

SignVine

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Climbing together

SignVine

- Why did I set up SignVine?
- Relocation from London to rural Aberdeenshire in 2018 due to health reasons, returning to my birthplace near Banff
- Lack of Deaf awareness from public services
- During healing process, I was so frustrated unable to do full time paid work. I decided to set up SignVine voluntarily, to use my skills again
- To share, support and empower rural Deaf BSL users
- Referrals to relevant deaf led organisations, education settings and so on

SignVine Meet Up

- Deaf World is NOT a silent world! We are noisy and lively when we meet up at work and social events!
- The rural British Sign Language (BSL) Community in Aberdeenshire, covers a large area; SignVine acts as a central meeting place for all over the shire
- We meet up every second month at The Vinery in Banff and once a year for a weekend of events
- To help isolated and lonely BSL users – to improve their wellbeing and mental health, using their preferred language BSL, in a safe space
- To signpost relative information from public services, deaf led organisations and events, to raise awareness amongst the Deaf community

Deaf World

Hearing v Deaf World - we are different worlds

- Deaf Culture
- Language – British Sign Language
- Education
- History
- Identity
- Heritage

We have a different kind of humour. We rely on our vision to tell stories, make jokes, retell poems and much more.

My performance

BSL Poem - “Sunset to Sunset”

and

Comedy - “Two different real-life experiences to share”