“We are Anne and John Donnelly. We spend most of our time working in Orkney but every six weeks or so during the summer, we spend a week working in Shetland to help people who have Sensory Needs: those with sight loss, hearing loss or both sight AND hearing loss. We’ve been doing this work around the country for over 23 years now, so we’re happy to talk to anyone about:

**SIGHT LOSS**

* Their Eye Condition.
* The day-to-day difficulties they may be experiencing because of poor eyesight.
* National Charities who may help with funding specialist equipment.
* The process of Formal Registration.
* Who may be eligible to be Registered.
* The benefits of Formal Registration.
* Understanding a CVI / Certificate of Visual Impairment.
* Talking Book Services.
* Orientation and Mobility.

**HEARING LOSS**

* Technology and Communication.
* Conductive and Neurological Hearing Loss.
* Specialist Equipment for Hard of Hearing and Deaf people.
* Advances in Technology for Hard of Hearing and Deaf People.
* Communication, including BSL and other communication pathways.
* Accessing Specialist Equipment for Hard of Hearing and Deaf People.
* Charities who may assist with funding Specialist Equipment for Hard of Hearing and Deaf People.

We usually carry the following Specialist Equipment with us when we visit Shetland and we can often issue equipment at the time we meet you.

**SIGHT LOSS / EQUIPMENT**

* Magnifiers – various strengths.
* Electronic Magnifiers.
* Lighting.
* Liquid Level Indicators.
* Bump-Ons & Tacti-Mark (for Tactile Marking).
* White Canes – various sizes.
* Talking Clocks and Watches.
* Large Button Telephones – (usually land-line telephones).
* UV Shades and TV Glasses.

**HEARING LOSS / EQUIPMENT**

* Amplified Flashing Telephones.
* Amplified Flashing Ringers for Telephones.
* Amplified Flashing Doorbells.
* Personal Listening Devices with Headphones or Bluetooth Connectivity.
* TV Amplifiers with Fibre Optic Connectivity.
* Hearing Aid Replacement Tubing.

Where appropriate, we can arrange to visit you at home to conduct an Assessment of your Sensory Needs.

We look forward to meeting anyone who feels they may benefit from Sensory support, at the Living Well Hubs.”