

HILARY TILBY

Hilary Tilby is a 59 year old lawyer, who is Chief Executive of a legal charity. This involves her participating in large meetings and giving lectures and speeches, both of which require significant attention to detail and a large amount of concentration on her part. Before being fitted with Oticon Dual at Cubex Independent Hearing Aid Audiologists in London's West End, she found these parts of her job both taxing and difficult.

Mrs Tilby's successes have been achieved despite her hearing loss, which started 25 years ago and which has progressively worsened. She has Otosclerosis, with a Stapedectomy on her right ear in 1984. This was successful and she now has a mild to moderate SNHL on the right and a mixed conductive and SNHL on the left ear. It is a kind of "cookie bite" reverse ski slope.

Mrs Tilby first noticed that she was struggling when she found it hard to hear in a noisy room or when there was background noise while attending cocktail parties and official dinners. Another problem was in board meetings, where it became difficult to hear people at the far end of the table with her previous pair of NHS hearing aids. Lectures became a strain as she always had to walk over to attendees who were asking questions, in order to be able to hear them.

Due to Mrs Tilby's dynamic lifestyle and the limitations that her previous hearing aids were causing her, she visited Cubex after reading Sir Rocco Forte's testimonial of wearing Oticon Epoqs. Adam Shulberg, owner and dispenser from Cubex, fitted Mrs Tilby with a pair of Oticon Dual XW's. She immediately appreciated their superior technology, which provided vastly improved sound clarity and definition, coupled with their discreet appearance.

Mrs Tilby has found that her Dual's with the Streamer has benefited both her work and home life; "My hearing is much clearer and I have noticed that instead of background noise being an overload of distracting sounds, all sounds are much more structured."

She loves the comfortable fit; "I often forget that I am even wearing them". She was delighted that she had the option of 14 colours and chose the Chocolate to suit her hair colour. "I think they are very modern and attractive and sassy enough to appeal to youngsters. Importantly, I have no problem wearing the aids my reading glasses and an Alice band, which previously created enormous pressure behind my ears and was very uncomfortable."

"My communication has improved with my family and I feel that my Dual's have made my life much easier and less frustrating. I would recommend Oticon Dual to anyone and say the investment is definitely worthwhile. However, to get the maximum benefit, in the early days you must be committed to wearing them for 8-10 hours a day to get the best results."

Mrs Tilby now enjoys her audio books far more by pairing her Ipod with her Dual's Streamer. She also uses the Streamer with her mobile phone. Mrs Tilby loves the benefit she receives from her hearing instruments and the Streamer is, in her words; "the icing on the cake".

"I can now enjoy my busy lifestyle effortlessly." Mrs Hilary Tilby. "I can genuinely recommend the Oticon Dual".