



Welcome to the April Short Breaks Update



Lots of activities this month - Easter activities, museum openings, gaming, inclusive family swim, fun days, cinema & lots more!!







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Contact us!

<u>bicesterautism@gmail.com; www.bicesterautismadhd.co.uk</u> <u>www.facebook.com/bicesterautism</u>



This is a free event but tickets must be booked...

Together for Neurodiversity · Luma



Style Acres Got Talent is back!

It's going to be a fun-filled evening on Thursday 3rd April 2025 at the Marlborough Club in Didcot!

To get your audience ticket for just £7, head to Style Acre's Got Talent

Doors open at 6pm, with the show starting at 6:30pm

This is always a sell out so don't miss out get your tickets today!



EASTER DISCO



Friday 4th April 2025 18.00 - 20.00

@ WALLINGFORD SPORTS PARK PAVILION,

HITHERCROFT ROAD, WALLINGFORD, OX10 9RB

Free for music club member & siblings

£5.00 per Non member & £3.00 siblings /£10.00 family

For age 0 to 25Yrs REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

SPECIAL GUEST DJ DARREN PLAYING ALL YOUR FAVOURITE TUNES



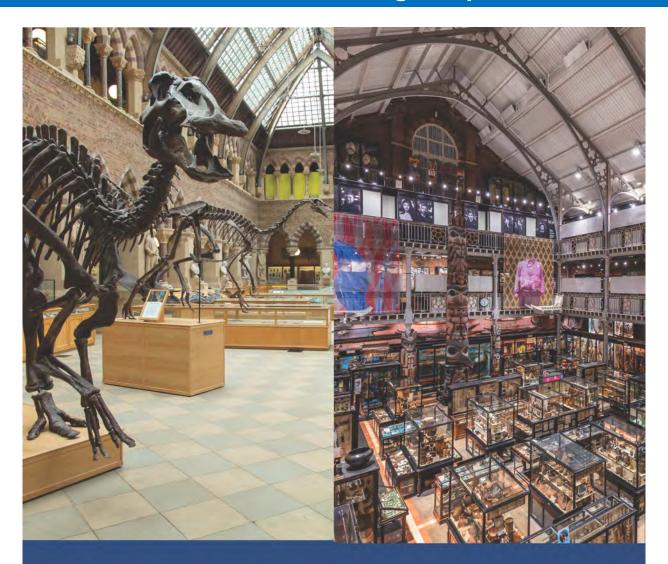
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For more info - www.music4disabledchildren.org.uk



Carterton Family Centre, The Allandale, 8 Burford Road, Carterton, OX18 3AA. lnfo@cartertonfamilycentre.com



Autism Friendly Opening

Saturday 5th April, 9am-10am

A relaxed and quiet morning opening at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History & Pitt Rivers Museum. A chance for families with members on the Autism spectrum to visit the Museum when it is less busy.

Booking essential, email: education@oum.ox.ac.uk







We Game! APCAM fully inclusive gaming...SEN/Autism friendly sessions

APCAM is offering this club for everyone to come along and play, either solo or join in with others. APCAM's mental health team will also be there to support you and our WeGame team of streamers, semi-professional gamers and gaming enthusiasts are there to play! Vintage, contemporary, online and multi-player gaming for everyone.

Young people, parents, friends, aunties, uncles - everyone is welcome! First Sunday each month.

Sunday 6th April , 4th May & 1st June; 3pm - 5pm at Carterton Family Centre, The Allandale,

Burford Road, Carterton, OX18 3AA. [Under 11s must be accompanied by an adult. Parental details and contacts will be required for all under 16s. @we.game.apcam]

In order to offer We Game APCAM are collecting various gaming equipment, screens and VDUs. If you have items you would like to donate to WeGame please contact our team to arrange collection or drop off - email:- wegame@apcamgroup.org.uk



Autism friendly/relaxed cinema screenings

Films suitable for all audiences are screened in a sensory friendly and inclusive environment with adjustments. These autism friendly adjustments aim to reduce over-stimulation & create a welcoming environment. They are designed to make the cinema more inclusive and accessible for people with sensory sensitivities, and others who can benefit from this environment.

- * **Cineworld** are showing Disney's Snow White on 6th April at 11.00am in Didcot, High Wycombe, Milton Keynes, Swindon & Witney.
- * **The Light, Banbury** are showing Hey Duggee is 10 on 5th Apr; Sylvanian Families: The Movie on 6th Apr both at 9.30am; A Minecraft Movie on 7th Apr; Flow on 13th Apr; The Snail & the Whale on 19th April, Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers, all at 10.00am. For more info Relaxed Screenings Banbury The Light.
- * **Odeon** are showing Minecraft on 6th April at 10.00am in Oxford, Aylesbury & Milton Keynes Stadium. Tickets are usually bookable 5 days in advance. Need more info, call their helpline; 10am-5pm on 03330 151208.
- * Showcase Reading haven't released what their autism friendly screenings are but usually shown every Sunday morning at 10.30am. Please go to their website for more info:- https://www.showcasecinemas.co.uk/autism-friendly-screenings/
- * **Picturehouse** are showing Babe on 13th Apr at 11.30am in The Regal, Henley on Thames; Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Were-rabbit on 20th Apr also at The Regal, Henley at 11.00am and showing at 11.30am at The Phoenix in Oxford.

Accessible Screenings UK website has details of screenings - Types of Screenings | UKCA (accessiblescreeningsuk.co.uk) should you wish to find out more.

Have you got a CEA card yet? This card enables a disabled cinema go-er (aged 8 yrs +) to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them to participating cinemas. Please go to their website for more info:https://www.ceacard.co.uk/





Bicester





OXFORDSHIRE SEND SHORT BREAKS



FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

Arts and Grafts, Sport, Sensory, and a lot more!

Designed for SEND children on a 1:4 staff ratio. Children must be aged
5-18. Contact charlie.faux@sportworksitd.co.uk for more information.

Booking link

Running during school holidays

10am-3pm @ Glory Farm School 0X26 4YJ

For more info - charlie.faux@sportworksltd.co.uk

Upcoming activities





Easter Holidays!

Exotic animals workshop NEW

Monday 7th April, 1pm Meet some exotic animals, in this workshop that hasn't been to Thomley before!

All day woodworking workshop

Friday 11th April

Paul will be in the art room all day, helping you make your designs come to life!
Decorate and take home your woodwork at the end of the day!

Music workshop with Fred

Tuesday 15th April, 12-3pm

Another new workshop at Thomley, for our music enthusiasts.

Pirate Theatre Workshop

Friday 18th April, from 11:30am - 3:30pm
The last of our new workshops as the
Easter Holidays draws to a close. An
inclusive theatre experience for all run by
Imajica Theatre.

May half term!

CAMPERS ONLY!

One night camp from Friday 23rd, after 4pm, to Saturday 24th May, close at 3:30pm An inclusive and fun camping experience.

Music workshop with Fred

Wednesday 28th May, 12-3pm

Another new workshop at Thomley, for our music enthusiasts.

Donkeys and farm animals at Thomley

Friday 30th May, all day

Who doesn't love donkeys! It's the first time we've had any here on site, along with some other farm animals.





West Oxfordshire SEN &
Disability Group and The ICE
Centre

INFORMATION EVENING

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for families and carers who support and care for young people and adults with a learning disability in West Oxfordshire

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Sensory Room available

Refreshments will be served

An opportunity to hear about what is on offer in West Oxfordshire, to meet with local organisations and to speak with local councillors and people from Adult Social Care

Witney

8TH APRIL 2025 6.30 - 9.00 PM @ THE LANGDALE HALL, WITNEY





Come and join us during the Easter holidays!

A structured Easter Arts and Crafts session with a small group of children. Parents welcome. There will also be a quiet area with sensory activities available for children who may need a little break or some quiet time. We hope to see you there!

Venue - Longford Park Community Centre, Hobby Rd, Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4GJ

Please book through - https://bookwhen.com/laionisartsandcrafts1

* Easter holidays special *







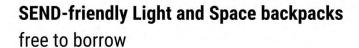
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To find out more or to book, please go to:-

https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/south-oxfordshire/didcot-wave-

Autism Friendly Openings at the History of Science Museum

Backpacks developed with students from Iffley Academy Explore Museum displays together in a quiet environment for families with members on the autism spectrum.



Need ear defenders? We have a few you can borrow — along with other equipment like reading aids — from the front desk.

Download your **Easy read guide** www.hsm.ox.ac.uk/plan-your-visit

Upcoming Autism Friendly Openings:

12 April 10.45-11.45am



hsm.ox.ac.uk/whatson

To book your place or learn more
email Helen at learning@hsm.ox.ac.uk
t: +44 (0) 1865 277293









FREE fun activities: Ride on Time, Giant Bubbles,
Art Avalanche, Faringdon Library stall,
Active Communities and DIY Face Painting.
Come with your parent/carer!

When?

Wednesday 16 April, 12 noon-3pm

Where?

Town Park, Gloucester St, Faringdon, SN7 7HY. Behind the library.

Contact

Organiser: Martin Gillett martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk | 07436 270267





For more information, please email OPA on - martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk



Supported Living - Planning Ahead



10.30am - 12.00pm 23rd April 2025 - ONLINE

This is a free online information event being held by Oxfordshire Family Support Network for family carers of people wih a learning disability or a learning disability and autism to help them plan ahead for their relative who may need support with where they will live in the future.

YOU CAN BOOK BY SCANNING THE QR CODE ON THIS POSTER, OR BY VISITING OUR EVENTBRITE PAGE - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-care-act-tickets-1077547797469? aff=oddtdtcreator

OxFSN offer the events free of charge, but as a small charity donations are welcome. https://www.oxfsn.org.uk/donate/



If you need any further information, please contact Kathy Liddell at kathy.liddell@oxfsn.org.uk

www.oxfsn.org.uk



If you wish to join this event, please book your free place:https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1077567506419...

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us https://www.oxfsn.org.uk/



APPLY NOW for Turtle Opera Oxford 2025!

The nine weeks of FREE workshops, for young people on the autism spectrum, will involve participants creating their own stories and music for an informal performance, with a professional composer and director.

Applications must close soon so get your applications in now!

Saturdays 26th April - 21st June; 2pm - 5pm at Ogston Music School, Oxford To apply please fill in the online application form- https://buff.ly/QcuCv8X



Banbury

Family Fun Day

Join us in April for a day full of fun activities.

Entry is free but paid activities are available! £5 for 5 games. £10 for 10 games.

All Children must be accompanied by an adult.





Hill View Primary School Banbury, OX16 1DN

Parking available at The Musketeer



Activities:

- Hook a duck
- Bouncy castle
- Teddy Tombola
- Sponge a Playworker
- Adult Tombola
- & lots more!

No need to book, just turn up on the day and have fun!





OXFORDSHIRE INCLUSIVE TENNIS FESTIVAL 2025

WHITE HORSE
LEISURE & TENNIS
CENTRE,
ABINGDON:

SUNDAY 27[™] APRIL 10:00 – 16:30



TENNIS IS A SPORT FOR EVERYONE!

Come and meet Louise Hunt, former British wheelchair tennis player & GB Paralympian

There will be demonstrations of how adaptable tennis is:

- Walking Tennis A slower, simpler version of tennis played with softer balls and easy to pick up
- Pickleball The new tennis craze which operates on a smaller court with lighter paddles
- Wheelchair Tennis Equipment and expert coaches available, so anyone can try
- SEN and Down's Syndrome Tennis Beginners and intermediates welcome
- Visually Impaired Tennis The ball makes a sound so you can use your other senses to play tennis
- Tennis for Health and Wellness A relaxed session where you can be yourself

Come along and watch or bring some trainers and have a go. It's free and there will be plenty of experienced coaches to help you!

For more information, please scan the QR code above or contact: inclusivefestival@tennisoxfordshire.co.uk

For more information, please email us on inclusivefestival@tennisoxfordshire.co.uk



The whole community is welcome for a reduced price family fun day, an affordable day out to end the summer for just £5 per child for the day. Parents £1 entry.

All activities on the day are included within your ticket: Soft play areas - Giant bubbles - Inflatable assault course - Floor is Lava Jumping Pillow - Park - Face painting - Bouncy Castle and LOTS more! The Splash park and trampolines will also be available on a first come first served basis and will have limited time slots.

There will also be all day refreshments, including ice cream, hot and cold drinks, including bar and a variety of hot food including pizza, burgers and baguettes.



Monday 5th May 2025, 10am-3pm

Reduced entry price, BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Join us at Thomley, Menmarsh Road, Worminghall, HP189JZ for a fun-filled day of endless activities for children of all abilities.

A guaranteed good day for all the family!

www.thomley.org.uk 01844 338380 bookings@thomley.org.uk

To book - https://thomley.org.uk/events/family-fun-day/

Flexicare Community Walk

Sunday 18th May 2025



RIDGEWAY Restricted Bywa

Walk, run or cycle your choice of circular routes across the Ridgeway. A range of lengths to choose from. Wheelchair and buggy routes available. Dogs on a lead are welcome. Delicious refreshments provided!

Starting at Snells Hall, East Hendred OX12 8LA from 9am

Raising funds to support Flexicare, an Oxfordshire based charity providing a free, specialised sitting service for families with a severely disabled child.

Register at www.flexicare.org/events

Donate at www.flexicare.org/donate

Flexicare (Oxford and Abingdon | Registered Charity no 11726 www.flexicare.org | 01865 321881 | admin@flexicare.org



Register - <u>www.flexicare.org/events</u>
Donate at <u>www.flexicare.org/donate</u>

Thomley Camping!

Friday 23rd May - Saturday 24th May One-night camp

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd August One or two night camp

The Thomley camping experience is a lovely, safe setting to test out camping for the first time, or just enjoy our facilities for longer than usual! The whole site is closed to visitors other than campers and you can pitch up anywhere you would like to go on our large field.

It is £10 per person per night to camp at Thomley. The cafe and food will be available until 9pm and will re-open at 8am on the following morning. You can purchase snacks, drinks (including alcohol), dinner and breakfast. There will also be activities throughout your stay such as marshmallows around the fire-pit, archery and giant bubbles.

No alcohol, disposable BBQs / fires and no hot food are to be brought on site by visitors due to licensing and health & safety.

YOU CAN UPGRADE to a camping pod or camping pitch in our designated area, which includes a fenced in area with electric points for each pitch, drinking water, washing up sink, a toilet / shower and BBQ stations.



Please book on the website: www.thomley.org.uk/calendar

Bookings are to be paid for upfront and are non-refundable



To book - https://thomley.org.uk/events/camping-7/



Alvescot. We are a care farm, providing therapeutic placements, farm-based activities and work experience for people from 10 years old to adults, including those with learning disabilities, autism, ADHD, SEND and mental health challenges.

We are open Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 AM to 3 PM and offer bespoke sessions, from one hour to full-day experiences.

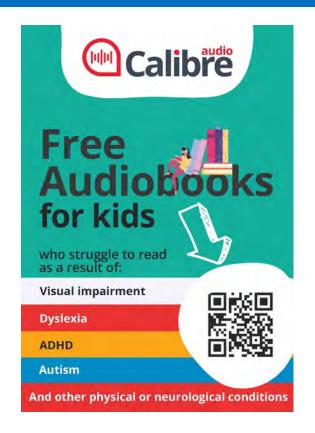
We offer both one-off and regular placements.

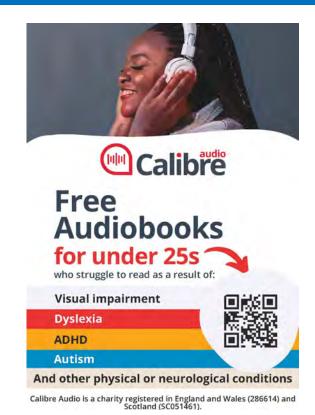
For more information visit www.bigfishproject.com call or text 0750 302 6679 email info@bigfishproject.com



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Calibre Audio offers a lifetime of free audiobooks for those under 25 who struggle with reading printed materials.

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- · Boost confidence
- Increase enjoyment in reading
- Support emotional intelligence and mental wellbeing
- Develop a life-long love of reading



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The charity is on a mission to encourage as many eligible young people as possible to join and use audiobooks to support their education and relaxation. The collection is full of leading contemporary children's authors, including Michael Morpurgo, Jacqueline Wilson, J.K Rowling,

Malorie Blackman, David Walliams, Phillip Pullman – as well as classics. Calibre also ensures titles that support the GCSE, A Level and PSHE national curriculum are available.

Calibre Audio supports anyone with a print disability, that is any special educational need, health condition or disability that impacts on the ability to read print. No referral is needed, and no medical evidence is required to create a membership. Find out more about membership by visiting https://www.calibreaudio.org.uk/ or calling Membership

Services on 01296 432339.



If you are a family with 0-18 year olds and are in receipt of benefits related free school meals, Personal Independence Payment, Universal Credit or have Strength and Needs assessment or are young carers or refugees...you can apply for a YouMove card. To find out more or apply, contact your local Activator today:-

Oxford City - Ben 07485 311346
Cherwell - Harry—01295 221980
West Oxfordshire - Nicole 01993 861570
Vale of White Horse - Marc 07801 203571
South Oxfordshire - Kayleigh 07717 225679



FAMILY PLAY SESSIONS

We are open weekdays, weekends and during school holidays to deliver sessions for the whole family.

At these sessions we offer a variety of activities depending on the children booked in. These sessions are £5 per family.

Where: A Place to Play, Lower Way Thatcham RG19 3RR

For more information contact office@swingsand smiles.co.uk

Charity number: 1120598

For more information, contact office@swingsandsmiles.co.uk

Swings & Smiles, Thatcham



The following sessions are now open to Oxfordshire families but you do need to register with Swings & Smilies first...

Nexus (The Waterside Centre) After School Club

Tuesday & Wednesday for ages 14 -19 – 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Family Play (0-19-year-olds + family members)

Tuesday 3pm – 5pm; Friday 3.30pm – 5.30pm; Saturday (alternate Saturdays) – 9.30am – 12.30pm; Sunday 10am - 12pm and 1pm – 3pm

Youth clubs

Mini Spec – Year 3 to Year 5 – Tuesdays 5.15pm to 6.45pm Spectrum – Year 6 – Year 8 – Fridays 6pm – 7.30pm Oasis – Year 9 + - Thursday 7.45pm – 9.15pm Oasis (The Waterside Centre) Year 9+ - Tuesdays - 6pm – 7.30pm Youth club Year 6+ - Thursday 6pm – 7.30pm Youth club Year 9+ - Tuesday 7pm – 8.30pm

Accessible Climbing Dates – for children aged 10+ (The Waterside Centre)

26th April; 16th August; 20th September

SEND Swim and Sports

The Willink Leisure Centre; 26th April; 24th May; 28th June; 1pm – 3pm.

Swimming and Sensory Football at Willink Leisure Centre is an inclusive activity for the whole family. Each family will enjoy 45 minutes in the pool, during which they can choose to participate in optional games facilitated by the staff. The staff will also be available to assist families with changing before and after swimming. Following the swim, we will spend an additional 45 minutes in the sports hall engaging in sensory football. The staff will lead this session, ensuring it is inclusive and accessible to everyone. This session will include a warm-up, as well as opportunities to practice passing the ball and working together as a team.

Staff will not be in the pool for this session, it is a family session and parents/carers need to support their children in the pool. There needs to be a one adult to 2 children ratio. Please be aware there are no changing places or hoists within the changing rooms but a pool hoist is available.

Reading Football Club - Outreach

We offer a sensory space at home games for Reading Football Club and aim to attend between 1 and 2 matches per month.

Swings & Smiles, A Place to Play, Lower Way, Thatcham, RG19 3RR www.swingsandsmiles.co.uk; 01635 285170; office@swingsandsmiles.co.uk

Accessival

Accessible Festival for the whole community

Saturday 5th July 2025 - 11am-10pm Music - Beer - Food - Play



Thomley's festival is an opportunity for the whole community to experience the best of all the local festivals.

We will have various food stalls; alcohol stalls; live local bands on stage plus the best of Thomley for children and young people.

Bouncy castles, jumping pillow, archery, giant bubbles are just a handful of activities on offer to keep the younger generation entertained for the day. Tickets are now on sale:
£14 per adult and £14 a child.

Camping pitches available to book for the night before and night of the festival. Entertainment & food also available Friday night.



Would you like to volunteer on the day? Please get in touch if you can help: fundraising@thomley.org.uk
Book your tickets here: https://thomley.org.uk/events/accessival-2025/

There is a family ticket on sale for £50 (2 adults and 2 children) for a limited time!

Book your tickets here: https://buff.ly/4gugAlK



For more info, please go to - www.parallellifestyle.com





















** SAVE THE DATE **

More details to come...

Your help needed...

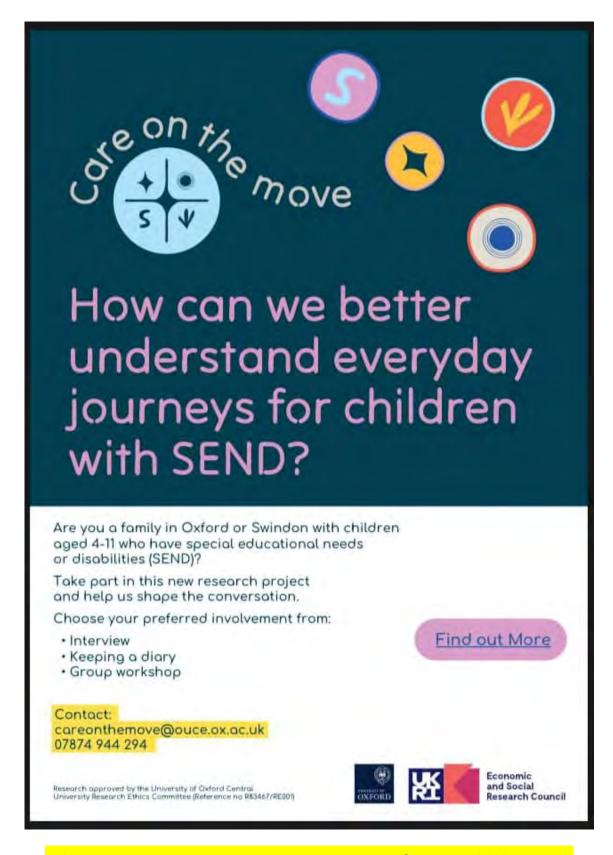


Alexandra House of Joy are an Oxfordshire-based charity dedicated to establishing a much-needed day centre and respite facility for adults with learning disabilities. Their mission is to provide a safe, exciting, and supportive space where individuals can access essential care, engage in enriching activities, and feel a true sense of belonging. They are currently in the process of fundraising to commence the construction of this centre, and are pleased to share that they are approaching their first million in donations.

To ensure the facility meets the genuine needs of the community, they are conducting a public feedback survey targeting individuals with learning disabilities, their families, carers, and professionals. The survey is ongoing, and as a token of their appreciation, all responses submitted before 17th April will be entered into a £25 M&S voucher draw.

If you'd like to take part in their public feedback survey, please go here:-

https://www.alexandrahouseofjoy.org/have-your-say



Please contact <u>careonthemove@ouce.ox.ac.uk</u> if you would like more information or wish to participate.

RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Are you a parent of an autistic young adult who has experience of transitioning from child to adult mental health services?



Researcher: charlotte.roche.2022@live.rhul.ac.uk Research Supervisor: lauren.bryan@rhul.ac.uk I would like to invite you to take part in my research project, which aims to understand how parents of autistic young adults experience the process of their child transitioning from child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) to adult mental health services (AMHS).

Inclusion Criteria:

- Being a parent of at least one autistic young adult.
- The young adult has begun, attempted or completed the transition directly from CAMHS to AMHS within the last 10 years.
- The young adult must have a formal diagnosis of autism.
- · Living in England.

Participation involves attending a remote interview for approximately one hour. You will be reimbursed for your time with a £10 Amazon voucher.

If you are interested in taking part,
please contact me via
charlotte.roche.2022@live.rhul.ac.uk,
I would be very pleased to provide you
with more detailed information.

Ethical Approval Reference ID: 304 Ethical Approval Date: 25/03/2024

Please contact <u>charlotte.roche.2022@live.rhul.ac.uk</u> if you would like more information or wish to participate in the research project.









CUREC Ethics Approval REF: R90304/RE001
Project Title: Strengths in Autistic Children and Young People (CYP)
Version 1.0 Mar 2024

ARE YOU A YOUNG PERSON AGED 12 TO 15?



CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOU ENJOY AND WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

We are looking for <u>AUTISTIC YOUNG PEOPLE</u> to help us learn about strengths in autism!

You will have two conversations with us (online or in person at Uni of Oxford) where we:

- Complete a questionnaire together about your strengths and you can tell us if the questions make sense (up to 90 min)
- Explore together how you will use your strengths in everyday life (up to 60 min)

You will receive a voucher to thank you for taking part!



Any Questions? Email Dr. Jiedi Lei jiedi.lei@psych.ox.ac.uk HERE >

https://t.ly/A5Kfw

Questions? Email Dr Jiedi Lei at - jiedi.lei@psych.ox.ac.uk

AUTISTIC PEOPLE'S SCHOOLING & MENTAL HEALTH

What is it about?

We aim to better understand how different types of schooling, specifically mainstream versus special schools, affect the mental health outcomes of autistic people

Who can participate?

We are looking for people who:

- · Are autistic (clinically or self diagnosed)
- · Are 18 years or older
- · Have gone to school in the UK

Chance to win a £10 voucher!

What's involved?

15-20 min online survey







Join the study!

Scan the barcode to join the study!

Email us at a.a.tambawala@sms.ed.ac.uk with any questions

Questions? Email us at - a.a.tambawala@sms.ed.ac.uk



Mondays 1:00 - 2:00pm

A group for children under 5 with additional needs and/or disabilities and their families.

No diagnosis needed. Booking required. Limited spaces available.

£2 per session Call: 01295 276769 to book

Registers open at 9am on Tuesdays, to book for the following week.



The Surshine Centre Registered Charity Number 1124335 / Registered in England & Wales No 05276714

Spaces are limited so please book if you wish to attend!

The Sunshine Centre, Edmunds Road, Banbury, OX16 OPJ. Tel:- 01295 276769; community@sunshinecentre.org; www.sunshinecentre.org



for play and support from other families and professionals.

To register, scan the QR code below or contact camille.kalaja@peeple.org.uk

additional need aged 0-4 years



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This group is primarily aimed at families in the catchment areas of Littlemore, The Leys and Rosehill in Oxford. Venue details will be sent once you've registered. You can sign up by scanning the QR code or click here: https://forms.office.com/e/7Sx6Z6FZzJ.

For more info, please email - camille.kalaja@peeple.org.uk







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For more info or to book - Soft Play | Windrush Leisure Centre | West Oxfordshire | Better



SEN Social Family Club at The Hill, Dover Avenue in Banbury has returned on Wednesdays from 5:30pm!

For those who are new to the session, our SEN Social Family Club is a volunteer led, safe and welcoming space for families with children on the SEN pathway to come together and connect with others who understand the unique challenges and joys of raising a child with special education needs. Our goal is to provide a supportive and inclusive environment where families can bond and create long-lasting friendships.

We have a variety of activities planned including arts and crafts and games.

There will also be snacks and refreshments available.

For more information - <u>www.thehillbanbury.com</u> or email Carol at - <u>SEN social family club</u>



The Dovecot Centre is on Nightingale Avenue, Oxford, OX4 7BU.

All welcome! For more info - jigsawoxford@gmail.com



Please note: The age range is a rough guide as we know that age isn't always a determining factor for a child's needs or abilities when it comes to SEN, so please feel free to get in touch with us if you are unsure.

kidlington.communityhub@gmail.com

www.kidlinks.org.uk

www.facebook.com/kidlinksuk

SEN GROUP A Special Time To Play

Activities for Everyone!

Our SEN group features a range of activities that are fun for all ages, including LEGO building, big bubbles, and much more.

Whether your child enjoys hands-on creativity or the joy of bubbles, there's something for everyone.



A stay & play session for families with children with additional needs. Suitable for children of primary age & below. Safe, secure and informative session.

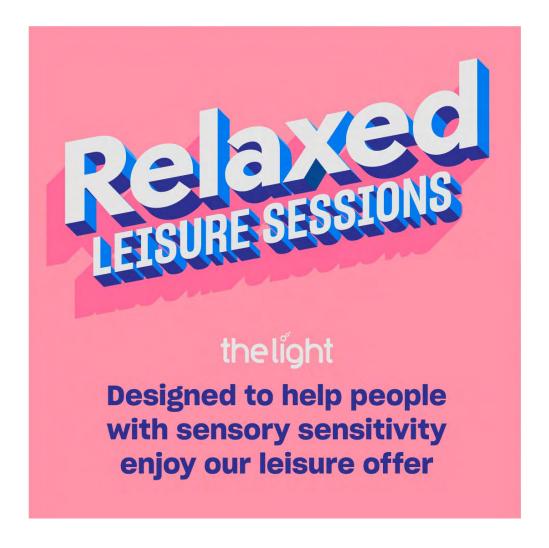
Meets once a month on a Saturday @ 2pm-3pm. Whole family welcome!

At Wigod Way Wallingford Family Centre, Wilding Road, Wallingford, OX10 8AJ

** Session is free but spaces must be booked as numbers are limited **

To book - SEN session - Wigod Way Wallingford

Places are free but as we are a charity, donations are welcome and can be made during the session if you are able.



The Light in Banbury offer some relaxed leisure sessions as well as sensory friendly cinema viewings. These are:-

- Relaxed bowling every Sunday morning between 9am-10am. No music, lights are at a minimum on the bowling lanes, arcades are turned off.
- * Relaxed climbing session every Thursday afternoon at 4pm. These are quieter and slower paced sessions in smaller groups for those with sensory needs.

To book or find out more, please go to the website - <u>The Light Banbury</u> or you can pop in and book in person if you prefer.

** The Light is located in Spiceball Park Road **
Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX16 2PA

Oxfordshire Inclusive Choir



Meets on Thursdays @ 5-6 pm fortnightly online with one face-to-face session per school term

By welcoming all voices, we aim to be as inclusive as possible, actively trying to remove barriers to participation from those with severe and profound learning disabilities.

Register here:

Oxfordshire Inclusive Choir | Oxfordshire County Council



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Oxfordshire County Music Service have an Inclusive Choir for pupils with SEND. If you are interested in joining or have would like any further information please contact us via our website at - Oxfordshire Inclusive Choir





To find out more, please email:-

connectdistrict@girlguidinglaser.org.uk

To sign up for info session:-

Sign up - Girlquiding Connect



Every Sunday morning
11am - 11.45am

At NOX we believe in gymnastics for ALL

We know that some children need a little more support and guidence to get involved in our classes. Every Sunday morning we run fun, parent-inclusive classes using a wide range of equipment and interactive games!



hello@noxgymnastics.com

One of our core beliefs at NOX is that gymnastics should be available to everyone. If you think your child might benefit from some extra support during class, then our 11am class on Sunday morning is the perfect opportunity to provide this.

Spend quality time with your children while allowing them to explore our interactive open-gym environment and learn some new skills.

If you are interested, visit https://www.noxgymnastics.com/.../gymnastics-taster.../ for more information or sign up for a FREE trial! We also have parkour sessions!



** SEND SESSIONS **

This one hour session, which includes the safety briefing, is suitable for those with additional needs whether neurological or physical and their siblings (minimum age of 4 years).

We create an environment which is as calm as possible, with reduced participant numbers, low music levels and multi-sensory climbing aids for those whom are visually impaired. For those with a physical need, who may need assistance to climb, please contact us before hand so we can arrange suitable support. If you require a social story before your session please contact us - info@clipnclimbbicester.co.uk.

These sessions are also a great opportunity for parents of SEND children to meet up and share their experiences over a complimentary hot drink in our arena side café (one complimentary hot drink per booking).

Session times: Friday 5:30pm – 6:30pm (in Oxfordshire term time)

£12 per session includes climb and complimentary hot drink for the booking adult.

To book, go to our website - Bicester Clip n Climb booking



The Engine Shed is a special interest group for autistic children and young people who love trains. Based in Reading, we meet at Caversham Methodist Church, Gosbrook Road, Caversham, RG4 8EB.

Model railways and train sets for all abilities are set up and a range of trainrelated resources are available to play with. The Engine Shed sessions are free of charge, free snacks and drinks are provided. There is no need to book and all are welcome, including siblings and grandparents.

The sessions do tend to be split based on age but realise that with siblings etc this breakdown is not straightforward but please come to the one that suits you and your group best. We understand that not all attendees will always be within the suggested age range.

** Next date - Saturday 26th April 2025 **

For more information - http://www.theengineshed.org.uk/reading/ or if you would like to know more, require clarification or just want to check sessions are running before you travel, details etc then please email the Coordinator Sarah at mail@theengineshed.org.uk



To find out more, go to the website - Broken Boards Ltd (brokenboardscoach.com)

To book - www.bookwhen.com/brokenboards



GROUP SESSIONS

every Thursday 4.30pmLangdale Hall, Witney begginers, gear provided

book now at brokenboardscoach.com

To find out more - Broken Boards Ltd (brokenboardscoach.com)

To book - www.bookwhen.com/brokenboards



Please contact Loes direct to book - www.equilore.co.uk



Camp Mohawk is a day centre for children with special needs and their families, set in 5 acres of beautiful countryside, just outside Wargrave, Berkshire. Throughout the year the centre provides a range of activities, facilities and natural space to encourage children with a variety of special needs to play, socialise and learn in a secure and caring environment. Our facilities include adventure playgrounds, swings, sensory garden, play village, soft play and sensory rooms, art / craft room, music room, play lounge and, in the summer months, an outdoor, heated play pool. All this is set in approximately 5 acres of natural woodland.

What we offer:

- Family Days in school holidays and on Saturdays in term time - children / young people need to be accompanied by a parent / carer but we have a team of staff and volunteers on hand to provide support and assistance
- Short Breaks activities for children / young people aged 8 to 25 who have High Functioning Autism / Asperger's Syndrome
- Special events including sensory sensitive fireworks displays and Christmas parties
- Group sessions / days for SEND support groups, schools and groups of families



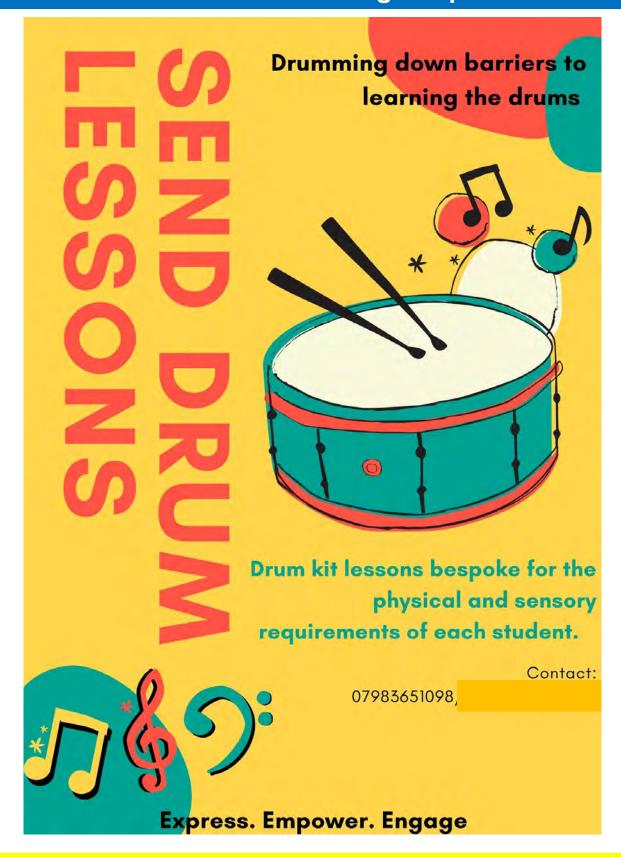


Registration is mandatory for all services and advance booking is necessary for all sessions. Fees / charges for families are all voluntary but contributions from our service users are an important source of income so we do have suggested contribution levels. Please visit our website or get in touch for more information:

Web: www.campmohawk.org.uk Email: info@campmohawk.org.uk Tel: 0118 940 4045

THE WOODLAND CENTRE TRUST, Highfield Lane, Crazies Hill, Wargrave, Berks. RG10 8PU. Registered Charity No. 1202580

To find out more, please go to our website: www.campmohawk.org.uk



If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Felix on 07983 651098.

Chess Club





FRIDAYS
5.00 - 7.00 pm
Faringdon Library
ALL WELCOME!

Do come along! **01367 240311**

This is a FREE club, open to all ages and abilities. All are welcome.

Cats aren't provided but refreshments are!!

Any queries, please contact the Faringdon library on 01367 240311.









Please email info@sunraedance.co.uk for more information or to book a place.



*With thanks to Active Oxfordshire and YouMove we can now support children from low income families

in receipt of benefit related free school meals.

£30 a month if you don't qualify.



Sun-Rae Inclusive Dance School welcome disabled and non disabled children in their classes (and also have classes for adults). They also have some funding for some free dance classes for children in receipt of benefit related free school meals, or £30 per month if you don't qualify.

For more information, email info@sunraedance.co.uk



New Silent Disco Session!

Style Acre is starting a new session for anyone who likes listening to music and having a boogie!

It is at The Junction, Didcot (42 Lydalls Road, OX11 7HX) 1pm-2pm every Tuesday and costs £3.

How does a silent disco work?

Everyone wears headphones which play the same songs. There are two music channels to choose from and you can switch between the two. We'll have disco lights and refreshments!

For more info contact Anita on 07760 527 610 or apowell@styleacre.org.uk

Witney multisport session for over 18s - from Feb '25





New Inclusive Activities

Starting 5th February 2024

Football Basketball

Badminton Drums Alive Kwick Cricket

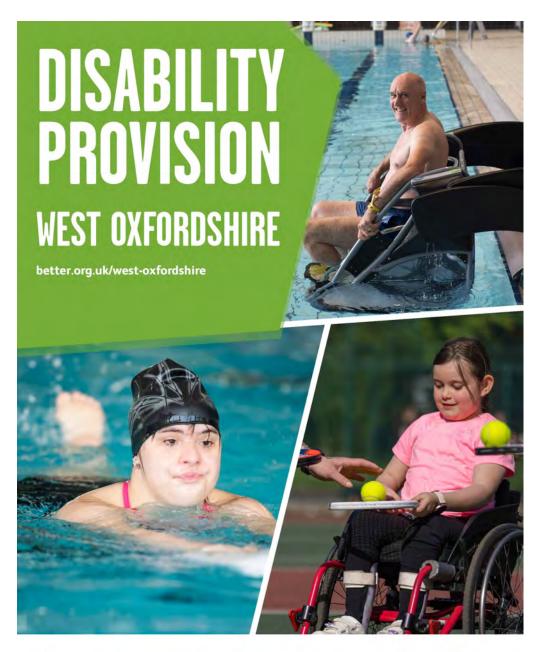
Dodgeball Tag Rugby



When: Monday 2-3pm

Where: Windrush Leisure Centre or Witney ATP

Details: 01993 861564







Better is a registered trademant and trading name of GLI (Greenwich Leisure Limited), a charitable social enterprise and registered society under the Co-operative & Community Benefit & Societies Act 2014 registration on 27793 F. Registered office

This document outlines the disability provision at the leisure centres in West Oxfordshire. This includes swimming sessions, swimming lessons, accessible facilities and other activities.

Go here to look at the details - https://shorturl.at/qVj1n



More info - <u>sue.auger@gll.org</u> or <u>www.better.org.uk/white-horse</u>



Supportive, safe and inclusive cycling sessions for those with additional needs.

Every Saturday:

11am - 1pm, ages 2 yrs onwards.

Family members welcome.

£3 per session.

Wood Green School, Witney, OX28 1DX









Book by phone, email or website: https://windrushbikeproject.uk

07554 363635

- @windrushbikepro
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- @windrushbikeproject
- wheelsforall@windrushbikeproject.uk www.windrushbikeproject.uk

Try a bike, borrow a bike, ride in a safe space - book your place here:-

Book cycle training, bike maintenance courses, DIY workshop and Junior Wheels for All - Booking by Bookwhen



Meets fortnightly at the White Horse Leisure Centre, Audlett Drive, Abingdon, OX14 3PJ.

For more info, contact Rachel on 07798 631887 or email us on abingdonboccia@gmail.com

Witney - 2 sessions



Fun, friendly classes for all ages and abilities

Tuesdays 11:30am—12:30pm

Wednesday 11:00am-12:00

Windrush Leisure Centre

For more information:

🚾 01993 861564









£2.50 per session, term time only. If you have a YouMove card, these sessions are free. For more details on YouMove, please contact - youmove@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

North Oxfordshire Academy, Drayton Road, Banbury OX16 OUD.

For more information, please email Ryan Jones on:communitycoach@banburyunitedfc.co.uk



We are a friendly (5–15 years) football team looking for new boys and girls to join our pan disability team. All abilities are welcome!

DAY: Saturday mornings

TIME: 9:00am–10:00am

LOCATION: Whitelands Farm Sports Ground

Whitelands Way

Bicester Oxfordshire OX26 1AJ

TEAM MANAGERS: Graham Hill and David Barker

WEBSITE: www.bicesterparkfc.co.uk

EMAIL: inclusive@bicesterparkfc.co.uk

TELEPHONE: 07990 990252 (Call, Text or WhatsApp)







For more info, please email - <u>inclusive@bicesterparkfc.co.uk</u> or call, text or Whatsapp - 07990 990252



We are a friendly adult (16+) football team looking for new men and women to join our pan disability team. All abilities are welcome!

DAY: Monday evenings

TIME: 18:30–19:30

LOCATION: Whitelands Farm Sports Ground

Whitelands Way

Bicester Oxfordshire OX26 1AJ

TEAM MANAGER: Paul Fellows

WEBSITE: www.bicesterparkfc.co.uk

EMAIL: inclusive@bicesterparkfc.co.uk

TELEPHONE: 07880 557490 (Call, Text or WhatsApp)



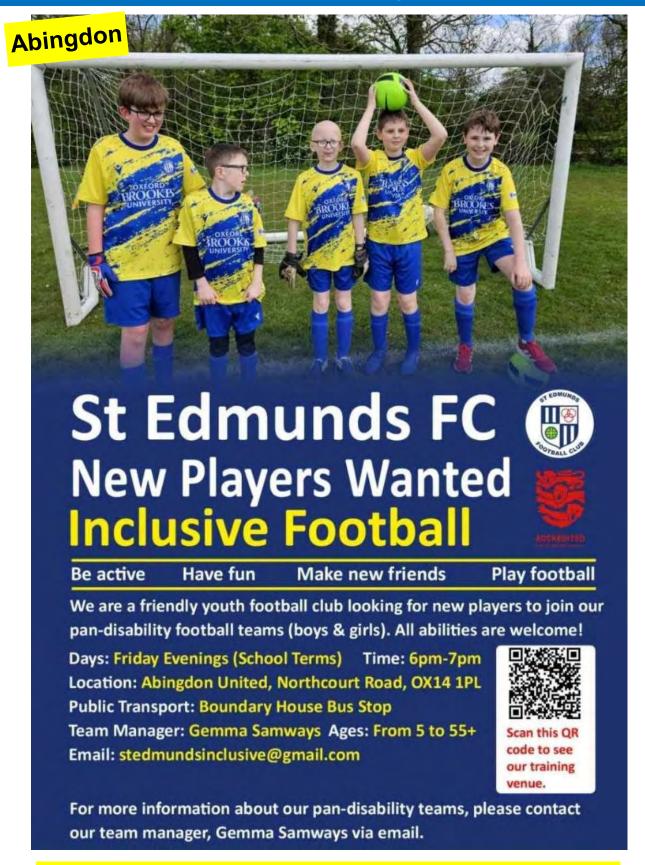




For more info, please email - <u>inclusive@bicesterparkfc.co.uk</u> or call, text or Whatsapp - 07880 557490



Email - inclusive@bicesterparkfc.co.uk or call 07990 990252



Email - stedmundsinclusive@gmail.com

Scan QR code to see their training venue.



For more information, please contact Sue Newport on 07966 153797 or via email - sue@rsbjn.co.uk



SUMMERTOWN STARS CEREBRAL PALSY FOOTBALL



We are the Mixed U16 Warriors, come and join our regular Cerebral Palsy Football sessions. Open to males and females aged 5 and over who would like to play football and be part of our fun and friendly team. No experience is necessary.

Ambulant and Frame users welcome to take part.

Bi-weekly Sunday sessions from 13.00 - 14.30. Please contact Sarah for more information.

REGULAR BI-WEEKLY SESSIONS

FREE TO ATTEND

PLAY PARTICIPATE ENJOY







CONTACT

enquiries@summertownstars.org

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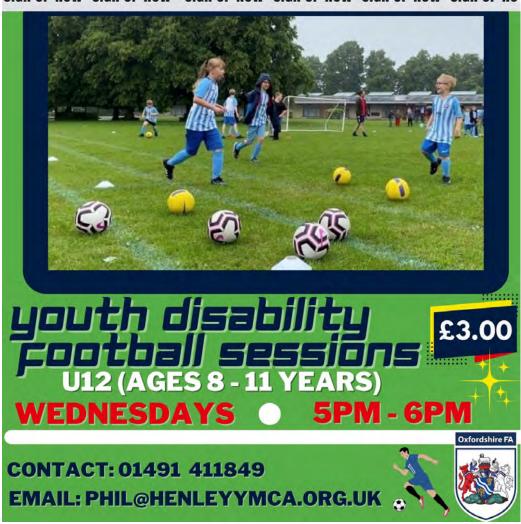


For more info - oxfordblackbirdsbgfc@gmail.com

Henley



SIGN UP NOW -SIGN UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW- SIGN UP NOW- SIGN UP NOW- SIGN UP NO'



The Henley YMCA in partnership with Oxfordshire FA are now running JUSTPLAY Youth Pan Disability Football sessions for children aged 8-11, all disability groups are welcome! Only £3 a session. Youth Pan Disability Football - every Wednesday, 5-6pm. If interested, please fill out the form:https://forms.office.com/e/8t5ZAwGa1x For more info, email philoghenleyymca.org.uk

Our sessions are social drop-in sessions, that are inclusive, fun filled, exciting and affordable. They are designed for the participants to enjoy, improve their physical and mental health, reduce stress and help the community to socialise, as well as staying active and healthy!



For more info, please email Matt Goode - matt.goode@banburyrufc.co.uk or call on 07503 712903

Bicester



If you're interested in coming for a taster session, please email - youth@gosfordrugby.com

Wallingford

AND...

** Also, check out Inclusive Tag Rugby at Wallingford Wolves... **

https://youtu.be/zgjEuXYuJ74





Carterton Leisure Centre - carterton@gll.org
https://www.better.org.uk/book-activity



The session will run at a reduced capacity and is for children aged over 18 months. Supervision ratio for under 8's apply: 18 months - 4 years = 1 adult : 1 child, 5 years - 7 years = 1 adult : 10 children and over 8 years = no ratios apply. Better is a registered trademark and trading name of GLI. (Greenwich Lesure Limited), a chantable social enterprise and registered society under the Co-operative & Community Benefit & Societies Act 2014 registration no. 27793R. Registered office: Middlegate House, The Royal Arsend, London, EST 85 SC. Infanta Revenue Charity no. XRA3398

An Introduction To Autism Taster Session With Paul Isaacs

3rd April 2025
Thomley Pavilion
5pm - 6pm
With Question & Answer Session

Session aimed at parents,. carers and people on the autism spectrum





This FREE session is a great opportunity to hear Paul as he talks about Autism in this taster session, followed by a question and answer opportunity. There is no need to book for this session, you can just turn up on the day.

To book a private session with Paul at Thomley, please email him directly: staypuft12@yahoo.co.uk

Paul will be offering one to one autism consultancy on site, offering advice and guidance on:-Sensory Processing; Visual Perceptual Challenges; Language Processing; Mental Health

Workshops for Individual Employers and those receiving Direct Payments

We are a team with many years lived experience of employing our own Personal Assistants. We laugh, cry and work together.

Our dear friend and colleague Iggy sadly passed away and we are continuing our workshops as a legacy to him.

for info and booking email: karen@bringingustogether.org.uk

Remaining workshops...

- Care Charges and Disability Related Expenses (Jon Abrams guest speaker)
 Wednesday 9th April 2025, 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- Training for Personal Assistants
 - Wednesday 23rd April 2025, 1.00pm to 3.00pm

We welcome you to join us for a brand new series of workshops. These are a safe place to learn together and to share experiences and solutions to some of the everyday complexities facing Direct Payment employers. More information on each session to follow.

Funded by Skills for Care, our bespoke workshops are designed to provide you with the information, knowledge and confidence to be the best boss whilst taking away some of the burden we all feel.

We will be sharing tips and ideas on looking after yourself whilst being the boss and managing PAs.

All workshops are recorded for those unable to make the dates.





ADULT SOCIAL CARE WARRIORS





Could be useful for those family carers employing or thinking of employing their own PA's.

All workshops are recorded for those unable to make the dates. For further information and booking email: karen@bringingustogether.org.uk

PDA for parents & carers

22nd & 29th April, 10am - 12.45pm



We'll cover...

- What is PDA?
- What are demands?
- · Helpful approaches
- Diagnosis
- Education
- Siblings



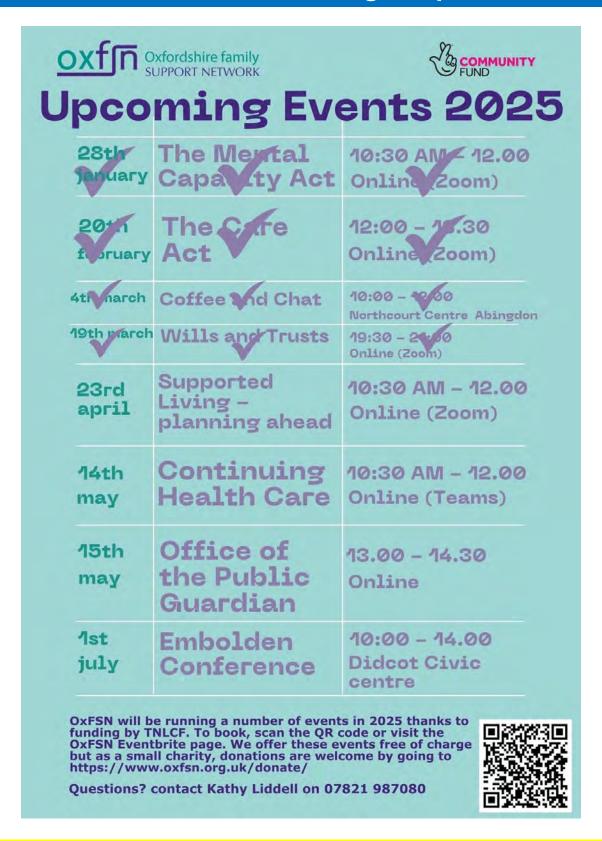
Live online

Our two-part online course is here to support parents, carers, and family members of PDAers and explore tailored approaches that work best for them: https://ow.ly/BAcS50Vj4go

This course offers a welcoming and flexible environment where you can participate however feels right - whether that's chatting, asking questions, or simply listening with your camera off.

Can't make this date? Check our website for additional sessions.

For any questions, feel free to email us at - training.support@pdasociety.org.uk



You can book on any of these events using the link here - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../
oxfordshire-family...
If anyone has any questions please do get in contact with Kathy on kathy.liddell@oxfsn.org.uk
or Oona on oona.bannister@oxfsn.org.uk

Online workshop



For parents and carers:
Supporting an autistic young
person with a PDA profile

Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) is an autistic profile where heightened anxiety is triggered by everyday expectations, whether from others or self-imposed. Young people with a PDA profile often develop creative strategies to avoid demands as a way to manage this anxiety.

This workshop, tailored for parents and carers, provides a deeper understanding of PDA through both professional expertise and lived experience. You will gain practical tools and strategies to create a supportive home environment that meets your young person's unique needs, helping them feel understood, respected, and empowered.

Thursday 24th April 12pm-3pm £28 per person (+ booking fee)

Tickets available from Eventbrite

* Please note: Due to the privacy of the attendees, this event will NOT be recorded.

Tickets available on Eventbrite:-

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1224560396109...









EXPLORING STRENGTHS IN PARENTS/CARERS WORKSHOP





EMMA JEWITT
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD



Join this 2.5 hour **FREE** virtual/in-person workshop for parents/carers of autistic children and young people (aged 8-15) and:

- 1) Build Awareness of your strengths;
- 2) Explore your own strengths in action;
- 3) Apply your own strengths in daily life when supporting your autistic child or young person.

REGISTER VIA QR CODE OR LINK



SUSAN LIVERMAN
PARENT FACILITATOR





https://t.ly/cFCys

The University of Oxford is offering a FREE virtual/in-person workshop for parents and carers of autistic children and young people (aged 8-15).

Virtual & In-Person options available!

Register here:- https://forms.office.com/e/6S1XPxgq54
or scan the QR code on the poster

A fantastic opportunity to learn, connect, and grow – don't miss out!

Online PDA Workshop Series



Supporting an autistic young person with a PDA profile – for parents & carers.

Thursday 24th April | 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Supporting autistic adults with a PDA profile- for autistic adults & those supporting them.

Wednesday 14th May | 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Supporting autistic students with a PDA profile - for teachers & educators.

Wednesday 15th October | 4:00 – 7:00 PM

£28 per person (+ booking fee)

Tickets available from Eventbrite

Led by professionals with both expertise and lived experience, these workshops will equip you with valuable insights, tools, and techniques. For privacy and confidentiality reasons, these events will NOT be recorded. Sessions will be held on Microsoft Teams.

Spaces are limited - secure your spot now!

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/autism-oxford-uk-32230677417

^{*} Please note: Due to the privacy of the attendees, this event will NOT be recorded.



** There are no courses in April **

How to be a Good Trustee

This course is for new trustees, those thinking about joining a board or existing board members wanting a refresher and update. This course aims to:

- Provide an overview of the key things you need to know as a trustee
- Equip you with the knowledge of your responsibilities as a trustee and confidence to know where to go to find out more after the course
- Give practical tips about how to be effective and add value to the board and information about some
 of the latest developments in the sector

Wednesday 21st May (2.75 hours). 9.45am - 12.30pm; £40-£70.

Microsoft Excel Refresher

This course is ideal for those with some Excel knowledge who are looking to refresh their skills and start to use some of the additional elements of Excel in a practical, hands-on session.

You will need to bring a laptop and mouse to the session.

Wednesday 5th June (3 hours). 9.30am - 12.30pm; £40-£70.

Emergency First Aid at Work

The Emergency First Aid at Work course meets the requirements of the HSE (Health and Safety Executive) and is nationally recognised, designed for those who have a specific responsibility at work to provide first aid in a range of emergency first aid situations. It is also ideal for people who have a specific responsibility to provide basic first aid in voluntary and community activities.

During this 1-day course, learners will develop the skills and knowledge needed to deal with a range of emergency first aid situations, including: managing an unresponsive casualty, CPR, choking, shock, wounds and bleeding and minor injuries.

Wednesday 11th June (7 hours). 9.30am - 4.30pm; £75 - £105

Please note - all of these courses will run in-person at The Source, located next door to OCVA's offices in Oxford.

More information and bookings taken on the OCVA website - OCVA - current courses training@ocva.org.uk or call 01865 251946



Contact us!

<u>bicesterautism@gmail.com; www.bicesterautismadhd.co.uk</u> www.facebook.com/bicesterautism



Continuing Health Care



14th May 2025 - ONLINE 10.30am - 12.00pm

This is a free information event being held by CHC with OxFSN and will be online (TEAMS) for family carers of people wih a learning disability or a learning disability and autism.

Continuing Healthcare (CHC) is care for adults who have complex care needs. This event will help you have a better understanding of CHC, for when the person you care for transitions to adulthood.

YOU CAN BOOK BY SCANNING THE QR CODE
ON THIS POSTER, OR BY VISITING OUR
EVENTBRITE PAGE - https://
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1077569923649?
aff=oddtdtcreator



OxFSN offer the events free of charge, but as a small charity donations are welcome by clicking the link https://www.oxfsn.org.uk/donate/or scanning the QR code.



If you need any further information, please contact Kathy Liddell at kathy.liddell@oxfsn.org.uk



To book on to this event - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1077569923649...



Q&A with AFSO and Kathy Stevenson



'Supporting Sensory Needs in Personal Care: Strategies for Brushing Teeth, Washing hair and body'.

Thursday 15th May 2025

7 - 8:30PM

On Zoom

You must be referred to our service to access these FREE sessions.

To self-refer: www.afso.org.uk
Enquiries: advice@afso.org.uk

-Nurture • Enable • Inspire-

If you have already made a referral to us, please email us for the Zoom link - advice@afso.org.uk If you have not made a referral but would like to attend our future Q&As, please make a referral using the forms on our website - www.afso.org.uk



The topic is 'demand avoidance' in relation to participation in daily living, learning and play.

£17-£20 per person (depending on final numbers) & Tea and coffee provided.

If you would like to come, please join <u>Parents of Neurodivergent Children</u> on Facebook.





Online Course and Live Workshop



Embracing Autism is an online 8 week course for parents of recently diagnosed children of any age including teens. It covers all the information you will need, to understand and support your child in the early weeks and months after diagnosis.

Coping and Behaviour at School and Home Sensory Processing (including Eating) Social Communication and Interaction Anxiety & Stress Sensory and Emotional Regulation

Register here: https://courses.theyarethefuture.co.uk/embracing-autism-parent-course

Every Monday a new topic is released, with a set of videos for you to watch (40-60 minutes total per week). You can watch them on desktop or mobile, or even listen whilst driving or preparing a meal! Dont worry if the course has already started - you can easily catch up.

In the final (8th) week we invite you to attend a Live Online Workshop on Zoom. The course is an exciting collaboration between Everlief and other autism professionals:

Dr Lucy Russell, Clinical Psychologist, Everlief
Dr Marcelina Watkinson, Clinical Psychologist, Everlief
Dr Cassie Coleman, Consultant Community Paediatrician, www.drcassie.co.uk
Aimee Laming, Specialist Speech & Language Therapist, Speech Therapy Matters Ltd
Nicci Paine, Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist, LEAP Children's Therapy

To register, please go to our website - Embracing Autism Online Course



An overview of each Level



- What is the Makaton Language Programme
- Stage 1 signs and symbols, Immediate Needs / Establishing Interaction
- Stage 2 signs and symbols, Home / Familiar People / Objects / Food / Events / Activities
- Additional Vocabulary signs and symbols, Food / Drink / Home / Greetings
- Tips for effective signing
- Makaton's place in the Signing World
- Three formal levels of Makaton Use
- Multi-Modal Communication
- Signing for Comprehension and Expression
- How are Makaton Symbols used?
- Using Signs and Symbols: developing techniques, position, movement & direction

Level 2



Level 1

- Stage 3 signs and symbols, Outside world / Animals / Fruit / Vehicles / Actions / Attributes / Locatives / Pronouns
- Stage 4 signs and symbols, School / Work / Objects / People / Events / Activities / Pronouns / Spatial Location
- Additional Vocabulary signs and symbols, Medical / Support / People / Personal Care
- Research Support for Signs and Symbol Use
- Makaton Symbols Design Themes
- **Teaching Procedures**
- Signing for Comprehension and Expression
- Practical Applications of Makaton
- Sequencing Events
- Using Signs and Symbols; developing techniques, position, movement & direction

Level 3



Level 3

- Revision of signs and symbols from Levels 1 & 2
- Stage 5 signs and symbols, The Community / People / Places / Activities / Interests / Events / Objects / Attributes / Feelings
- Stage 6 signs and symbols, The Wider World / Places / Thinking & Knowing / Attributes / Pronouns /
- Conveying meaning accurately by choosing the right signs & symbols
- Talking about people
- Signing for Comprehension and Expression
- Talking about possession
- Analysing Sign production
- Using Signs and Symbols; developing techniques, position, movement & direction



- Stage 7 signs and symbols, Number / Time / Weather / Quantity / Money
- Stage 8 signs and symbols, Leisure interests / Feelings / Casual Relationships
- Additional IT signs and symbols.
- Time concepts
- Keeping things simple (core)
- Interpreting and Translating more detailed information
- The power of Symbols
- Integrating and extending personal Signing and Symbol skills
- Using Signs and Symbols; developing techniques, position, movement & direction

Contact: <u>LibbyMakatonTutor@gmail.com</u> <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hands-aloud</u>



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Autism Central is here to help!

Sometimes, talking to people who share similar experiences to yours means you're more likely to feel understood and get the support you need.

The Autism Central Peer Education programme is for parents, carers and personal assistants of autistic people. Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others.

- We are here to listen, offer guidance and tell you about services that are available in your local area
- Help you navigate to services that can make a difference and empower you
- Increase your knowledge, understanding and provide you with skills to last

Request for Support by scanning the QR code or emailing autismcentralsoutheast@aspens.org.uk









The project is run by leading not-for-profit organisations, supporting families and autistic people and has been commissioned by Health Education England. It has been set up to help parents/carers access information they can trust, all in one place. Our resources have been developed together with autistic people, parents and carers and subject matter experts, and follow the most recent research and guidance.

Families do not need to have a diagnosis to access support through us.

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Support service for over 18s...

WHO WE ARE

Arise Youth Support is a specialist provider supporting young people 18+ who have been diagnosed with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, and/or Autism Spectrum, to achieve the best outcomes and independence whilst living in their own homes or community-based support.

Our focus is on working with young people who are transitioning into adulthood. Promoting independence, encouraging self-awareness, and building confidence.



WE PROVIDE

care and support
personal care
meal prep
medication
social activities
overnight care
24 live in care
respite care





ACCREDITATIONS









Please contact Arise Youth Support direct if you're interested in finding out more about their service - info@ariseyouthsupport.org or visit their website - What we do - ariseyouthsupport.org

Speech and Language Therapy with Lesley

Creating confident communicators, one child at a time

Every child is unique. I am dedicated to providing personalised and compassionate speech and language therapy for children aged 3-11 years.

Serving private clients in North Hampshire and Oxfordshire

Offering support for children Who:

- have speech sound difficulties
- need help understanding spoken language
- struggle to follow instructions
 have limited vocabulary

Take a look at my Website for

- further information: www.sltwithlesley.co.uk
- Contact me to discuss your child on: 07702 490377 or via email: sltwithlesley@gmail.com

Lesley offers bespoke, tailored speech and language support service for 3-11 year olds in Oxfordshire and North Hampshire.

For more information, please go to the website https://sltwithlesley.co.uk/ or contact Lesley via Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/sltwithlesley



WHAT IS THIS SERVICE?

AUNIQUE AND INDEPENDENT HOME **MASSAGE THERAPY AND** SENSORY INTEGRATION SERVICE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND. **COVERING AREAS IN WOKINGHAM, WEST** BERKS, HAMPSHIRE AND OXFORDSHIRE.

MEET SOPHIE



Hi! I'm Sophie.

I left school and started a Massage Therapy Apprenticeship at Reading Borough Council. Fast forward to now, I have worked as a Massage and Sensory Therapist, and with children and young people with SEND for over 10 years. This is my first and only job!

I have a Level 3 NVQ, Diploma in Massage, Anatomy and Physiology and have a fully enhanced DBS check.

WHAT DOES THIS SERVICE OFFER?

- Massage and sensory therapy sessions for children and young people with SEND within their family
- Support and advice to parents/carers regarding sensory regulation techniques and opportunities to learn massage techniques to support your child day to day.

WHO WOULD BENEFIT? 🧦



- · Does your child have a diagnosed or undiagnosed special educational need?
- · Does your child benefit from deep pressure?
- · Does your child seek touch/tactile input?
- Does your child display sensory needs?
- · Does your child need dedicated calming time after school, at the weekend or during holidays?

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE AND MAKE 🎎 CONTACT

Please search for my Facebook page below to find out more information and to get in touch!

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- HELPS TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF SLEEP
- HELPS TO REGULATE SENSORY NEEDS AND PROVIDES SENSORY INPUT
- THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN SELF-REGULATION **TECHNIQUES TO SUPPORT EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING**
- THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DEDICATED CALMING AND **RELAXATION TIME**
- HELPS TO IMPROVES MOTOR, BALANCE AND CO-**ORDINATION SKILLS**



AT HOME SENSORY SESSIONS - WITH SOPHIE



sensoryandmassagetherapy@hotmail.com OR Facebook - At Home Sensory sessions



- Fine Motor Skills: pencil control, handwriting, scissor skills
- Posture and gross motor skills
- Sensory regulation: supporting attention, concentration and accessing learning
- Sensory processing, recognising sensory needs and strategies
- Supporting body awareness and skill development
- Motor Planning: learning new skills, coming up with ideas, sequencing and problem-solving
- Sleep: supporting getting to sleep and reducing night wakings using routines and strategies
- Daily skills: meal time strategies, toileting, self care, dressing, buttons, zips and tying shoes



OT CAN BENEFIT:

- Classroom Routines
- Self Confidence
- Independence
- Teacher Knowledge
- Access to Learning
- Academic Success









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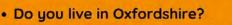
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LIVING WELL WITH NEURODIVERGENCE

https://onhs.autismoxford.com/



- Are you open to or waiting for a CAMHS Service?
- Do you think your young person is autistic and/or ADHD or have they recently received a diagnosis?

If yes to the above, then this is the service for you and your young person.









Brief 1:1 Advice sessions with one of our team



Workshops for parents







Workshops for young people



Essentials for young People



Groups

If you would like to book a session, please complete an enquiry form through the 'Living Well with Neurodivergence' section on our website https://onhs.autismoxford.com/ or alternatively, contact us at youngpeoplesupport@autismoxford.org.uk