

Help for Aphasia Sufferers

Aphasia is a communication disability caused by damage to the language centres of the brain. It can come as the result of a stroke, head injury, brain tumour or other neurological illness. More than a quarter of a million people in the UK have problems with speaking, reading, writing or understanding language as a result of Aphasia.

York Speakability is a local charity that assists sufferers

Minster Lodge of York was delighted to donate £300.00 to the charity and even more delighted when a Grant Petition was successfully approved by the Provincial Grand Charity, adding a further £700.00 towards the total cost of £ 1,000.00 to purchase a lap top computer and specialist softwear enabling Aphasia sufferers to improve their speaking ability by listening to and repeating the pronunciation of letters, words and ultimately sentences through different levels of difficulty.

Each individual works at their own pace and with time should gradually regain their ability to speak. Their improved communication ability gives them a great boost in confidence and improves their outlook on life as their health improves.



Picture shows:- Jim Crichton, the Worshipful Master of Minster Lodge with Mrs Gill Carter, the fundraising manager of York Speakability, at the home of Margaret and Hugh Westell, with a laptop computer and the specialist soft-wear purchased by the donation