

KEY CONTRIBUTORS



Ben - sustained TBI, hit by out of control 4x4, working abroad 2010

"My behaviour after my coma was quite difficult, I would say. At the time, I didn't give a shit what people thought. I just said whatever was on my mind without thinking about what I was saying."



Robert - sustained TBI, hit by speeding car after school, age 17

"Before the accident I was going to go to Oxford University and become an RAF pilot, however, sustaining this brain injury I have bad short term memory and can't study, which I'd need to do to become a pilot."



Luke - sustained TBI, horseriding abroad, 2005, with a new family

"Christina was told that whatever recovery I would make would happen in two years after my accident., so when we got to the 2 year mark she got very depressed as I was not all there., I was not functioning in the way that I do now; very angry and very depressed."



Shauna - sustained TBI, scooter accident at age 13

"After lots of trials and tribulations we worked out that mind maps are my best way of working. This is something that my Mum always recommended even before my accident. It wasn't something I listened to originally but when I did I found that spatial recognition really worked for me."

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Jordan - sustained TBI, age 17, crashed at speed on stolen motorbike

"My Dad says you are Jordan Ball but completely different. It took me a long time to understand this but now I understand.. I still love Charlton Athletic and God, but I can't do all of the same stuff as before. I really suffered during Lockdown when I was isolated from my family and fell into a bad crowd."



Ben W - sustained TBI, fell of a roof under the influence, 2022

"I can't drink now which isn't really a problem but my problem is mental health which is a big thing for me, & I really miss my skateboarding. Having to wear this helmet while I'm waiting for my cranioplasty makes drunk people want to hit my head. My friends get really protective and want to hit them but I don't want anyone to have to go through what has happened to me."



Shirley - sustained BI during surgery for optical tumour, 2019

"I have to keep laughing otherwise I will fall asleep and not wake up, but I am too mouthy. I think I talk in my sleep, but I don't know because I live alone, which led to me being cuckooed. I won't go back to work as a bra fitter as Debenhams has shut down now, hasn't it - but I still keep seeing tits!"



James - sustained TBI 2016, fell down stairs, intoxicated.

"The brain injury was a blessing as it stopped the destructive part of my life occurring before the accident. It has given me a new focus. Being a Trustee of Headway Leicester has given me a new direction."