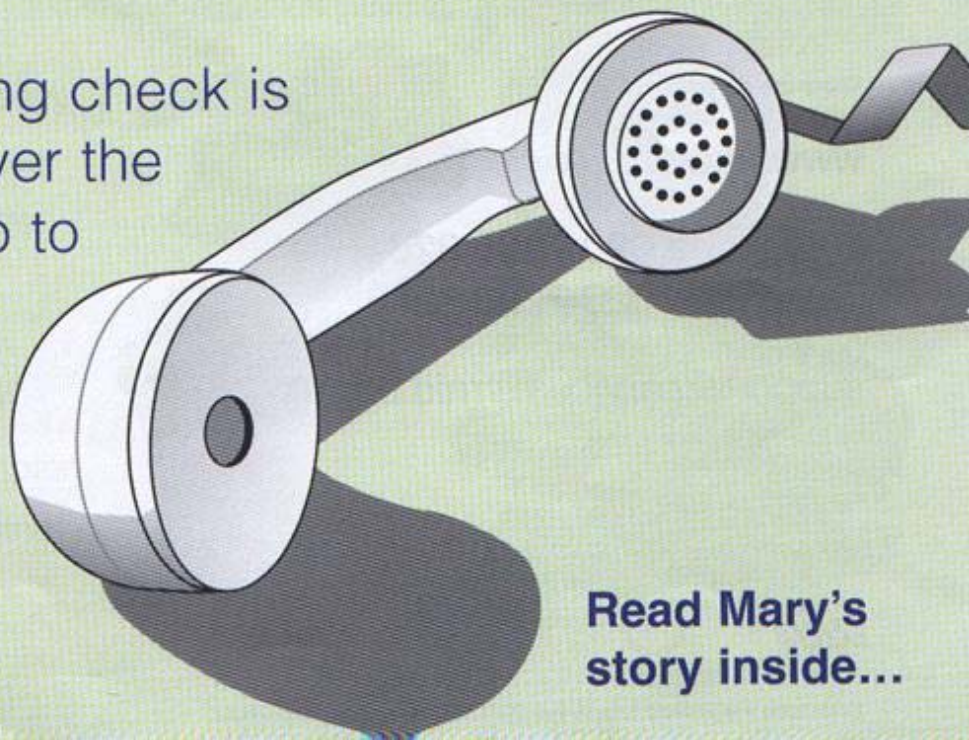


# RNID launches the first ever national telephone hearing check!

Our telephone hearing check is helping people all over the UK take the first step to addressing their hearing loss.



Read Mary's story inside...

## At just 45 years old, Mary started losing her hearing.

**"I noticed about a year ago, people started to get cross when I missed what they said."**

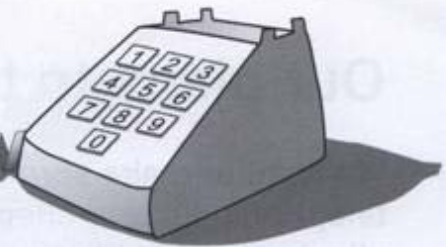
The difficulties that Mary experienced in the early stages of her hearing loss mirror those of so many people. She needed the volume on her TV to be louder, using the phone became more difficult, and keeping up with a conversation in a crowded room was a challenge.

But after taking our telephone hearing check, Mary's hearing loss was confirmed and she asked her GP for the referral she needed. **"Thank goodness for the telephone check. I was beginning to doubt my sanity and really fear for my future."**

Mary is not alone. The Medical Research Council estimates 4 million people in the UK could benefit from wearing a hearing aid, but are not doing anything about it.



## What to expect from the telephone hearing check



Our five-minute telephone hearing check can be taken from the comfort of your own home. Simply phone:

# 0845 600 55 55

Full instructions are given at the beginning of the test. You will be asked to listen to recorded sounds and use your telephone keypad to respond to what you heard. At the end of the test, you will be told one of three results:

Calls are charged at local rate.

### Result 1

Your hearing is within the normal range. If in future you notice any problems with your hearing, please see your GP.

### Result 2

Your hearing is below normal. This is very common; however you may wish to see your GP for a more detailed assessment of your hearing.

### Result 3

Your hearing is well below normal and you're likely to benefit from a hearing aid. Please see your GP and ask to be referred to an audiologist for a full hearing assessment.

## Our plans to take the hearing check on the road

We want to make sure that our telephone hearing check is available to all who need it. That's why in spring 2006 we hope to launch a mobile hearing check, in a unique awareness raising bus!



These photos show how the bus could look inside

This specially modified bus will allow visitors at each stop to take the telephone check on board, browse a free information library, and talk with a trained audiologist about any fears or concerns they may have.

**See if the bus is coming to a town near you!**

# Where we plan to take our hearing check bus tour.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Belfast     | 10. Liverpool   |
| 2. Birmingham  | 11. Londonderry |
| 3. Bournemouth | 12. Manchester  |
| 4. Bristol     | 13. Newcastle   |
| 5. Cardiff     | 14. Norwich     |
| 6. Edinburgh   | 15. Plymouth    |
| 7. Glasgow     | 16. Sheffield   |
| 8. Leeds       | 17. Southampton |
| 9. Leicester   | 18. Sunderland  |



Destinations are subject to confirmation.

## How can you help?

Please support our campaign by taking the telephone check yourself, and encouraging friends and family who you think could benefit. And if you can, please

make a donation of whatever you can afford. Simply complete the donation form attached to the bottom of our letter, and return it to us in the Freepost envelope provided. **Thank you.**

There are a number of ways to find out more

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