

**Family Learners of the Year Award Winner
The Hall Family**

Barbara Hall (Family Learners of the Year Award Winner): It's a class that teaches visually impaired people to use a computer.

(Woman speaking: What happened to the word justified? It was there a minute ago.)

Sue Mead (Learning for Life, Swindon): Barbara is visually impaired

Barbara: Anything that you would normally do on a computer, I can now do it myself. I didn't realise there was a programme that would speak and tell me, sort of, exactly what was going on.

(Computer speaks: Page down.)

Barbara: I can do things that will now help Alison as well.

Sue: Alison, their daughter, has learning difficulties and communication problems.

Ken Hall (Family Learners of the Year Award Winner.) We brought Barbara along to the class. Alison and I used to sit in a corner.

Barbara: Alison used to use a board attached to a computer for speech therapy.

Ken: And they said, we've got a touch screen here. She does pictures and she plays games on there now.

Sue: They've been able to support each other and obviously Ken and Barbara have been able to help Alison.

Ken: And this is something we actually thought of.

Barbara: I can do the text, Ken does the photos and because of that, she's learning to read.

Ken: You work together as a team and it brings you all together.

Barbara: It's just made a whole world of difference.