

Support throughout  
central vision loss



## Press release

# Macular conditions awareness week

The Macular society's awareness week will take place from 27 June to help raise the profile of one of the biggest causes of sight loss in the developed world.

A recent survey conducted by the Society shows that one in six people knows someone with age-related macular degeneration (AMD). However, many people have never heard of it.

As well as raising the awareness of macular disease, which affects more than 600,000 people in the UK, the Society hopes to highlight the importance of research funding which could eventually help to find a cure for macular conditions.

People in Shipston On Stour will have the opportunity to find out more about the condition whilst enjoying a cup of tea and a piece of cake at a 'Tea for AMD' event being held at **Walford & Round Opticians**, 42 Sheep Street, Shipston on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 from 9am-12pm.

Please visit [www.walford-and-round.co.uk/teaformd](http://www.walford-and-round.co.uk/teaformd) for more information.

Cathy Yelf, Chief Executive of the Society, said: "By 2020 almost 700,000 Britons will have late stage age-related macular degeneration<sup>[1]</sup> (AMD). It is now the most common cause of sight loss in the country. We are fighting for more funding for macular research because our ageing society means many more people are developing the condition. We urgently need to find a solution.

"Macular conditions all affect the central part of the retina and cause loss of central vision. It can be a devastating condition which can dramatically impact on the lives of people with the advanced disease."

The Society is encouraging people to take part in Macular Week by organising other fundraising activities or an awareness raising event.

To get involved or to find out more contact the Society on 01264 321 964.

The Macular Society is the national charity for anyone affected by central vision loss. The charity provides free information and support to improve lives today and we fund research so that one day we can overcome macular disease.

**For information, advice or support concerning macular disease, contact the Macular Society's helpline on 0300 3030 111 or email [help@macularsociety.org](mailto:help@macularsociety.org).**

