



PARENT CARER SUPPORT GROUPS Oxfordshire

**** Please check in with groups direct to ensure that they're running before you try to attend ****

Do let me know details of any other groups that are running!



Virtual

Wellbeing Matters

Parental wellbeing sessions once a month on teams

Next sessions:

Contact us for dates!

Join the facebook group
"Parents of
Neurodivergent



Children"



A safe space to
talk, listen and
share without
judgement

Please join the [Parents of Neurodiverse Children](#) group & a Teams link will be sent to you for their online support group.

Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People

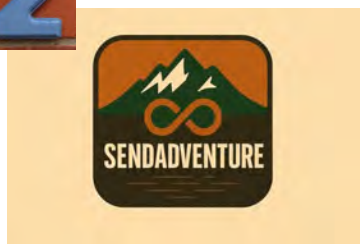
For male carers...

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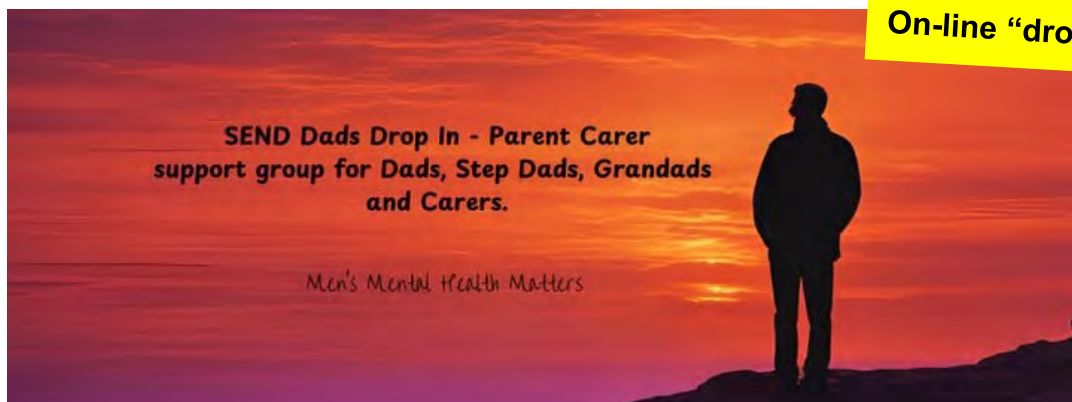


SENDAdventure - for Dads of children with special needs

The aim of this group is to provide a space in which you can unload, relate and grow.

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On-line "drop-in"

This virtual "drop-in" space has been created as a safe space without judgment, where you can share your thoughts, feelings, concerns, and queries about life as a SEND parent carer.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3100788930061466/?ref=share&mibextid=controlMsg>

Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People

Banbury



A weekly meet up for parents of autistic and neurodivergent children to chat over a cuppa! Children welcome to come.



COFFEE MEET UP

The Neurodiverse Parenting Village

✦ **EVERY FRIDAY MORNING** ✦

PINTO LOUNGE - 09:30 til 12:00

Connect with other neurodiverse families and enjoy some free pastries! Board games/toys available.

PINTO LOUNGE , SPICEBALL PARK ROAD, BANBURY, OX16 2PA

Join the Facebook group  **The Neurodiverse Parenting Village**

For more info, please join our FB group:-

[Parents of Neurodiverse Children](#)

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Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People

Banbury



In partnership with
**& Abingdon
& Witney
College**



Open to all parents of children with diagnosed or undiagnosed additional needs. Free.

A supportive space to share triumphs and build knowledge together.

**Fridays (term time only)
@ the Bungalow, Hill View School
8.45am-10.45am**

*Email Sally Shepley at Hill View Primary School
sshepley@hillview-school.co.uk
for further information.*

**For further info, please email:-
sshepley@hillview-school.co.uk**

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Banbury

SEND SUPPORT BANBURY LTD

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Coffee morning for parent carers of children with a disability (diagnosed or undiagnosed). A time to meet other parent carers and gain advice and support.

First floor, 4 Parson Street, Banbury. £2 per person. 09.30-11.00am!



First Wed each month - 6th May; 3rd June; 1st July

Now meeting in our new offices, please do get in touch to check dates.

Come along, everyone is welcome.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087505368087>

Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People

Bicester

BICESTER AUTISM



Coffee & Chat Dates

Pop along
Every Friday

9.30 till 11.30 Term Time Only

Coffee & Chat is a space where parents of Autistic/ADHD children come together to seek support and advice surrounded by others who understand & have experience.

No diagnosis needed

We offer a warm, welcoming, non judgemental environment where informal chats take place with lots of laughter, a few tears & tissues. Oh and lots of free coffee, tea and chocolate with the odd fun craft.

We even get the odd professionals in for a chat along with some mindfulness and wellbeing sessions

Come Join Us

*Bicester East Community Centre
Keble Road, Bicester, OX26 4TP*

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Contact us
for dates
next term

Contact us!

bicesterautism@gmail.com; www.bicesterautismadhd.co.uk

www.facebook.com/bicesterautism

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Kidlington

I'm Leandra, mum to 3 neurodivergent boys with Autism and ADHD



I host coffee mornings where parents and carers can offload, connect, and build a safe, supportive community.



Every Wednesday
Stanley's Sweets & Treats
9:30 to 11:30



Do come along - all welcome (term-time)!

**Stanley's Sweets & Treats,
12 The Kidlington Centre,
Kidlington OX5 2DL**

Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People



Parent-focused groups, facilitated by professionally accredited therapists (UKCP/MBACP)

Providing a safe and supportive space to share and talk through the challenges you may be facing with your child

PARENTLINKS



Free Parent Support Groups

For parents of children with SEND or mental health challenges

Mondays
6:30pm - 8pm

For parents of adult children

St Mary's Church Refectory, OX5 2AZ

Tuesdays
6pm - 7:30pm

For parents of secondary-school-aged children

St Mary's Church Refectory, OX5 2AZ

Thursdays
9:15 - 10:45am

For parents of primary-school-aged children

St Johns Hall, OX5 1DD

Email Rachel at parentlinkspsg@gmail.com or send a message on our Facebook page



www.facebook.com/parentlinkspsg

Because parenting with extra needs deserves extra support



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



DIOCESE OF OXFORD

Generously supported by Oxfordshire County Council, The Diocese of Oxford, & The Joey Beauchamp Foundation

Please do get in touch if you would like to come along to try out one of these groups - parentlinkspsg@gmail.com

Parent Support Group at Thomley

Run by parents, for parents



We are absolutely thrilled that a regular parent support group will be hosted at Thomley, starting in January. This is a group run by parents, for parents.

The first session will be on Friday 30th January at 11am followed by the last Friday of every month thereafter. This will be for tea, coffee and a chat initially, with scope to have occasional guest speakers if identified as helpful by the group.

If you'd like to be a part of the session, please use the QR code to join the Whatsapp group as a starting point, or reach out to our Service Manager Alice with any enquiries: alice.goodman@thomley.org.uk

There will also be a mental and physical health session in our gym as well as this group. This will also be run by parents, with a personal trainer on hand to support a relaxed session. Both sessions are free to attend. Dates for the gym time will be announced soon.

We are grateful to the Healthy Ageing Fund, they have supported some of our new services, including this programme.

The last Friday of every month at Thomley, free to attend

If you'd like to be a part of the session, please use the QR code to join the Whatsapp group as a starting point, or reach out to our Service Manager, Alice, with any enquiries - alice.goodman@thomley.org.uk

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*** NEW ***



SEN SUPPORT OX4

**Parent Support Group
ran by parents, for other
parents/carers**

**LET'S SHARE, LEARN &
THRIVE TOGETHER**

WE ARE 2 MUMS THAT HOMESCHOOL OUR SEN CHILDREN, WANTING TO CONNECT AND BUILD A COMMUNITY.

COME ALONG TO OUR FRIENDLY SUPPORT GROUP WHERE WE SHARE EXPERIENCES AND FIND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM OTHERS WHO UNDERSTAND.

Wednesdays

11am-12:30pm

Littlemore Village Hall, Railway Lane, OX4 4PY

Email: sengroupox4@gmail.com

**ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR
CHILDREN,
ALL AGES & ABILITIES ARE
WELCOME
DIAGNOSED OR
UNDIAGNOSED**

**£1 ENTRY
TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED**

For more info - sengroupox4@gmail.com

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Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People

Oxford

Parent Power

COFFEE MORNING

Every Tuesday (term time only) 9.30 - 12.30

Light refreshments available. Food bank for attendees. Please bring a bag.

@ Windale Hub,
Windale Avenue
OX4 6JD
(at the back of the school, in the old nursery)

Join us at weekly stay and play sessions
Support is available from Parent Power, SEN advice from

Please contact
kerrisa; 07903174415
kerrisa@oxfordhub.org
sophia; jigsawoxford@gmail.com



We meet in term-time only. Please bring a bag if you'd like to use the food bank. For more info, please contact:-

Karrisa - karrisa@oxfordhub.org

Sophia - jigsawoxford@gmail.com

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Oxford

WALK & TALK

IT CAN OFTEN BE A CHALLENGING AND ISOLATING JOURNEY.

So come along for some fresh air with some like minded individuals. ♥

WHAT TO EXPECT

- A relaxed, friendly walk at your own pace
- A chance to talk, share or just listen
- Supportive, understanding and judgement-free
- Connection, community and fresh air

SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FROM 5:45 PM (APPROX. 1HR)

MEETING AT
SUNNY MEAD PARK
BY CUTTESLOWE COMMUNITY CENTER, OX2 7SX

Local car parking is normally available

CONTACT LORRAINE
VIA OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Participants are responsible for their own safety and wellbeing.

NEURODIUNIVERSE
WE ARE WHO WE ARE

neurodiuniverse@gmail.com
www.neurodiuniverse-wearewhoweare.co.uk

This is a space where you don't have to explain yourself, keep up, or be anything other than who you are. We walk at our own pace. You can chat if you want to... or just walk quietly alongside others who get it.

No pressure. No expectations. Just being.

** We'll be running monthly sessions through to October 🌱 **

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Oxford

SEND Coffee Mornings

Oxford
Hub

Peer support for parents of children
and young people with
SEND/Neurodiversity

Come for a chat, share opinions & experiences
all over a cup of coffee.



May 14th
June 11th & 25th
July 9th



9:30-11:00



Flo's cafe
Florance Park, OX4 3NP

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

email - kylie@oxfordhub.org
phone - 07707918532
visit - www.oxfordhub.org



Scan the Qr code to
find out more about
the work we do.

Oxford Hub, Windale Avenue,
OX4 6JD

At the Oxford Hub, we know that peer support is a lifeline for parents and carers of children with SEND and neurodiversity. Sharing a cup of coffee with someone who understands your day-to-day reality can make all the difference. Our **SEND Coffee Mornings** are designed to be a safe, welcoming space to chat, share advice, and vent when needed. Whether you are looking for specific resources or just want to feel part of a supportive community, you are very welcome to join us.

There is no need to book—simply turn up. If you're feeling nervous about coming along for the first time, feel free to reach out to Kylie beforehand at kylie@oxfordhub.org and we'll make sure there's a friendly face waiting to greet you!

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Oxford



THE DOVECOTE STAY AND PLAY SEND SUPPORT SESSION EVERY THURSDAY 9.30AM TILL 12PM

THE DOVECOTE IS A WELCOMING SPACE WHERE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FACING ADDITIONAL NEEDS, WHETHER DIAGNOSED OR NOT, COME TOGETHER. LED BY EXPERIENCED STAFF MEMBERS CAROL, CHARITY, AND SOPHIA, THE ATMOSPHERE IS FILLED WITH WARMTH AND SUPPORT. HOT DRINKS ARE SHARED, AND CHILDREN ARE EMBRACED WITH ENGAGING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE USE OF A DELIGHTFUL SENSORY ROOM. IT'S A HAVEN WHERE FAMILIES CONNECT AND FIND SOLACE IN A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT. DURING OUR SESSIONS, YOU'LL FIND DROP-IN ADVICE, AND IF YOU CHOOSE TO BRING YOUR CHILD SENSORY PLAY AND ACCESS TO BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PROVISIONS

PLEASE CONTACT CHARITY AT THE DOVECOTE FOR FURTHER ADVICE:
07523848948 OR [CHACHADVPC@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:chachadvpc@outlook.com)



Please contact us on 07523 848948 or chachadvpc@outlook.com
Based at The Dovecote, Nightingale Ave, Oxford OX4 7BU.

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Oxford



The poster features a light blue background with several icons: two colorful human figures, a circular logo with the text '#compassionate', a circular logo with the text '#courageous', a circular logo with an eye and the text '#curious', and a cup of coffee. It also includes logos for Oxford Hub and The Oxford Academy. A chalkboard sign on the right lists the event details.

Parent Power Coffee Mornings Every Thursday at TOA

Come and join Karrisa from Oxford Hub offering support to families if needed.

Tea & Coffee provided.

Please contact Karrisa at
karrisa@oxfordhub.org
07903174415

Coffee Morning
Every Thursday
Held in TOA
Library
Time:
9:30 - 11am

Oxford Hub

The OXFORD Academy

Held at The Oxford Academy Library, Sandy Lane
West, Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 6JZ

For more info, please contact:-

Karrisa - karrisa@oxfordhub.org or 07903 174415

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SEN CONNECT COFFEE MORNING



9.30 - 11am

Dates: Every other Thursday
@The Jungle Cowley
OX4 3JF

Upcoming dates:

7th & 21st May



PARENT/PROFESSIONAL PEER SUPPORT



What to Expect

Monthly guest speakers
Free tea and coffee
A safe, supportive environment

Parking available
Get in touch
Donna@oxfordhub.org



A joint venture from the Oxford Hub and [SENtipede](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortbreaks) working together to support our families. We meet fortnightly in term-time, 1st date is for general chat & 2nd date is usually with a speaker.

Please contact Donna for more info – donna@oxfordhub.org

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PARENT AND SEN SUPPORT GROUP



We have some great conversations and enjoy refreshments in a relaxed environment.



Cutteslowe Community Centre, OX2 7SX
First and third Fridays of the month.
2-3pm



Library of resources to
Read, view and take copies.



For more information, please contact us on:-
<https://www.facebook.com/Neurodiuniverse>

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Online

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service

OXFORDSHIRE WE ARE WITH YOU FORUM

JOIN OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY!

We aim to walk with you on your Parent/Carer journey
A warm, parent session for anyone caring for a child or young adult (up to age 25) facing mental health challenges.

Connect • Share • Learn Join us online or in person for relaxed, insightful sessions led by:

- Parent Peer Support Workers
- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals

Explore topics around mental health and neurodiversity in a safe, welcoming space.

★ Plus: Special Guest Events Hear from professionals and services across the field! and getting out in nature.



TO REGISTER FOLLOW
THE LINK OR QR :



WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/INVOLVEMENT/OXON/WWW/

If you'd like more info or to attend, please email:-

<https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/involvement/oxon/www/>

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Eynsham

Positive Measure

Parent-led support group for parents of children with additional needs

Every Monday	Baptist Church Hall, Eynsham	19:30-21:00
Monthly Daytime Group (TBA on our socials)	Jessie's Art Shed, Eynsham	10:30-12:00

Chat over a cuppa
Helpful advice
Non-judgemental
Meet parents that get it

Page www.facebook.com/positivemeasure
Group www.facebook.com/groups/positivemeasure
Instagram: www.instagram.com/poitive_measure

Baptist Church, Lombard Street, Eynsham, OX29 4HT
Jessie's Art Shed - 9 High Street, Eynsham, OX29 4HA

If you'd like more information, please contact Emma on 07828 888064 or check out the Facebook page.

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The Form Fighters

**Early Years
Complex Needs
Parenting
COFFEE MORNING**

Join us for a casual meet-up with other parents.
A space to chat things through or bring your laptop and we'll help get things done.

 **09:30AM - 11:00AM**
Mondays Term Time

 **The Edge Deli**
New Yatt Rd,
Witney OX28 1PB

We're parents, not professionals — but we've been there.
All information shared is from personal experiences
amongst our network of carers.

KIDS WELCOME

QUESTIONS?

We will bring along a few table-top toys and activities for light entertainment

 **07880207811 or Email:**
imogen.liddell@oxfsn.org.uk

 **cafelias.co.uk/pop-ups**

 **oxfn** Oxfordshire family SUPPORT NETWORK

 **CAFELIAS**
THE INCLUSIVE, AFFORDABLE SPACE



SPACE

Witney

Come join us at SPACE

Where & When does SPACE meet?

**Friday's - Term time only
Time - 10am to 12.30pm
Upstairs lounge @ ICE Centre,
Langdale Hall Witney OX28
6AB
Parking in public car park
Wheelchair & pushchair accessible**

Who is SPACE for?

**SPACE is for
parents/carers of
children or adults with
special needs**

**A place for parents and
carers to meet, chat and
feel included.
To share experiences,
infomation and support
with one another**

**What is
SPACE for?**

Contact Jo on 07875890775

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Witney

Follow us on
Facebook and
Instagram

chat

**and a
cuppa**

For families supporting children on the autistic spectrum

Please come and join us on the
last Friday of the month
(term time only)
for a friendly cuppa and chat.

All families welcome, with or
without a diagnosis.

Upstairs in the Como Lounge
34 Market Square, Witney

9am - 10.30am

If you have any questions,
please email
chatandacuppa@yahoo.com

For more information, please message us:-

chatandacuppa@yahoo.com

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Carterton

DROP IN SESSIONS THURSDAYS

**Parents:
9:30-4PM**

**Young people:
4-6pm**

APCAM

Assisting Parents with Children Affected by Mental Health

**Carterton Family Centre
The Allandale
Carterton
OX18 3AA**

**apcamgroup.org.uk
info@apcamgroup.org.uk**

We usually meet on the above times each week but please do check our info/website before attending as occasionally we need to adjust our session times.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need support either via email info@apcamgroup.org.uk or come to our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/apcamgroup>

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Kingston Bagpuize



Squigglespace Parent Support group

A relaxed, inclusive space for parents navigating:

- ADHD / Autism / AuDHD
- EHCPs & school placements
- SEND processes
- Home life & emotional regulation
- Or simply needing a cuppa and 10 minutes peace

**No pressure.
No judgement.
Just parents who get it.**

You don't have to do this alone.

St John The Baptist Church, Kingston Bagpuize, OX13 5AZ

May 6th & 20th
June 3rd & 17th
July 1st, 15th & 29th

**Drop in anytime between
6.30pm-8.30pm**

*Stay for 10 minutes or the full two hours—
whatever you need.*

Tea & biscuits provided

**Come exactly as you are
No booking needed — just drop in.**

Hosted by Kirsty Marsh
Founder of SquiggleSpace
ADHD Coach | Sensory Needs Assessor |
Mum of four neurodivergent children

***Any questions please get in touch via email or
contact form on the website***



squigglespace09@gmail.com



www.squigglespace.co.uk

Real parents. Real conversations. Real understanding.

Contact Kirsty - squigglespace09@gmail.com

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Abingdon



Coffee Mornings

9:30-11:30 AM
TERM TIME



No need to book for our coffee mornings, just turn up!

UPCOMING DATES

22 MAY 2026
26 JUNE 2026
17 JULY



SOUTH ABINGDON ART & CULTURE PROJECT
UNIT 25, 25 BURY STREET ABINGDON, OX14 3QT

Community Support Evenings



SIGN UP TODAY



FIRST OR SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
ONLINE ON TEAMS
Registration Required



Community Support Evenings



UPCOMING DATES
ONLINE ON TEAMS

12 MAY 2026
9 JUNE 2026
7 JULY 2026



To book to attend any of the Community Support Evenings or to link in with us or any of our podcasts, please use the QR code on the poster or this link - [Neurodiverse Voices Connect](https://www.neurodiversevoicesconnect.org.uk)

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THE 'WANDERING MINDS' COLLECTIVE

**A NEW OXFORDSHIRE BASED
ADHD PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT GROUP**



**Next Parent
Carer meeting
Wednesday
13th May**

7PM-8.30PM

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE,
PLEASE USE THE LINK
OR SCAN THE QR CODE.**

**MONTHLY IN-PERSON MEETINGS FOR THE ADULT ADHD JOURNEY
AND FOR THE PARENT/CARER ADHD JOURNEY.**

MEMBERS-ONLY SOCIAL MEDIA GROUPS AND CHATS.

**TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AND REQUEST MORE DETAILS,
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE ADDRESS BELOW.**

[HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/THEWANDERINGMINDS](https://linktr.ee/thewanderingminds)



Image created by AI.

The parent/carer ADHD journey is for adults 18 years and over who are navigating life with diagnosed or undiagnosed ADHD. It is also for partners and close friends of adult ADHDers who are looking for ways to help and support their loved ones. We meet in Abingdon - full address on our website:- [ADHD PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT GROUP](#)

If you are interested in attending this support group, please book! You can do that by contacting us - <https://linktr.ee/thewanderingminds> or by scanning the QR code.

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Abingdon...

We work together with children, young people, parents, carers, schools and local organisations and support at home, school or in the local community.

Mental Health Natters

07960 727682

dani@mentalhealthnatters.org

www.mentalhealthnatters.org

We are a dedicated education and therapeutic team with both professional and lived experience of supporting families with additional needs, including mental health.

We offer;

- *1:1 mental health support for children and young people
- *1:1 tuition for children and young people
- *small groups for children and young people
- *parent and carer groups in Abingdon and Wantage
- *Arts Award Bronze sessions



mental health
natters

BECAUSE TALKING MATTERS

For more info, contact Dani on - dani@mentalhealthnatters.org OR go to our website - <https://www.mentalhealthnatters.org/young-people>

Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/mentalhealthnatters>

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Didcot

oxfsn Oxfordshire family
SUPPORT NETWORK

Perfect for
children
not yet
walking
0 - 6
years

The Nest Phoenix Rising

Fridays, Term-Time

10am to 1pm

Register HERE
or via website



Full list
of Dates
on our website
below


A SEND Play group for
pre-walking
children age 0 - 6 yrs.
No diagnosis necessary.

Baptist House,
Broadway
Didcot
OX11

- ♥ Weekly Topic, with specialist guests
- ♥ Switch toys and sensory play
- ♥ Run by parents like you

Join Now

 imogen.Liddell@oxfsn.org.uk

 www.cafelias.co.uk/pop-ups



Full dates, details, contacts and registration at www.cafelias.co.uk/

Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People

Didcot

Drop In Sessions



for family carers
looking for advice &
support

No booking required

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

May 14th 10.00 - 13.00

Some of the OxFSN team
will be available to answer
any questions you may
have.

June 2nd 12.00 - 15.00

July 2nd 10.00 - 13.00

July 15th 12.00 - 15.00

Sept 14th 10.00 - 13.00

Sept 30th 12.00 - 15.00

Oct 8th 10.00 - 13.00

Oct 22nd 12.00 - 15.00

Nov 3rd 10.00 - 13.00

Nov 18th 12.00 - 15.00

Dec 1st 10.00 - 13.00

Dec 16th 12.00 - 15.00

Jan 14th 12.00 - 15.00

Jan 26th 10.00 - 13.00

Feb 10th 10.00 - 13.00

Feb 24th 12.00 - 15.00

Where: OxFSN, Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, OX11 8XD

Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People

Didcot



Meet up on 1st & 3rd Friday of each month.
10am-11.30am. Please do come and join us!

Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot, OX11 7NE

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Benson

Do you have a child or adult with
special needs?

Come and join me for....

Coffee, cake & a chat



At BENSON Waterfront Cafe, OX10 6SJ at 1pm

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month

For more info ring Sally on 07854 800333

Creating community....



Neurodiverse Natters Chinnor

Neurodiverse Natters is a group ran by parents of ND Children offering support and information to other ND parents/carers.

Join us for a drink and chat

The Crown pub, Chinnor first Thursday of the Month

Crown Pub, Station Road, Chinnor
7th May, 6pm-8pm

If you're looking for a safe space to meet other likeminded parents/carers going through the same journey, then ND Natters could be the place for you

Email us at NeurodiverseNatters@outlook.com
for more information or follow us on Facebook
[@NeurodiverseNatters](https://www.facebook.com/NeurodiverseNatters)

For more info - NeurodiverseNatters@outlook.com or follow us on
Facebook - [@NeurodiverseNatters](https://www.facebook.com/NeurodiverseNatters)

Come join us...

Faringdon Town

Carers Community Vale of the White Horse

Sometimes when you are an unpaid carer, providing care for a loved one, you can feel so isolated and lonely and due to your caring duties, you can lose contact with friends who do not understand the restraints that being a carer can place on your life.

Having been an unpaid carer, looking after her youngest child for 23 years, who has a rare and complex metabolic condition, when Nicki moved to the Vale of the White Horse area, she became increasingly isolated and struggled to make friends in a new area as few people understood her son's complex health issues. In an attempt not to become totally distanced from the local community, together with her son Brandon, they volunteered at Watchfield Community Larder. However, Nicki was looking to find somewhere locally where she and Brandon could interact with people and gain support from companionship of other who understand what it is like to be an unpaid carer.

Consequently, with the help of two people who they had volunteered with in Wantage, Car and Ken, together with Leigh who had they met when she was running the Watchfield community larder, they established Carers Community Vale of White Horse. Nicki's other son, Bradley is also a Trustee as he has been a young carer to his sibling and continues to support his family, even though he is married and has moved from home. Thanks to Leigh, they are able to use St Alban's Church in Watchfield at no charge enabling the group to meet every Wednesday during term time from 12.30pm until 2.30pm. The Church has ample free parking and is close to the S6 bus route.

"Our Carers Community has been established to make a real difference to the lives of unpaid adult carers who live in the Vale of the White Horse," says Nicki. "We want to eliminate isolation and loneliness that many carers feel whilst providing information, support, and signposting to carers in a relaxed and familiar surroundings. Together we will help improve carers' lives by encouraging them to come along

and be part of a positive, proactive, considerate and supportive group of people. We will also seek to help carers develop skills and gain further experiences and insights that help us to support and empower others."

"Refreshments are complementary, and we hope others in similar situations will come along to get a change of scenery in a warm welcoming place where they can relax and socialise. We intend to invite guests to various additional events once a month like an Indian head massage, crafting, manicures. Speakers and guests are all dependent on members of the community joining us and funding. Unpaid carers can bring those adults that they care for too as the Church is all on the ground floor, with disabled toilets. We are very aware that many unpaid carers get very little, if any time to themselves, and we do not want this to be an obstacle for them in attending. It is not aimed at children, but if the carer of the adult has children under 18, they may come along too but remain their responsibility."

A committee member will be present at every event; all are DBS cleared and are easily recognisable, e.g. badge, lanyard, t-shirt. Tea, coffee and snacks will be available, donations welcome. You will need to show proof that you are an unpaid carer (annually) showing your address within the Vale of the White Horse and that you are in receipt of Carers Allowance or similar.

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St Alban's Church is located in Folly Crescent, Watchfield SN6 8SE
To find out more, please contact carerscommunityvowh@gmail.com



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This article is about an unpaid carers of adults peer support group that meets in St Alban's Church in Watchfield. The group meets in term-time on Wednesdays from 9.30am to 11.30am. For more info - carerscommunityvowh@gmail.com

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Wednesday 13th May

Time: 9:30am -11:30am



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Venue - The Sun Inn, Coate, Swindon, SN3 6AA

To book, please contact our Parent Carer Support Practitioner, Lorraine Kardasz, on 01793 531133 Option 2.