



Shropshire Parent Carer Council Monthly Newsletter. June 2024

Welcome to PACC's monthly newsletter.

If you have any questions or require any further information,
please email:



info@paccshropshire.org.uk



Supporting Families to Co-produce with Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery



On Saturday 8th June PACC supported SEND families from our Buddies Network to participate in two workshop sessions to co-create ideas for SM&AG future development. The sessions were introduced as 'helping to redesign the Museum' and offered 'hands-on sessions to explore the museum and share what you want to see there in the future'. The PACC workshops were part of a wider engagement programme by SM&AG, working with a range of children and young people.

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Shropshire Community Health Trust



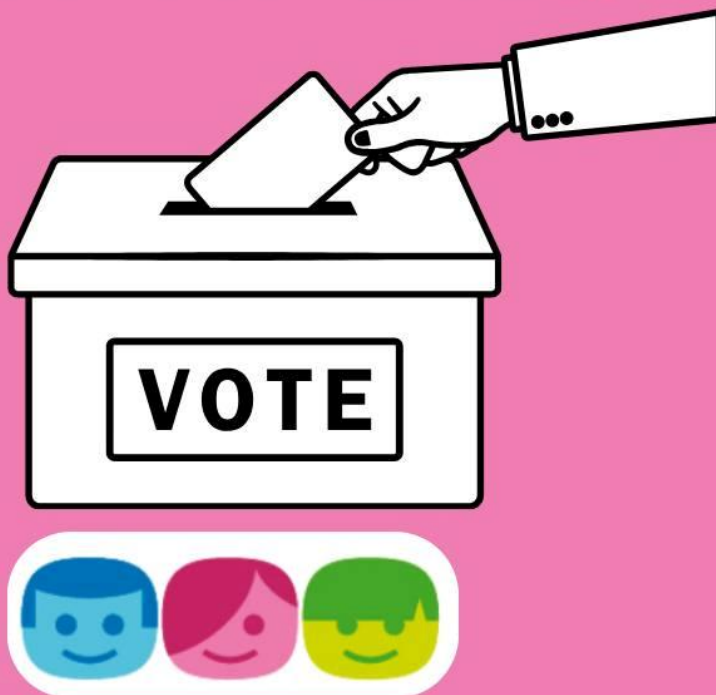
Shropshire Community Health Trust have been working on improving their website and have recently uploaded some videos to their training and resources section. These videos explore the identification of, and support available for, a variety of Speech and Language Disorders, Communication Needs, and other concerns that may impede speech, language, and communication development. While they seem to be targeted at practitioners working with children, these videos are also suitable for Parent Carers and other trusted adults that may benefit from having a better understanding of these topics. To see the range of resources available, please click on the link. We would welcome feedback on how helpful the resources are, if there are topics you feel may be useful to include, or extra resources needed, please let us know so that we can feed this back to the Speech Language and Communication working group.

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Your Vote Matters

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Information about voting for
the SEND community



Voting for those in the SEND Community can be tricky. Information is available from a number of places. Please see the links to find something that's helpful to you and your family:

<https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/.../voting.../>

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

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/accessible-voting-for-all>

Surveys



PACC regularly share surveys to collect feedback from the SEND community. Below are links to active surveys created by PACC or surveys that influence the wider SEND system

PACC Survey: Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Survey

PACC are currently collecting feedback of EHCP experiences in Shropshire. Your feedback will help us to ensure that we are accurately championing the voice of the SEND community on this topic.

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PACC Survey: EHCP- Named school placement

PACC are currently collecting feedback around the number of children and Young people in Shropshire who do not have a named education provision on their EHCP for September. We will use this information to inform the discussion we are having with Shropshire Council about the importance of completing Section K of an EHCP.

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PACC Survey: Mad, Sad, Glad Survey

We need Shropshire Parent Carers to tell us what makes you Mad, Sad and Glad about your lives caring for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs. Your snapshots of family life and family issues are valuable as they give an appraisal of what may have been disappointing, frustrating or positive about services and service delivery

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Carers UK's State of Caring survey 2024 out now

Carers UK need to hear from as many carers as possible to help shape their future policy and campaign work. Take their survey and tell us what needs to be done.

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Are you on the PACC mailing list?

As well as sending a monthly newsletter, we send out useful information of all things SEND in Shropshire!

[READ MORE](#)

Click 'read more' to join!





Each month, we will be shining a spotlight on a child or young person in our SEND community.

This month meet Jacob!

Hi, my name is Jacob and I am 13 years old. I attend Overley Hall School and stay there with my friends but I love spending time with my Mummy and family.



I have a keen interest in animals and love to feed and pet animals, as well as going to Dudley Zoo with Mummy to see my favourite - the giraffes but I also like to ride on the Land Train. I enjoy exploring and am very active - swimming is my favourite activity and I am a very strong swimmer. Last Summer I went with my friends from Overley on an adventure break to Calvert Lakes where I had a go at canoeing, wild water swimming and gorge walking.

I have recently started attending Junior Buddies and have tried bowling and meet up with my best friend from Severndale - Edward. Mummy and I have also been on family walks to Attingham Park with the Buddies Social Network Group.





**FRIENDS OF
SEVERNDALE**

SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY

13th July

11:00AM UNTIL 1:00PM

**GAMES, STALLS, LIVE MUSIC, BOUNCY CASTLE
& LOTS OF FUN!!**

SEVERNDALE SPECIALIST ACADEMY
WOODCOTE WAY, SHREWSBURY, SY2 5SH

Internship opportunities at RAF Cosford!

Aged between 18 and 24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?

We are offering 8 fantastic internship opportunities for young people in Shropshire



SHREWSBURY COLLEGES GROUP



Get the *free* LEGO® Life Magazine

Perfect for kids aged 5-9, this printed magazine is sent directly to your home four times a year. Completely free of charge.

Sign up now to receive the next issue in November 2024.

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What education options are there?

What is Preparation for Adulthood

What happens at a Year 9 Annual Review?

How can we access social opportunities?

Does anything change in Health Services?



Contact A PACC Preparation for Adulthood Navigator Today!

What can I speak to a Navigator about?

- Further education
- Education, Health and Care Plans
- Annual Reviews
- Activity Plans
- Finances and Benefits
- Employment and Volunteering
- Annual Health Checks
- Staying Healthy
- Mental Health Support
- Being Part of the local community
- Housing Options
- Support for Parent Carers

For more information, or to arrange a Teams call, email:

Abi@paccshropshire.org.uk

Summer Holiday Fun and Food in Shropshire

Book Now!

Spaces are available on the Summer HAF programme.

Over the summer holidays, eligible children and young people aged 4 (reception class age) to 16, are invited to attend free holiday clubs happening at over 40 venues from across the county.

To find out more please go to:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf

Shropshire
HAF
Holiday Activities and Food



My **ASPIRATIONS**

Cherry Lodge Open Days

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th
July 2024

10:00am - 14:00pm both days

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST OPEN DAY SINCE
OPENING IN SEPTEMBER!
ATTEND OUR OPEN DAY, EXPLORE THE SITE AND SEE
WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE!

WWW.MYASPIRATIONS.CO.UK
FACEBOOK - MY ASPIRATIONS CHERRY LODGE
CHERRY LODGE, BERRIEWOOD LANE,
CONDOVER, SY5 7BY
PLEASE CONTACT OLIVIA - 01743 626116
OR HELLO@MYASPIRATIONS.CO.UK
BOOKING A SLOT IS REQUIRED!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR SECOND OPEN DAY!
DON'T MISS OUT, SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER
AND EXPLORE THE SITE FIRSTHAND!

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WILLOW LODGE OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2024
10:00AM - 14:00PM

WILLOW LODGE, TILSTOCK CRESCENT, SUTTON FARM,
SY2 6HW

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Coffee/Tea & Chat Shifnal

- Shropshire Council Residents

Monday 15th July
10:30am



Join us for a free in-person session to meet a member of the AWM team, other parents and a member of the BeeU autism assessment team will be joining us to chat and answer questions!

Please book a space so we know how many to expect.

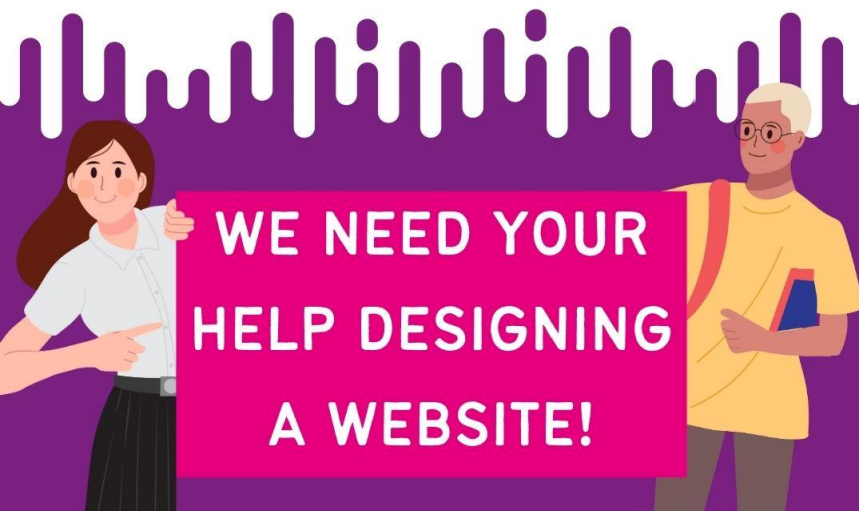
This session is open to parents and carers of children in the Shropshire Council area only.

**Special
Guest:
BeeU**

📍 **St Andrew's Church,
Church Street,
Shifnal TF11 9AB**

If you have any questions, please email
shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE..



Young People's Local Offer

The Shropshire Local Offer have been working with young people to develop a Local Offer specifically for young people themselves. Their website would contain information about having fun, keeping healthy, staying safe, as well as information on preparing for adulthood, such as work and where to live.

They are keen for young people to continue to produce their site and to now have a voice on the design of the site, and wondered if you would be able to help them to gather their views?

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Deafblind Awareness Week



24th - 30th June is Deafblind Awareness Week!

Deafblindness is a combined sight and hearing impairment which affects over 450,000 people in the UK. It doesn't always mean no sight or hearing, although for some people this is the case. Deafblindness affects everyone differently, some people need to make small changes to the way they go about everyday life and some people will rely on others for communication and getting about.

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HEALTHY LIVES



PROGRAMME

Information & Support | Influence & Change

Have you registered for this year's Healthy Lives Programme?

We still have a number of spaces Available!

Family Activities – For ages 0–13, siblings and Parent Carers
Including Tennis, Cycling, Soft-Play, Sensory Disco

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!

14–25 year old Activities – building confidence and Independence
Including drumming, arts and crafts, independence workshops, CPR lessons and soft-play

Activities for Young people with complex needs
Including Sensory Story time, Sensory music and 1:1 trampolining

THE INCLUSIVE
COMMUNITIES FUND



Funded by
UK Government

Commonwealth Games
Legacy Fund



West Midlands
Combined Authority

heart of england
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



UNITED BY 2022
LEGACY CHARITY

Are you a Parent Carer of a Child/ Young Person with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities, living in Shropshire? Are you looking for activities over the summer holidays? Register for the PACC Healthy Lives Programme now!

Healthy Lives offers a variety of activities to support physical and mental wellbeing, providing young people with SEND with opportunities to catch up with friends and be active. Sessions are available for young people aged 14 – 25 years, families and for those with complex needs.

Spaces are going fast, so get in touch today to find out more!

[READ MORE](#)



**Activities for
children with
SEND**



**Have fun
Make friends
Be active**

Find out more, visit
www.actio.org.uk

*Must be an All In
Member*



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