

Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People

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Welcome to the June Short Breaks Update

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Coming up...tennis, farm vehicles, Minecraft & Pokemon social clubs, talent night, relaxed museum openings, bricks, cinema, gaming, music & more...



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**** If you'd like to receive these newsletters, please email us! ****

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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**

 **oxfsn** Oxfordshire family
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 **CAFELIAS**
THE INCLUSIVE SUPPORTERS

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Drop In Sessions



for family carers
looking for advice &
support

No booking required

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[Redacted]

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

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Eynsham



**MEET & CREATE
CELEBRATING
SUMMER**

Every Tuesday
5:30-6:30

A creative social
for teens

Join us for a summer of
creative fun!

**SPECIAL OFFER
THIS TERM ONLY £10 EACH**

Art and friendship for teenagers every Tuesday at The Nook in Eynsham

Celebrating the summer with a very special offer! Try your first one for free and then join for the rest of the term for only £10 a session. Very small group, lots of summer art projects to choose from, kindness and fun guaranteed! No pressure, no judgement just an evening of creativity & friendship. Neurodivergent friendly.

For more info, contact - ali.thenook@gmail.com
<https://www.thenookoxfordshire.com/>

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**** For adults ****

A calm, inclusive space to just be.



CONNECTED COMMUNITIES FUND

CONNECT • UNWIND • PLAY

GAMES NIGHTS

A MONTHLY MEET-UP FOR NEURODIVERGENT ADULTS

OUR ORIGINAL VENUE

THE PRINCE OF WALES, IFFLEY

The Prince of Wales, Iffley, Oxford OX4 4EL

1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH!



COME AS YOU ARE. Always.

OUR NEW VENUE!

YARTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

1 Oxford Road, Yarnton, Kidlington, OX5 1PA

EVERY 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH!



FROM 7:30 PM
GAMES PROVIDED

DRINKS/SNACKS AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE

FIRST ONE ON THURSDAY 21ST MAY

FROM 7:30 PM
GAMES PROVIDED

DRINKS/SNACKS AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE

COME AS YOU ARE. Always.



CONNECT • UNWIND • PLAY



A calm, inclusive space



Games provided



Drinks/snacks available from the bar



Real people. Real connection.

COME AS YOU ARE. Always.

We Are Who We Are

A huge thank you to the Connected Communities Fund for supporting Neurodiuniverse and helping us continue creating inclusive community spaces like this.

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES FUND

neurodiuniverse@gmail.com

www.neurodiuniverse-wearewhoweare.co.uk



**For neurodiverse adults - come along and join us, all welcome!
Iffley - 1st Wed each month & Yarnton - 3rd Thurs each month.**

<https://www.facebook.com/Neurodiuniverse>

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OxFSN are able to run this event thanks to funding by the National Lottery Community Fund who have funded us to run Embolden 3



Roles and Responsibilities involved in managing your relatives finances

Thursday 4th
June 2026
10.00 am -
14.00 pm

About the Event

A free information event for all family or sibling carers to help them plan ahead for their relative with a learning disability and /or autism who need support to manage their finances.

We know many family carers worry about how their relative is going to manage their finances when they become an adult or they themselves are no longer able to support them.

At this event you will hear from key speakers who will talk about what steps you can take to start planning for the future to ensure that your relative is financially supported.

There will be the opportunity to ask questions & the speakers will be available throughout the event.

How will my relative's benefits or personal budget be affected if we want to leave money for them in a will?

I'm worried that the bank will think my relative is able to manage their own finances, even though I know they need support. How can I still be involved?

What if there is no family to support my relative with their finances when I am no longer around?

What is a discretionary or disabled persons trust? How do they work?

If my relative is able to do some work how will this affect their benefits?

You can register for your free space through [eventbrite](#) or by scanning the QR code.

Where:
Seacourt Hall,
3 Church Way,
Botley
OX2 9TH



Refreshments will be available but we will not be able to provide lunch

Questions? Contact Kathy on 07821 987080 or kathy.liddell@oxfsn.org.uk

<https://www.oxfsn.org.uk>



The event is free but you do need to book your place which can be done by scanning the QR code on the poster or through Eventbrite:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../roles-responsibilities...>

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 **COMMUNITY FUND**

 **oxfjn** Oxfordshire family SUPPORT NETWORK

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bi monthly across the year at the OxfSN Office. See the calendar on the website for dates and times

DROP IN SESSIONS

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGING FINANCES 4th June, 10.00 - 14.00 Information Event @Seacourt Hall, Botley

SIBLINGS PLANNING AHEAD 8th July, 19.00 - 20.30 Online Zoom event

MOVING INTO ADULTHOOD 16th July, 10.30 - 12.30 OxfSN Office

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN 29th September, 11.00 -13.00 Online Zoom event


THE ROUTE INTO SUPPORTED LIVING 10th November, 10.00 - 14.00 Information Event Didcot Civic Hall, Didcot

PERSON CENTRED PLANNING 17th & 19th November, 10.00 - 14.00 OxfSN Office
23rd & 25th February, 10.00 - 14.00 OxfSN Office

SUPPORTED LIVING 9th December, 19.00 - 21.00 Online Zoom Event

PLANNING AHEAD 12th January, 2027 10.00 -13.00 OxfSN Office

WILLS & TRUSTS 4th February, 19.00 - 20.30 Online Zoom event



To book, please go to our Eventbrite page:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/oxfordshire-family-support-network->

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WITNEY VIKINGS

FOOTBALL CLUB

INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL SESSIONS

12+

- ✓ FUN
- ✓ INCLUSIVE
- ✓ SUPPORTIVE
- ✓ FOR EVERYONE

FOOTBALL WITHOUT BARRIERS



WHO'S IT FOR?

- Boys & Girls aged 12+
- Children with additional needs (SEND)
- All abilities – beginners welcome

SESSION DETAILS

- 📍 Location: Witney ATP
- 📅 Date: Thursday 4th June
- 🕒 Time: 6-7pm

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Fun, relaxed sessions
- FA-qualified, inclusive coaches
- Small-sided games & activities
- Focus on enjoyment, confidence and teamwork

TASTER SESSIONS ARE FREE!

GET IN TOUCH!

- Contact: Steve
- Email: bott6@hotmail.com
- Phone: 07597 738367

- Find us on Facebook
- Follow us on Instagram

PLAY. BELONG. GROW. TOGETHER.

A collaboration with Springfield School and Oxfordshire FA. If sufficient take-up, will run for 4-6 weeks before a summer break. Hopefully restart in September for new season. For more info, please contact Steve on bott6@hotmail.com or phone 07597 738367.

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Adult Cooking Club

For adults aged 16+

£15 per session - 5:30pm-7:30pm - Dates on our online calendar



Learn everything from planning, preparing and cooking a lovely three course meal (plus you get to eat it!). Not forgetting the extras, like laying the table and of course, cleaning the dishes! Enjoyable life skills with other adults. Our cooking club is very popular and has been a fantastic social opportunity for disabled adults.

Booking is essential, please book on our website calendar:

www.thomley.org.uk/calendar/

Or, call: 01844 338380



Thomley

Next dates - Tuesdays 7th June & 9th July

To book, please visit our website:-

<https://thomley.org.uk/events/adult-cooking-club-11/>

If you'd like to know more about the sessions, please email us:-

bookings@thomley.org.uk

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Free SEND Tennis sessions

Excel Tennis Academy

Junior Tennis Sessions for children with SEND in years group 3 - 6

- ALL SESSIONS FREE!
- Low Coach-Pupil Ratio
- Groups for children in years 3 - 6
- No Membership Required



Working in partnership with the Tim Henman Foundation, we are really pleased to be bringing tennis sessions to the local community for children to access for FREE.

Summer Term 2026

Friday 17 April - Friday 10th July

4:45 - 5:45pm

Indoors - Windrush Leisure Centre - Witney

No Coaching During Half Term 25th - 29th May

Venue - Windrush Leisure Centre | Witan Way, Witney, Witney

Click here to book - [More info & booking](#)

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**LEARN.
PLAY.
TOGETHER.**

**TEN
PROJECT
OXFORD**



**INCLUSIVE
FREE TENNIS
COMMUNITY
FAMILY SESSIONS**

Free sessions in partnership with Bright Ideas for Tennis, designed for families as well as adults and children with learning, sensory and physical disabilities and for those experiencing mental ill health, however these sessions are open to everyone so please join us.

- ✓ FREE fun, game based tennis sessions
- ✓ Aimed at children aged 4 – 10 (not exclusively)
- ✓ Inclusive community family tennis sessions
- ✓ Parents/guardians to take part and help out
- ✓ All equipment provided
- ✓ All abilities welcome



WHERE? NORTH OXFORD LAWN TENNIS CLUB, OX2 8EQ
WHEN? EVERY FRIDAY 4.30 – 5.30PM
HOW? WWW.TENPROJECT.ORG.UK/BOOK

Started again on Friday 1st May 4.30pm-5.30pm at North Oxford Tennis Club, OX2 8EQ (near Cuttleslowe Park).

<https://www.tenproject.org.uk/book>

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Youth groups
for autistic
young people
without
intellectual
disabilities

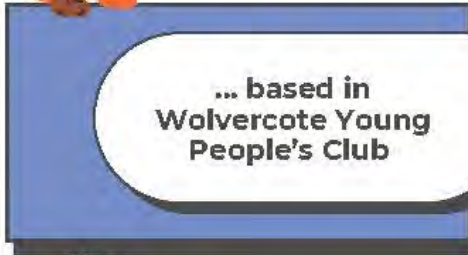
An inclusive space to
develop independence,
friendships & social
skills...



...run by a specialist,
experienced team providing
a safe, fun and structured
environment...



... based in
Wolvercote Young
People's Club



Juniors (8 - 12 years)
Saturdays
10:00am - 12:00pm



Seniors (13 - 17 years)
Fridays
6:30pm - 8:30pm



Contact us at
info@and-oxfordshire.co.uk

Wolvercote Young People's Centre, St Peter's Rd, Oxford, OX2 8AU.

Please email direct for more information:-

info@and-oxfordshire.co.uk

RELAXED MORNING OPENING

Saturday, 6 June 2026

9.00 - 10.00



At this accessible event we open an hour early, to enable visits from people who benefit from a calmer environment, including those on the autism spectrum.

Please visit our website for more details and to book your place. Spaces are limited. Joint event with Pitt Rivers Museum

oumnh.ox.ac.uk @MoreThanADodo



Museum of
**Natural
History**

University of Oxford

Tickets are FREE but due to limited numbers, you must book before visiting:-
[Relaxed Morning Opening | Oxford University Museum of Natural History](#)

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♥♥♥ SOCIAL ♥♥♥ MINECRAFT CLUB FOR KIDS

- Bring your own device, pull up a beanbag and play!
- Tea and biscuits for grown-ups



- For primary aged children (4-11)
- Adult-accompanied
- All neurotypes welcome!

- The Wolvercote Mill, Oxford, OX2 8FF
 - 10 - 11.30 am,
- 6th June, 2026.
- Booking essential (find us on [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk))



To book -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-minecraft-club-for-kids-tickets-1985990410780>

Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortbreaks to keep up to date with community short breaks for disabled children in Oxfordshire

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OPA PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAYS 2026

RAF Benson / Benson	Saturday 6 th June
RAF Brize Norton / Carterton	Saturday 13 th June
Vauxhall Barracks / Didcot	Saturday 20 th June
Wheatley & Holton	Saturday 4 th July
South Abingdon	Saturday 11 th July
Oxford - Cutteslowe	Saturday 18 th July
Oxford – Blackbird Leys	Tuesday 21 st July
Banbury – Peoples Park	Wednesday 22 nd July
Eynsham	Thursday 23 rd July
Bicester	Wednesday 29 th July
Henley	Thursday 30 th July
Faringdon	Friday 31 st July
Oxford - Rose Hill	Saturday 1 st August
Berinsfield	Tuesday 4 th August
Witney	Thursday 6 th August
Chipping Norton (mini Playday)	Tuesday 11 th August
Banbury – Princess Diana Park	Wednesday 12 th August

- These events are subject to Funding and Landowner Permissions
- ALL Events will offer both FREE Entrance and FREE Activities
- NO Childcare is provided, these are Family based events
- Individual event posters will be issued prior to each event
- Play Days will run from 11am until 3pm
- If you would like to be involved in any of these events to promote your organisation please e-mail martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk (NB: these are not for profit, Community events)



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

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Benson / RAF Benson Play & Activity Day

Saturday 6th June 2026—11am-3pm



Sunnyside,
Benson. OX10 6LZ



Smoothie Bike * DIY Face Painting * Fire Play * Brick Builders * Art Avalanche * Go Kart Party * Body Zorbing * Fabric Upcycling * Ride on Time * Community Albums * Bright Sparks Science * Oxford Uni Chemistry Outreach Team * SODC Active Communities Team and more...



Free Entrance & Free Activities for Families,
Children and Young People of all ages

Bringing Armed Forces Families
and Local Communities Together

No Childcare Is Provided —This Event will be Photographed
For Further Information Please Contact the Oxfordshire Play Association;
T = 07436 270267 / W = www.oxonplay.org.uk /
E = martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk



THE ARMED FORCES
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Millets Farm - Big Farm Vehicles Weekend supporting SSNAP

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th June, 10am-4pm

Looking for a brilliant family day out and a way to give back? This is the one!

Join us at Millets Farm for a fantastic Big Farm Vehicles Weekend packed with fun, laughter, and plenty of BIG machines for little (and big!) fans. Here's your sneak peek at just some of the vehicles joining us.

This event is raising money for SSNAP, a charity based in Oxford who support sick newborns, their parents and those that care for them; by providing emotional, medical, financial and informational support. Suggested entry donation of £2 per person. We'll also have stallholders for you to browse, Millets BBQ and refreshments available to purchase, hay bale mountain...plus a face painter, fairground rides, barrel train and quiz trail to complete!

Last year raised an amazing £9,737... let's beat it this year!

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

Young people, parents, friends, aunties, uncles - everyone is welcome! We meet on the first Sunday each month from 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.]

Also occasionally run at The Corn Exchange in Witney, please contact us for details:-

wegame@apcamgroup.org.uk

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The poster features a blue background with a green banner across the middle. At the top left is the 'Open Farm Sunday' logo, and at the top right is the 'Abingdon & Witney College' logo. The main text is centered, with a green banner containing 'OPEN FARM SUNDAY' in white. Below this, the date and time are listed in green. A red box on the right contains the text 'KIDS UNDER 3 FREE*'. Below the date and time, there are two boxes: a red one for 'Entry £3 per person' and a green one for 'Sat Nav: OX29 9UU'. A green banner at the bottom of the text area says 'Common Leys Farm | Hailey | Witney'. Below the text are four small photos: a red tent, people with a horse, a vintage tractor, and a person riding a white horse. At the bottom, a red ribbon says 'Make it simple - pay by cash'. Below that, text lists 'Hot food and drinks available' and 'Indoor and outdoor activities: Meet the Animals | Plant sale | Pony rides Face Painting | Vintage Tractors | Sheep shearing'. A small note at the bottom says '*Children under 3 free with a paying adult'.

Open Farm Sunday

Abingdon & Witney College

Common Leys Farm

OPEN FARM SUNDAY

Sunday 7th June
11:00am - 3:00pm

KIDS UNDER 3 FREE*

Entry £3 per person **Sat Nav: OX29 9UU**

Common Leys Farm | Hailey | Witney

Make it simple - pay by cash

Hot food and drinks available

Indoor and outdoor activities:
Meet the Animals | Plant sale | Pony rides
Face Painting | Vintage Tractors | Sheep shearing

**Children under 3 free with a paying adult*

Garden Opening for Flexicare



Sunday 7th June 1pm-5pm
10 Eynsham Road, Botley, OX2 9BP

Entrance - £7

Includes access to 5 gardens
under the National Garden Scheme

Teas, cake and sale of
plants in aid of Flexicare

Beautiful organic garden,
wildlife pond and bee
habitat

Disabled access (with car)



Your support raises funds for Flexicare, a charity providing a free, specialist sitting and support service for families with a severely disabled child across Oxfordshire. **Scan this QR code to donate**, or visit <https://flexicare.enthuse.com/donate#!>



FLEXICARE (OXFORD AND ABINGDON) REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172635

Visit this beautiful organic garden, wildlife pond and bee habitat. Teas, cake and sale of plants. Donations welcome to Flexicare, a charity providing a free, specialist sitting service for families with a severely disabled child across Oxfordshire. Disabled access (with car).

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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 Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu on Sunday 7th June at 11.00am in Didcot, High Wycombe, Milton Keynes, Swindon & Witney.
- * **The Light, Banbury** are showing a relaxed screening of K-Pop Demon Hunters - A Sing Along event at 10am on Sunday 14th June; Toy Story 5 showing from Fri 19th June - go to their website for dates & times to buy tickets. For more info - [Relaxed Screenings - Banbury - The Light](#).
- * **Odeon** haven't released what their autism friendly screening is yet but it's usually shown once a month at Aylesbury & at Milton Keynes Stadium. Tickets are usually bookable 5 days in advance. Need more info, call their helpline; 10am-5pm on 03330 151208.
- * **Showcase Reading** are showing a sensory friendly screening of The Amazing Digital Circus: The Last Act at 6.45pm on Sunday 7th June. Go to their website for info on other screenings:- <https://www.showcasecinemas.co.uk/sensory-friendly-screenings/>
- * **Picturehouse** - no listings yet for autism friendly screenings but you can contact them on:- [Picturehouse | Cinema Tickets | The Best Films And Events](#) to find out more.
- * **Vue** haven't released what their autism friendly screening is yet but it's usually shown on the last Sunday of each month at 10.30am. Tickets are usually bookable 5 days in advance and shown at Bicester, Oxford, Swindon & Reading.

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/>



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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-wearehoweare.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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oxfsn Oxfordshire family
SUPPORT NETWORK

MEET THE NEW LEARNING DISABILITY TEAM FROM OCC

Adult Learning Disability Team



Join us online for an opportunity to meet some of the new Adult Social Care Learning Disability Team. The team will explain their role, how they work, who they support, as well as provide information about available services and support. There will also be time to ask questions and find out more in an informal online session.

Sign up through eventbrite or by scanning the code.

JUNE 10

7:00 PM - 8.30 PM

www.oxfsn.org.uk.org

SCAN HERE



FREE but you must reserve a place - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-learning-disability-team-from-adult-social-care-tickets-1989672294393?>

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soundabout
make music change lives



INFORMATION EVENT

ONLINE



11 June, 6pm - 7pm



Online, via Zoom



Free to attend. Advance booking is essential



Book Now:

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/MeetSoundaboutOnline2026>

This June, there's another chance to join us for a FREE Online Information Event..

Whether you're completely new to Soundabout, or have already connected with some of our services or activities in the past - this is a chance to meet team members, ask your questions, discover more about our different services and resources, and explore the positive impact that our music making can have on the people you support.

This time around, we'll also be dedicating the second part of the session to answering any questions you may have about joining our Sounds Practice Training Programme 🍷 (find out more about Sound Practice here: <https://www.soundabout.org.uk/training/sound-practice/>)

[Soundabout - register for online information event - 11th June 26](#)

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SEND SUPPORT BANBURY LTD

FAMILY SEN SESSION!



**THURSDAY
12TH JUNE**



4.30PM – 6.30PM

Join us for our family SEN session – a relaxed and friendly space for families to connect, share, and access support and resources.

- ✓ Sensory play & activities
- ✓ Support & advice
- ✓ Meet other families
- ✓ A welcoming environment



**FIRST FLOOR,
4 PARSON STREET,
BANBURY, OX16 5LW**

*We look forward
to seeing you!*



**ALL
FAMILIES
WELCOME!**





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LEGO BRICK BASED CLUB



Build * Connect * Grow

Lego Brick Club is a fun and supportive space where creativity comes to life. Through Lego-based activities, young people are encouraged to build friendships, develop communication skills, and strengthen problem-solving abilities. All while enjoying the joy of building together.



- ✓ 9.30-am - 10.30am
- ✓ Saturday 13th, 20th & 27th of June & 4th of July
- ✓ Carterton Library
- ✓ £40 for all 4 sessions

More Information 

 01993 659025  www.rainbowtreespathway.co.uk

If there's enough interest, we'd love to continue the journey and extend Brick Club for a further 4 weeks.

To book, please reserve your spot via our website - <https://www.rainbowtreespathway.co.uk/workshops>

If you need more information please email hello@rainbowtreespathway.co.uk

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OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION



ARMED FORCES PLAYDAYS



RAF Brize Norton / Carterton Play & Activity Day

Saturday 13th June 2026, 11am – 3pm
Alvescot Road Recreation Ground
Carterton, Oxon. OX18 3BS

FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES



**Art Avalanche / Go Kart Party / Body Zorbing / Smoothie Bike /
DIY Face Painting / Ride on Time / Groovy Su / Bright Sparks Science /
Community Albums / OU Chemistry Outreach Team / Home Start /
WODC Active Communities / St Johns Church plus more!!**

Bringing Armed Forces Families and Local Communities Together

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bring a picnic.**

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Family BBQ and Play Day

A relaxed Father's Day celebration for families & carers
Sunday 14th June 2026, 11am-3pm



Come and join us between 11am and 3pm for a Family BBQ and play day at Thomley. You could use this to celebrate Father's Day, or just a day out with family!

Father's Day is a day that some of our families struggle to celebrate. So take advantage of our accessible, familiar venue and celebrate it here at Thomley with us!

We will hold some additional activities on the day which are optional to join in with, these include: garden games, giant football darts and arts & crafts. You can choose a main from the BBQ, three sides and a soft drink for £15. Desserts also available to purchase from the cafe. Those with a membership will eat for £7. Bookings close for this event on Saturday 13th June.

Please book by visiting our
online calendar, here:
thomley.org.uk/calendar/ **Thomley**



Book your tickets and join us for a relaxed inclusive day:-

<https://thomley.org.uk/events/fathers-day-stay-and-play/>

Yellow Submarine's Got Talent!



**4.30pm, Sunday 14th June
The Corn Exchange, Witney**

Come along to a joyous evening of unique entertainment from our members to help raise money for Yellow Submarine. From dancing to stand-up comedy, come and celebrate creativity, confidence, and talent in all its forms! We can't wait to show you what we can do!

Plus, there's even more to enjoy...including 🎁 Raffle prizes; 🍰 Refreshments (including our famous Life-Changing Bakes!); 🕺 An on-stage family disco afterparty!

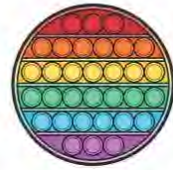
Limited tickets available so don't miss out and get yours now!

<https://zurl.co/wu1Gb>

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For adults (18+)...



POP Meetups 2026 *Pathways of Possibility*

These meetups will focus on communication and sensations. They will give people opportunities to interact with other people, stimuli, and the world around them. There will be different sensory activities each time with music, sounds, lights, and things to touch and feel. Sometimes there will be sensory stories or other activities.

For more info and to book on please contact Anita Powell -
apowell@styleacre.org.uk

Friday June 19th, 1.00 - 2.30

Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney

Monday July 20th, 10.30 - 12.00

Cornerstone, Didcot

Friday August 7th, 1.00 - 2.30

Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney

Monday September 14th, 10.30 - 12.00

Cornerstone, Didcot

Friday October 9th, 1.00 - 2.30

Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney

Monday November 16th, 10.30 - 12.00

Cornerstone, Didcot

Friday December 4th, 1.00 - 2.30

Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney

For more info or to book, please contact Anita Powell -

apowell@styleacre.org.uk

Support group for adult siblings of autistic people

Join our online sessions, 7pm - 8.30pm

- **17th June:** Demand avoidance and the PANDA method

Sign up →

Sibs sibs.org.uk/autismgroup

Being an adult sibling to an autistic person can bring a whole range of experiences, feelings and complexity to your life that it can be hard for others to relate to. Connecting with others who just 'get' what sibling life is like can help you to feel more confident and less isolated in your sibling role.

Sign up for our support group sessions at www.sibs.org.uk/autismgroup

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Saturday 20th June 2026 11.00am–3.00pm

Didcot / Vauxhall Barracks Play & Activity Day

Edmonds Park, Didcot, Oxon. OX11 8QX

FREE Entrance and FREE Activities for Children and Young People of all ages and their Families



**ARMED FORCES
PLAYDAYS play day**

Go Kart Party / Community Albums / Art Avalanche / Brick Builders / Ride on Time / Body Zorbing / Giant Bubbles / Smoothie Bike / DIY Face Painting / Fire Play / Bright Sparks Science / SOHA / Muddy Feet / Thames Valley Police / SODC Active Communities Team and more!!

Bringing Armed Forces Families and Local Communities Together Through Play

For further details please contact - Oxfordshire Play Association

Tel: 07436 270267 / www.oxonplay.org.uk / martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk

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POKÉMON CLUB!

FOR KIDS! OPEN TO EVERYONE

TIME:
10AM – 12PM

DATE:
21st JUNE

LOCATION:
UPPER HEYFORD READING ROOM

BATTLES, GAMES & FUN!

Contact: heyfordpokemon@proton.me

★ ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME! ★
★ ★ ADMISSION FREE ★ ★

Pokémon CLUB!

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PINEWOOD (WOKINGHAM) MINIATURE RAILWAY

www.pinewoodrailway.co.uk



Visit our railway and ride on steam and diesel trains at:
Pinewood Leisure Centre, Old Wokingham Road,
Wokingham, Berkshire. RG40 3AQ.



Open on the third Sunday of the month from March to October

Train rides from 1:30pm until 4pm

Running Days in 2026

June 21st

July 19th

August 16th

September 20th

October 18th

November 15th (from 11am until 3pm).

Santa Specials - December tba

For more information:

See our website: www.pinewoodrailway.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/PinewoodMiniatureRailway

Email: secretary@pinewoodrailway.co.uk

The railway is run and maintained entirely by volunteers, we welcome new members.
Contact the Secretary, or ask any member on running days.

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21st June 2026 14.30 – 16.30 (note date change)

@ WALLINGFORD SPORTS PARK PAVILION,

HITHERCROFT ROAD, WALLINGFORD, OX10 9RB

£5.00 per music club member & £3.00 siblings or £10.00 per family

£10 non members & £5 a sibling

REFRESHMENTS/ RAFFLE AVAILABLE

GUEST Andy Fowler drumming & circus skills



www.music4disabledchildren.org.uk

Contact Julie Hinton 07946648002

For more info - www.music4disabledchildren.org.uk or
contact Julie Hinton on 07946 648002

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Swings & Smiles, Thatcham



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

Nexus (The Waterside Centre) After School Club

Wednesdays for ages 14 -19; 3.30pm to 5.30pm; £20. 48 weeks of the year.

This group is aimed at young people who attend a special needs school or resource unit, that are able to communicate their needs to the staff and use the toilet independently. The group aims to give young people the opportunity to find common interests with like-minded peers, form friendships and have fun together.

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 9+ - Thursday 6pm – 7.30pm

Accessible Climbing Dates – for children aged 10+ (The Waterside Centre, Newbury, RG14 1DS)

15th Aug; 26th Sept; 17th Oct; 21st Nov & 19th Dec. Session - £10/child.

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. Season runs Sept-end May each year.

Fundraising Events

We have several fun activities for fundraising. Check out our current planned events here:-

<https://www.swingsandsmiles.co.uk/events>

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

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Online information sessions for parents & carers on
“Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)”
will be held on:-

Tuesdays 23rd June & 14th July
12.00pm-1.30pm

“Applying for an EHCNa” - upcoming online information sessions covering everything you need to know about applying for an Education, Health and Care Needs assessment (EHCNa) will be held on:-

Wednesdays 24th June & 16th July
12.00pm – 1:30pm

Please email sendiass@oxfordshire.gov.uk to register!

These are FREE sessions but you do need to book.

Information and guidance, along with our form to access support can also be found on the SENDIASS website: <https://www.sendiass-oxfordshire.org.uk>

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!.....

**OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION AND WHEATLEY
PARISH COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENT...**

WHEATLEY & HOLTON PLAY & ACTIVITY DAY



SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026 – 11AM TO 3PM

**FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES – FUN FOR
ALL THE FAMILY AND FOR ALL AGES**

**Go Kart Party * Tricky Trails Biking * Body Zorbing * Junk Modelling with Art
Avalanche * Ride on Time * Bright Sparks Science * Fire Play * DIY Face Painting *
Home Start * Giant Bubbles * Community Albums * Smoothie Bike * Muddy Feet *
Fabric Upcycling * OU Chemistry Outreach * SODC Active Communities and more!**

**WHEATLEY AND HOLTON PLAYING FIELDS, OPPOSITE
WHEATLEY PARK SCHOOL. HOLTON. OX33 1QG**

**Please be advised that NO childcare is provided at the event and this event will be
photographed. There is Disabled Parking ONLY on site but limited parking is
available opposite the venue at Wheatley Park School. Food will need to be
purchased or do feel free to bring a picnic – Contact – 07436 270267 /**

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5TH JULY 2026 • WINDSOR GREAT PARK

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ANIMAL KINGDOM / ARTS & CRAFTS
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START TOGETHER. FINISH WHENEVER WALK, RUN OR ROLL WITH NO CUT OFF TIMES. MOBILITY AIDS & ASSISTANCE ANIMALS WELCOME
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FOR ALL SENSORY ATHLETES TO EXERCISE THEIR SENSES OVER A SERIES OF FUN ACTIVITIES

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To book tickets, go to - <https://www.parallellifestyle.com/windsor2026>

Have a Go! Festival

FREE ENTRY!

Thursday 9th July

Adult Learning Disability Event

Come along and have a go for free!

Free tasters in football, cycling, dance, cricket, boccia, tennis and much more!

Horspath Athletics Track, Oxford
OX4 2RR

Come down to the 12th annual
Have a Go Festival
10:00 - 14:00

For more information contact
Hannah Osman
Hannah.Osman@Oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

NHS Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust **Active** Oxfordshire

<https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/are-you-ready-to-have-a-go-this-july/>

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SOUTH ABINGDON PLAY AND **ACTIVITY DAY 2026**

LADYGROVE MEADOW, DRAYTON ROAD,
ABINGDON. OX14 5HX

SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026
11AM UNTIL 3PM



Go Kart Party * Community Albums * Art Avalanche * Giant Bubbles * Smoothie Bike * DIY Face Painting * Churches Together In Abingdon * Ride on Time * Active Communities Team * Fabric Upcycling * Fire Play * Body Zorbing * Tricky Trails Biking * Bright Sparks Science * Muddy Feet, Library Service and more!!

BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER THROUGH PLAY

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The popular Oxford Brick Festival is back in July 2026 & tickets are available now!

The Brick Festival celebrates all things LEGO! With amazing creations to see, activities and competitions to take part in and traders selling rare, retired and new sets, loose bricks and minifigures & accessories plus a dedicated building area, it's a fun day out for fans of all ages.

Early Entry is from 10am; £13 per person. Early Entry includes an exciting extra hour of LEGO fun and a free LEGO gift for every Early Entry ticket holder!

Standard Entry is from the time indicated in the ticket description; Adults £8, Children £6, Family Ticket (2 Adults, 2 Children) £20. Under 5s gain admission for free (they DO NOT need a ticket) with a paying adult.

Carers do not require a ticket, they gain free entry with a ticket holder who requires assistance.

Please note: Only *Early Bird Entry* gains access from 10am. All *Standard* tickets gain entry to the show from the time indicated in the ticket description.

Book your tickets now to guarantee your preferred time slot....

Saturday 11th July 2026; 10am-4pm

The King's Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX2 0ES

Tickets - www.OxfordBrickFestival.com

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Saturday 18th July 2026 - 10am-9pm
Accessible Music Festival for the whole community - with food, drink & activities

Thomley's festival is an opportunity for the whole community to experience the best of all the local festivals. We will have hot food vendors, horsebox bar, live local bands on stage plus the best Thomley activities 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! Camping pitches available to book for the night before and night of the festival.

BOOK HERE: <https://thomley.org.uk/events/accessival-festival-2026/>
Would you like to volunteer on the day? Please get in touch if you can help: fundraising@thomley.org.uk

BOOK TICKETS: <https://thomley.org.uk/events/accessival-festival-2026/>

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Relaxed Opening at the History of Science Museum

Explore a quieter museum



Created for neurodivergent and SEND visitors and those with sensory processing differences



Pick up an activity backpack at the Welcome Desk




All ages welcome

Join our next session!



Email Helen to book: learning@hsm.ox.ac.uk

 Please check the website before you visit for the latest information.

More events:



HISTORY OF SCIENCE MUSEUM



Please book by emailing:- learning@hsm.ox.ac.uk

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BLACKBIRD / GREATER LEYS PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAY 2026

TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2026—11AM UNTIL 3PM
FRYS HILL PARK, GREATER LEYS,
OXFORD. OX4 7WQ
FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES!!



Go Kart Party, Junk Modelling with Art Avalanche, Body Zorbing, Ride on Time Toddler Vehicles, DIY Face Painting, Smoothie Bike, Fabric Upcycling with Groovy Su, Tricky Trails Biking, Brick Builders, Oxford University Chemistry Outreach Team, Home Start Oxford, Community Albums, Bright Sparks Science and more!!

BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH PLAY

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THE OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS...

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EYNSHAM PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAY 2026



THURSDAY 23RD JULY – 11AM TO 3PM

**FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES – FUN
FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND FOR ALL AGES**

Go Kart Party * Body Zorbing * Junk Modelling with Art Avalanche * Smoothie Bike
* DIY Face Painting * Giant Bubbles * Ride on Time Toddler Vehicles * Tricky Trails
Biking * Fire Play * Muddy Feet * Community Albums * Bright Sparks Science *
WODC Active Communities Team * Home Start and more!

**OXFORD ROAD PLAYING FIELD (PAVILION
SIDE), EYNSHAM, OXON. OX29 4HG**

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THE OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS...

HENLEY PLAY & ACTIVITY DAY 2026



THURSDAY 30TH JULY 2026 - 11AM TO 3PM

FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND FOR ALL AGES

*** DIY Face Painting * Smoothie Bike * Junk Modelling with Art
Avalanche * Ride on Time Toddler Vehicles * Go Kart Party * Giant
Bubbles * Brick Builders * Body Zorbing * Fabric Upcycling with Groovy
Su * SODC Active Communities Team * Community Albums * Bright
Sparks Science and More!**

**MAKINS RECREATION GROUND, GREYS ROAD,
HENLEY, OXON. RG9 1TE**

Please be advised that NO childcare is provided at the event and this event will be photographed. Food will need to be purchased although you are more than welcome to bring a picnic. There is NO parking on site

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Listening Learning Leading



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FARINGDON PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAY



FRIDAY 31ST JULY 2026 – 11AM TO 3PM

**FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES – FUN
FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND FOR ALL AGES**

BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH PLAY

* Body Zorbing * Bright Sparks Science * Giant Bubbles * Junk Modelling with Art Avalanche * DIY Face Painting * Smoothie Bike * Go Kart Party * Ride on Time Toddler Vehicles * Fabric Upcycling with Groovy Su * Community Albums * Homestart * Active Communities Team and more!

**FARINGDON TOWN FC, TUCKER PARK, PARK
ROAD, FARINGDON, OXON. SN7 7BP**

Please be advised that NO childcare is provided at this event and Parents are responsible for their Children at all times / This event will be filmed and photographed / There is Disabled parking only on site / Hot Food, Ice Cream and Refreshments will be available to be purchased or please do feel free to bring a picnic

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CHILDREN'S COURSE:

Learn to Ride a Bike

THIS COURSE IS SUITABLE FOR:

Children with motor co-ordination difficulties (DCD/dyspraxia) aged 7-16 years who have struggled to learn to ride a two-wheeled bike.

The course includes up to 12 children, so it is only suitable for children who do not have behavioural or emotional difficulties that would impact on their ability to work in a group setting and with different volunteers helping them learn to ride during the course.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The course takes place indoors, in a large event space. See this link to the '[Learn to Ride a Bike](#)'* video that we made a few years ago that shows our approach.

COST?

The course is free of charge to participants.

WHO RUNS THE COURSE?

Mainly experienced volunteers, with leadership from the Fire Service (who are responsible for road safety in Oxfordshire), in collaboration with Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, Oxford Brookes University, and the Oxford Dyspraxia Foundation group.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Children on the course must bring their own bike and helmet and be accompanied by an adult at all times.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKING

Email: learntrabike@gmail.com



Next date:

Mon 3rd to Fri 7th August 2026

(1-2 hours every morning)

Venue:

MINI Plant Visitor Centre,
Cowley, Oxford, OX4 6NL
(Free parking in MINI Plant car park)



*Learn to Ride a Bike video
QR Code and webpage
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZ6BHC-W5Q0



To secure a place, please email - learntrabike@gmail.com

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Save the Date

12 SEPTEMBER 2026



**** SAVE THE DATE ****

**We're starting to put plans in place for our 2026 Regatta.
Put the date in your diary - it is slightly later this year...
12th September 2026.**

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ONLINE PRESENTATION....

....BY THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN

Hear directly from the Office of the Public Guardian who will be joining us for an online presentation to speak about a number of topics including:-

- DEPUTYSHIP
- LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY COVERING
- HEALTH AND WELFARE
- PROPERTY AND FINANCE

The Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) helps people in England and Wales to stay in control of decisions about their health and finance and make important decisions for others who cannot decide for themselves.

This is always a good opportunity for anyone not sure if they need to go down the deputyship route to hear directly from them and ask any questions you may have.

Booking is essential. You can secure your space by scanning the QR code or visiting www.ticketsource.co.uk/oxfordshire-family-support-network

**TUESDAY
29TH SEPTEMBER 2026
11:00AM - 12:30 PM**

For more information email kathy.liddell@oxfsn.org.uk

WWW.OXFSN.ORG.UK

If your relative with a learning disability is unable to make decisions about their health or finances, you may need to consider legal support. Some of the things they will cover include:

When to apply for a Lasting Power of Attorney; How to become a deputy through the Court of Protection and the responsibilities involved in each role.

You may not always need formal legal arrangements but understanding your options helps you make the right decisions to support and protect your relative's future.

This will be an online event. The event is free but booking is essential. You can do this by scanning the QR code or booking through eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../office-of-the-public...>