally positioned at a comfortable reading/viewing angle – no need to hunch over your reading matter.

You can also use the Compact 8 to view objects or text from a short distance, for example, a café menu or bus timetable. Use the magnifier in live-view or snap a picture and magnify and pan the displayed image as needed.

Other features include the 40GB storage capacity; line markers and masking features for focused reading; advanced features for colour blindness; TV output via Miracast or USB to HDMI (cables not included); four default high-contrast colour viewing modes, plus 13 customisable colour options.



Available
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11 July

The Compact 8 weighs 771g (1.7lbs) and is supplied with a protective carry case, lens cloth, USB-C to USB-A power cable, and power adapter.

HC135 £995.00 £1,194.00

Brighten up this beach!

If you do like to be beside the seaside, then our newest tactile colouring book will be right up your promenade...



From snorkelling with sea creatures to a fun-packed pier, there are 10 raised images in this book that can be coloured in using pens, pencils, crayons or paint. The images are printed (black outlines on white) as well as being tactile. Each page is also titled in uncontracted braille and print.

Wiro-bound, this book is suitable for ages four and over.

ET86 £11.99

Available
from
25 July

Slip a library in your pocket...

You wait ages for a new accessible multi-media player and then two turn up at once... Read on to find out which one is the best fit for you!

SensePlayer

The SensePlayer is more than your normal multimedia player. Read and play your favourite documents and media from a wide variety of supported file types using the tactile keyboard that fits comfortably in the palm of your hand.

Access web radio, download books, make high-fidelity recordings, connect and control your mobile device, and so much more.

The SensePlayer combines a classic number pad with contemporary buttons – all tactile with haptic, sound and speech feedback so you can operate the device efficiently and instinctively.

Paired with the contemporary Android operating system, the SensePlayer gives you lots of features in a small, simple-to-use device.

The SensePlayer's unique and innovative Smart Connect function also allows you to use the device as a tactile Bluetooth keyboard and remote control for your Apple or Android mobile device.

Navigate, operate and enter text into your smartphone for effective control without needing to explore the phone's touch screen. You can also send your smartphone audio to the SensePlayer via Bluetooth.



Other features include:

- High-quality recording via the built-in stereo microphones, or external stereo mics, mixers and other sources via USB-C.
- Enhanced sound from the 1.5W, specially tuned stereo speakers.
- Listen via wired or Bluetooth headphones/speakers.
- Listen to DAISY and document content read aloud using a wide variety of high quality, human-sounding Nuance Vocalizer Voices in multiple languages and dialects.
- Use the built-in wi-fi to access online book search, stream internet radio, and download services, podcasts, and more.
- Apps include a colour reader, document reader, calculator, alarm and stopwatch.

The rechargeable battery gives nine to 10 hours' operation and recharges in three hours via USB-C charging cable (cable and power adapter included).

DD69 £645.00 £747.00

Victor Reader Stream 3

The smallest, smartest, simplest Victor Reader Stream yet – the Victor Reader Stream 3 is a multimedia library in your pocket, giving you access to the latest novels, magazines, your favourite music, more than 36,000 web radio stations, audio-described films, online reference tools and rich media content, and your own voice recordings and texts.



The Victor Reader Stream 3 has a sleek new design, which is thinner than its predecessor and features rounded shapes, making it more comfortable to hold.

It also features a louder speaker, superior text-to-speech, and improved recording, while the high contrast, robust, tactile keypad and popular Victor Reader bookshelf navigation still make this Stream the easiest to use hand-held player on the market.

Other features include:

- Record your own audio via the built-in mono microphones, or external stereo mic or line-in device.
- Listen via wired or Bluetooth headphones/speakers.
- Play text documents with built-in text-to-speech from Acapela.
- Use the built-in wi-fi to access online book search, stream internet radio, and download services, podcasts, and more.
- Locate files, books, audio recordings quickly and simply with just a key press.
- Self-voicing controls.
- Read at your pace by controlling playback speed.
- Sleep key – playback stops if you fall asleep.
- Information key announces book title, time elapsed/remaining, total pages and more.
- Where Am I key announces reading position such as page, chapter, or song title.
- Key describer announces the functions of each key.

The rechargeable battery gives 15 hours' operation and recharges in five hours via USB-C charging port (charging cable and power adapter included).

DD70 £420.00 £504.00

DAISY made-to-order books

Whether you're getting away from it all this summer, or are planning a relaxing staycation, now's the time to get your holiday reading list in order. Read on for our newest releases and browse our Online Shop (or call our Helpline) to find your perfect match among the hundreds in our range.

DAISY made-to-order titles are packaged in a clear DVD case and are priced at £9.99 each (unless stated otherwise).

If the history book on your shelf is always repeating itself, let us tempt with you some new examinations of times past...

In **Catholics** (807368), Roy Hattersley presents a sweeping account of Catholics in the British Isles from the Reformation to the present day. Described by the **Guardian** as "a tale of high drama and high stakes, by turns horrifying, romantic and ultimately hopeful", this book tells the stories of the recusants, those who refused to abandon their allegiance to the pope in the post-Reformation religious havoc.

Christopher Haigh also tackles the Reformation in **English Reformations** (807376). Described as a "lively and readable study", in it Haigh sets out to recreate the sixteenth

century as a time of excitement and insecurity, with each new policy or ruler causing the reversal of earlier religious changes.

It's a good month for fans of the Reformation, as we also have **Henry VIII and the English Reformation** (807370) by the aptly named Richard Rex. This analytical account sets out the logic of Henry VIII's short-lived Reformation.

And if you still haven't had your fill of Terrible Tudors, there's John Guy's **Tudor England** (801657), described as "a compelling account of political and religious developments from the advent of the Tudors in the 1460s to the death of Elizabeth in 1603".

Finally, with ne'er a Tudor in sight, we have **Tales of the Old Countrymen** by Brian P Martin

(807379), which describes the colourful and eventful lives of 13 humble countrymen, from the tough times of Edwardian England to the relative comforts of today. Spend time with the mole-catcher, beekeeper and hurdle-maker as you discover how rural life has changed.

If you prefer biography and autobiography, we have plenty for you to enjoy.

In **Jane Haining: A Life Of Love And Courage** (807372), Mary Miller tells the story of a Scottish farmer's daughter who worked as a matron at the Scottish Jewish Mission School in Budapest from 1932 and refused to leave the children when Hungary was invaded by the Nazis.

The Desert Fathers (807371) tells the stories of devout Christians in the fourth century and "opens a window onto early Christianity". By contrast **Diana: Closely Guarded Secret** (807380) by former Metropolitan Police Royalty Protection Branch officer Ken Wharfe reveals the truth about the Princess's relationships; accounts of exotic trips around the world; Diana's desire to escape the

'gilded cage' of royalty; how Charles and Diana managed their separate love lives with the help of loyal retainers; and an indictment of the errors in security and protection that led to the Princess's death.

In **Memories of a Village Rectory** by Sheila M Farrance (807373), Fanny Woolgar, records her time, from 1913 to 1922, as a parlourmaid at Speldhurst Rectory in Kent. This book vividly describes a world that has now almost disappeared – one in which domestic staff and ordinary village folk worked long and arduous hours in the service of the gentry.

Monica Baldwin's autobiography **I Leap Over the Wall** (807378) explores her life in one of the oldest and most strictly enclosed contemplative orders of the Roman Catholic Church – and her life on leaving the convent aged 48 in 1941.

Other new non-fiction titles recently released include: **Mary Berry's Baking Bible: Over 250 Classic Recipes** (807367); **The Reiki Manual: A Training Guide for Reiki Students, Practitioners, and Masters** by Penelope Quest (807374);



The Supreme Awakening: Experiences of Enlightenment Throughout Time – And How You Can Cultivate Them by Craig Pearson (807375); and **Lucid Dreams In 30 Days: The Creative Sleep Program** by Keith Harary (807377).

We also bring you the four-book Zack Walker series by Linwood Barclay, a **New York Times** bestselling author with twenty novels to his credit, and who counts Stephen King among his fans.

Bad Move (805714) introduces reluctant hero Zack Walker, a science fiction writer and

perpetually worried father who moves his family from the dangerous city to the peaceful suburbs and runs headlong into the law of unintended consequence. The Walker family's change of scene doesn't bring about tranquillity, but it does introduce them to political corruption, a marijuana-growing operation, the neighbourhood dominatrix, and murder.

Zack also has to make it through **Bad Guys** (805715), **Lone Wolf** – published in the UK as **Bad Luck** (805716), and **Stone Rain** – published in the UK as **Bad News** (805717)!

Get a Handel on the BBC Proms 2023

Make sure you're ready for the world's greatest classical music festival with our braille edition of the BBC Proms 2023 Festival Guide.

You'll find details of all the concerts from the First Night (Friday, 14 July) to the last (Saturday, 9 September), plus much more!

Whether you're a first-time visitor or an experienced Prommer, watching at home or listening on the radio or online, the Festival Guide will help you to plan your summer of music and discover more about the music and performers.

This year's Festival Guide includes:

- Full concert listings and at-a-glance calendar.
- Brand-new articles by leading experts, journalists, and writers.
- Thought-provoking opinion pieces about audiences, music, and music-making.
- Features on experimental legend György Ligeti, English/Sierra Leonean Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, and Croatia's first major woman composer Dora Pejačević.
- An exploration of the mysterious art of conducting.



- A celebration of the unashamedly Romantic and nostalgically bittersweet music of Sergey Rachmaninov.
- An article featuring a playlist of works investigating the connections between music and the human body and spirit.
- A specially commissioned short story by Booker Prize-nominated author Madeleine Thien.
- Information on how to book.

The Festival Guide is available in two volumes which can be ordered separately, online or via the Helpline:

Volume 1 – Concert list and booking information

TC20413 £3.50

Volume 2 – Articles

TC20414 £3.50

Large print

A text-only large print version of the Festival Guide is also available and can be ordered by calling Deborah Fether on 07716 225658, or emailing PromsPublications@bbc.co.uk.

The Guide is also available to purchase as an eBook and in ePDF format. Both are compatible with screen readers and text-to-speech software. Visit bloomsbury.com/uk for further details.

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For information or advice on technology that will be suitable for your needs, please contact our team on **0303 123 9999** and speak to one of our advisors within the Sight Loss Advice Service.

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Snap up our 2023/24 football fixtures

Whether you're a season ticket-holder or prefer to follow your team from the comfort of your sofa, make sure you never miss a game...

RNIB Newsagent's 2023/24 Football Fixtures for the English and the Scottish Leagues will both be available to buy by mid-July.

The fixtures listings will be available in a range of formats including braille, audio and eText, and will be priced at £3.98 each.

Contact our Helpline for further information or shop online at rnib.org.uk/shop

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