

Walsall SEND Service Communications



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WELCOME TO THE WALSALL SEND SERVICE AUTUMN TERM 1 COMMUNICATIONS

These communications are designed for parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Here, we share important updates, celebrate successes, and highlight opportunities for you to engage with and shape SEND services in Walsall. We are committed to working together to improve support, services, and outcomes for children and young people with SEND. Your voice matters, and we welcome your feedback and involvement.

ARE YOU ON OUR MAILING LIST?



Stay up to date with the latest SEND news, updates, and events in Walsall by joining our mailing list. If you are not already receiving our emails, please contact: localoffer@walsall.gov.uk

YOUTH SUMMIT

This year's Youth Summit, themed "Include Me", brought together children and young people from across Walsall to share their experiences of SEND and help shape future services.

Organised by the Youth Offer Apprentices and young people from the Our Space youth group, the event was planned and delivered with young people at its heart, providing a platform for their voices, ideas and lived experiences to be heard.



Through a range of interactive workshops and activities, attendees explored what inclusion means to them, what helps young people succeed in education, and how schools, services and communities can become more welcoming and accessible. More information about Our Place can be found in the Child/Young Person opportunities here: [OurPlace](#)

LOCAL OFFER PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD UPDATES

We have recently updated the Preparation for Adulthood section of the Local Offer, following valuable feedback from children and young people, parents, carers, and partners across the SEND Partnership.

We have worked hard to ensure this section reflects the Walsall offer and provides helpful, accessible information to support children and young people as they prepare for adult life.

One of the highlights of this work is the contribution from the Youth SEND Forum, who have created a series of videos that feature throughout the section.

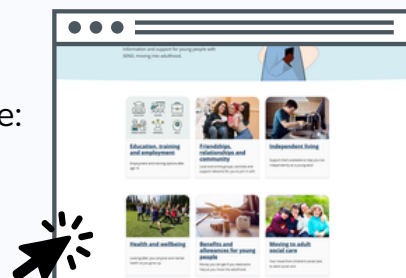


A key message from the feedback we received was: "Talk to us, not about us" and "Use more visuals and videos to help us understand." The updated wording and videos help us do exactly that, ensuring young people are at the heart of the information.

We are incredibly proud of the time, effort and creativity the young people have put into this project, and we would like to thank them for helping to shape a resource that is truly informed by lived experience.

You can explore the updated Preparation for Adulthood section here:

<https://send.walsall.gov.uk/preparing-adulthood>



EHC DECISIONS PARENT/CARER DROP INS

Book a slot to talk with a member of the SEND Team about a recent EHC decision.

These informal sessions are for parents and carers who have recently received an EHC-related decision. We'll help you understand the decision, answer your questions, explain next steps, and signpost you to further support.

Suitable for discussions about:

- EHC Needs Assessment requests and decisions
- EHCP issue decisions
- EHCP amendments and annual review outcomes



Please note: These sessions are not an appeal process. We cannot change decisions, accept new evidence, or provide legal advice during the session.

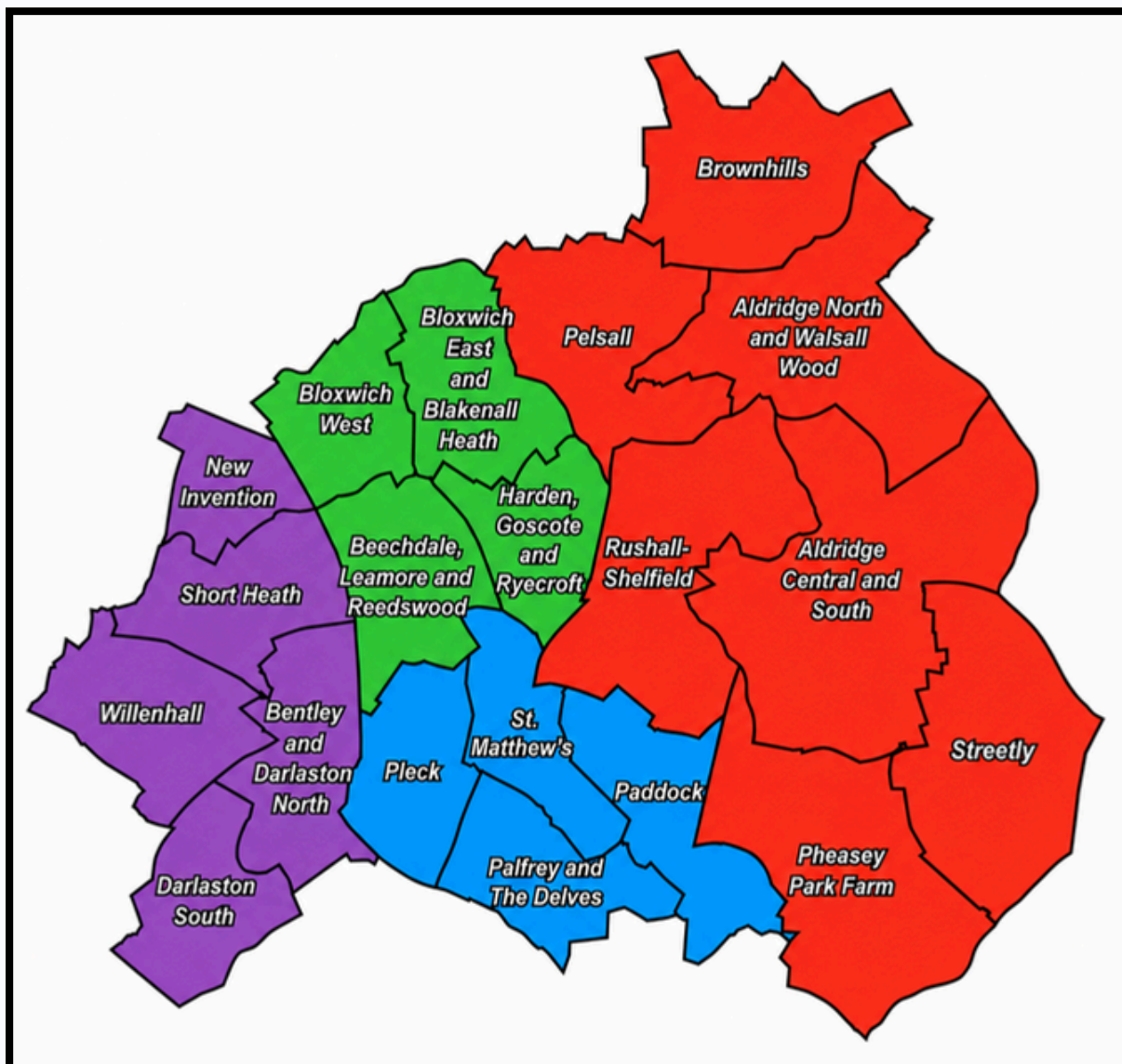
Slots can be booked via Eventbrite: [Walsall SEND Local Offer](#)



UNDERSTANDING YOUR WALSALL WARDS & LOCALITIES

There are 4 localities in Walsall. The North, East, South and West. Within these localities there are wards. There are 20 wards within Walsall.

North	
East	
South	
West	



Here is a list which locality each ward sits in

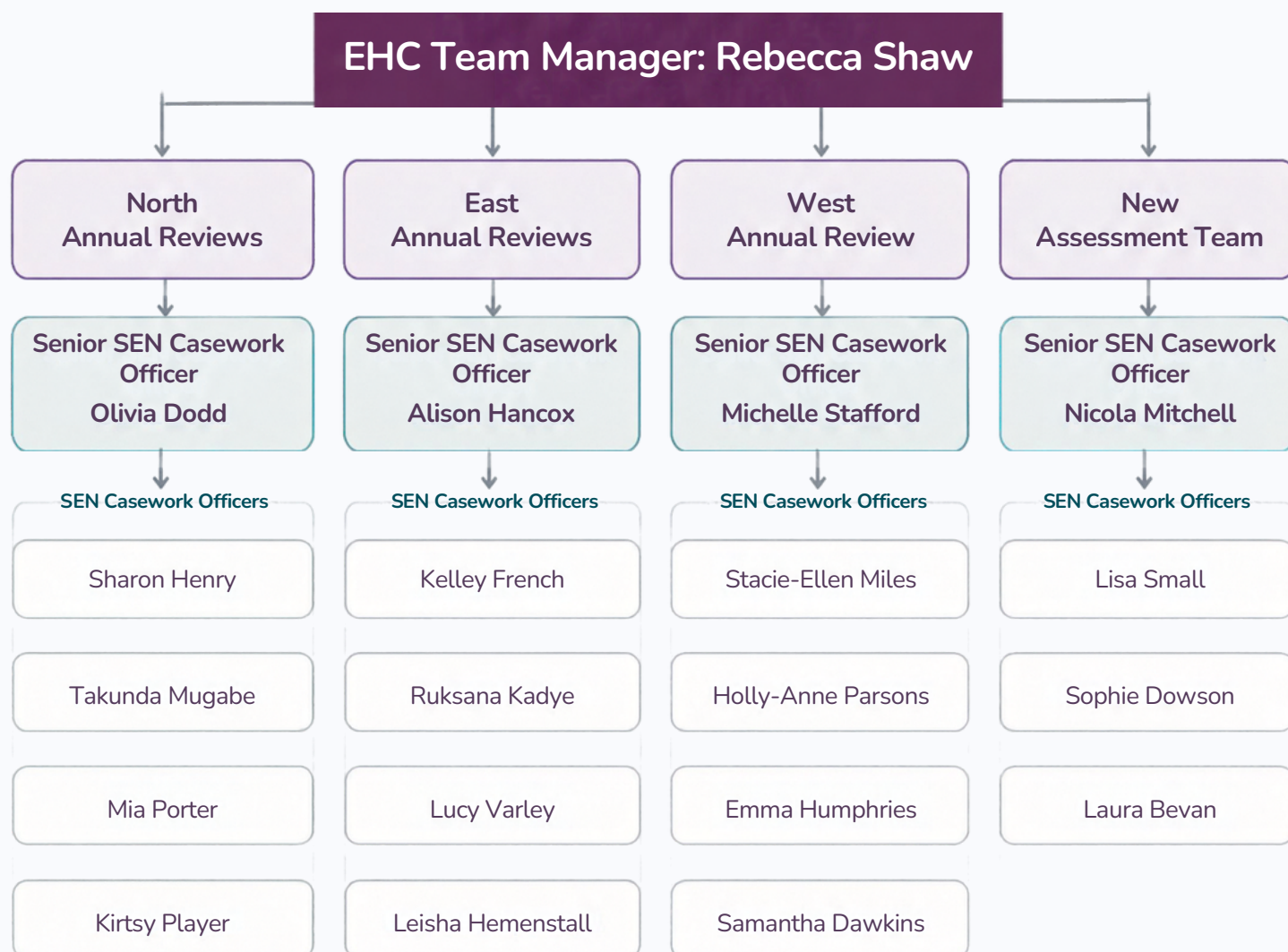
North	East	South	West
Beechdale, Leamore & Reedswood	Aldridge Central & South		Bentley & Darlaston North
Bloxwich East & Blakenall Heath	Aldridge North & Walsall Wood		Darlaston South
Bloxwich West	Brownhills	Paddock	New Invention
Harden, Goscote & Ryecroft	Pelsall	Palfrey & The Delves	Short Heath
	Pheasey Park Farm	Pleck	Willenhall
	Rushall - Shelfield	St Matthew's	
	Streetly		

SEN CASEWORK OFFICER ASSIGNMENT

The EHC Team is made up of two teams: one supporting new EHC assessments and another managing annual reviews.

Annual Review Casework Officers are assigned to specific Walsall wards and work within locality teams, each supported by a Senior SEN Casework Officer. Please see the list below for ward allocations.

Please note that staffing may change from time to time due to role changes, absence, or leave, and updates will be provided where needed.



CONTACTING THE EHC TEAM

For SEND enquiries, please email SEN@walsall.gov.uk and your query will be directed to the appropriate team member. We aim to respond within 5 working days.

Alternatively, call [01922 652871](tel:01922652871) and the admin team will arrange for your SEN Casework Officer to contact you during their allocated communication time.

If your enquiry is urgent, please let us know when you get in touch so we can explore whether another member of the team can assist sooner.

SEN CASEWORK OFFICER WARD ASSIGNMENT

North Locality

Beechdale, Leamore & Reedswood	Bloxwich East & Blakenall	Bloxwich West	Harden, Goscote & Ryecroft
Sharon	Mia	Kirsty	Takunda

East Locality

Aldridge Central & South	Aldridge North & Walsall Wood	Brownhills	Pelsall	Pheasey Park Farm	Rushall Shelfield	Streetly
Kelley	Leisha	Leisha	Kelley	Ruksana	Ruksana	Lucy

South Locality

Paddock	Palfrey & The Delves	Pleck	St Matthew's
Kelley / Lucy / Ruksana	Lucy	Stacie-Ellen / Holly-Anne / Emma	Kirsty / Mia

West Locality

Bentley & Darlaston North	Darlaston South	New Invention	Short Heath	Willenhall
Emma	Holly-Anne	Samantha	Samantha	Stacie-Ellen

Please note that, due to the South locality in Walsall being smaller than the other localities, SEN Casework Officers from the North, East and West teams share responsibility for this area.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHAPE SEND SERVICES IN WALSALL



Next Forum

Date: **Tuesday 10th November**

Time: **5:30pm - 6:30pm**

Where: **Online Via MS Teams**

Do you know a child or young person in Year 4 or above with SEND who wants their voice heard?

The Youth SEND Forum is a fantastic opportunity for them to share experiences, influence decisions, and help shape SEND services in Walsall.

Are you passionate about making a difference for children and young people with SEND? We're looking for more parents and carers to join our Parent Partnership Group.

This group meets every **4 weeks**, either online via MS Teams or in person, to discuss a variety of topics and share ideas that help shape local services.

Your feedback is invaluable, and we'd love to hear your voice!



Local Offer Steering Group

The Local Offer Steering Group helps to guide and develop Walsall's SEND Local Offer.

Members review information, suggest improvements and ensure that the Local Offer remains accessible, useful and responsive to the needs of families and professionals.

Preparation for Adulthood Steering Group

Preparing for adulthood is an important part of every young person's journey.

This group focuses on improving opportunities and outcomes for young people with SEND as they move towards adulthood.

Your voice matters. Together, we can create better outcomes for children and young people with SEND. For more information or to get involved in any of these groups, please email: localoffer@walsall.gov.uk



PARENT/CARER SUPPORT

AUTISM WEST MIDLANDS WEBINARS & RESOURCES

Autism West Midlands host a variety of events, training sessions and resources for parents and carers to support with raising a neurodivergent child/ young person.

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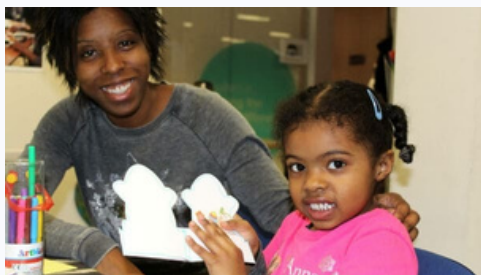


Online group for Parent/Carers of Autistic children & young people

Tuesday 20th October

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Booking Link: [Online Group](#)



Autism Information & Resources:

[Autism West Midlands](#)

THE WITHERSLACK GROUP PARENT WEBINARS

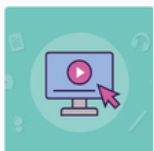
The Withersack group have a variety of SEN webinars running over the next month, join FREE through their website.



ADHD: Understanding Gender Differences

Wednesday 21st October

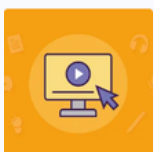
10am - 11am



Complex Eating Challenges In SEN Children: ARFID & PICA

Wednesday 4th November

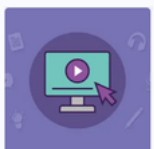
10am - 11am



SEN, Trauma & Bullying: The Mental Health Struggles

Wednesday 11th November

10am - 11am



EHCP & Appeals Process

Wednesday 25th November

10am - 11am

For more information and how to book use this link: [Witherslack Group](#)

PARENT/CARER SUPPORT

FACE WALSALL PARENT CARER FORUM



FACE Walsall Parent Carer Forum

Are you supporting a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability aged 0-25?

Want to make a difference? Give us your feedback....Join us and have your voice heard.

What is a Parent Carer Forum?

Our aim is to improve services for children and young people by ensuring that families' voices are heard by planners and decision-makers across Education, Health, and Social Care.

We host events, workshops, and training sessions to empower parents and carers, helping them become a stronger voice for their children and young people.

Placing the views of all parent carers at the centre of decision making

Together we can make a difference for families in Walsall.

For more information contact
Email: Facewalsall@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.facewalsall.com/>




SEND INFORMATION FAIR
THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
10AM - 12PM
BLOXWICH ACTIVE LIVING

SEND PARENT PARTNERSHIP GROUP

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with **Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)**? We want to hear from you!

Join our **SEND Parent Partnership Group** to share your experiences, provide valuable feedback, and help shape SEND services in Walsall

Why Join?

- **Have your say** - Share your thoughts, ideas, and experiences.
- **Make a difference** - Contribute to improving SEND support and services in Walsall.
- **Connect with others** - Meet with other parents and carers like you!

Together, we can create positive change!

If you're interested in joining, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Sam:

samantha.house@walsall.gov.uk

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Walsall SENDIASS Drop-In Session

Wednesday 21st of October 2026
Collingwood Community Centre
B43 7NF
10:30am-12pm

SENDIASS hosted by



The Vibe Tribe -

"Because your well-being matters!"

By parents for parents

Struggle finding time for yourself?

Fun - Artsy selfcare group

Feel anxious or overwhelmed

Come join us!

Last Tuesday of the month
10:00- 11:30
Moving round Walsall

CLICK HERE!



The Unique Thought Network

It takes a Community

A friendly, parent-led network for Walsall parents navigating diagnosed or undiagnosed needs for themselves or their children.



SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE TO ALL WALSALL PARENTS

If you need a little bit of support, our volunteers might be able to help!

- Parenting Support (one-to-one or groups)
- SEND support
- Support for new & expectant parents
- Emotional support and confidence building

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE OR TO REQUEST SUPPORT FROM ONE OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

HEALTH SUPPORT

SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY DROP-IN SESSION

If you have any questions regarding your child's speech and language development and are **not** already known to the SaLT service then pop along to this drop-in sessions.

- **Monday 14th December** - 9:15-11:30am - South Locality Family Hub



HCP 0-19 SEND TEAM DROP INS

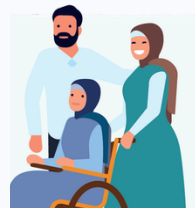
The HCP 0-19 SEND Team are offering weekly drop-in sessions covering a variety of topics. Toileting, sleep and emotions being just a few.

When: Every Thursday 9:30-11:30am

Where: Child Development Centre, Coalheath Lane, Walsall, WS4 1PL

For more information please contact the single point of access on:

01922 603074



Health for Kids makes learning about health fun with games, colourful characters and simple guides for children, plus helpful advice for grown-ups

For more info: [Health for Kids](#)

HEALTH FOR TEENS

Health for Teens offers clear, supportive information on everything from feelings and growing up to health, relationships, lifestyle and sexual health. With articles, guides and local updates, it's a one-stop hub to help young people stay informed, confident and healthy

More Info: [Health for Teens](#)

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

YOUNGMINDS has a great bank of resources to support children and young people with SEND with their mental health.

For more info check out this link: [YOUNGMINDS](#)

YOUNGMINDS



Kooth are offering FREE webinars and advice for young people aged 11+ throughout the holidays. For more information on how to access this and sign up to free mental wellbeing support use this link: [Kooth](#)



FREE Mental Health Support for Secondary School Pupils in the Black Country

Walsall If you are asked for a code, please enter **BCWA2023**

Wysa is an AI wellbeing coach that has been commissioned by Black Country Health NHS Foundation Trust to give you a safe, non-judgmental space where you can talk about anything and everything that's bothering you. Let off steam and share your worries - Wysa is here to listen.

For more info use this link: [WYSA](#)



The NHS logo, consisting of a blue cross on a white background.

Black Country Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops

Come and join our Parent/Carer Workshops, run by Black Country CAMHS services (on MS Teams for 1 hour). Groups held 12pm - 1pm.

We know that suffering from mental health difficulties does not only affect the person struggling, but also the family around them. Parenting a child/young person with mental health difficulties can create additional challenges for parents.

We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.

22.04.2026 - Anxiety

27.05.2026 - Understanding Autism

17.06.2026 - Low mood in Children

15.07.2026 - Anger Conduct

23.09.2026 - Trauma with attachment

21.10.2026 - Self Harm with DBT skills

18.11.2026 - Anxiety and OCD

A logo featuring a stylized tree with a rainbow-colored canopy and the text 'Black Country Children's NHS Foundation Trust' below it.

To register your interest telephone **Andrea Ehgartner / Nicole Whitehouse** on **01922 607400**

An Instagram icon.

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A globe icon.

www.blackcountrychildrens.nhs.uk/camhs

CHILDREN/YOUNG PERSON OPPORTUNITIES

HAF WINTER 2026 PROGRAMME

You will need a code to register
if you have not received a code, by post.

Please contact us to see if you qualify for the programme via
email wr4c@walsall.gov.uk.

To register, use any of the following options:

- Visit our website: [HAF](#)
- Call us on 01922 653899
- Email us your enquiry on wr4c@walsall.gov.uk

Once you have registered you will be able to book onto
activities.

**WINTER PORTAL OPENS -
MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
2026**



SHORT BREAKS provide opportunities for children and
young people with a disability to spend time away from their
families, relax, develop new friendships, take part in new
experiences, and have fun doing positive activities.



They also give families a break from their caring responsibilities, a chance to rest or
spend time with their other children.

For information, eligibility criteria and how to sign up please visit the Local Offer here:
email: [ShortBreaks](#)

YOUTH HUB - WALSALL CITY CENTRE

Named by young people, 'Our Place', offers a safe
environment for people aged 11-19 to chill out,
have fun, and connect with each others.

Our Place is **free** to enter, offers snacks and
refreshments, and young people will have to sign
in on entry.

The Hub Opening Times:

Term Time:

Monday - Friday - 3pm - 6:30pm

School Holidays

Monday - Friday - 12pm - 3pm

Location: Townsend Square, Walsall WS1 1NP





Walsall Befriending Service

Are you wanting to meet with other autistic adults, learn more about autism and build friendships whilst doing fun activities together in both your local community and West Midlands area?

If your answer is yes, then joining one of our befriending groups might be of interest to you.

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- Autistic adults with a confirmed diagnosis
- 18 years plus
- Living in Walsall local authority
- Free to attend
- Group members pay for their own expenses for trips and activities.

2:1 Activity Sessions

New Starters Group

Core Group

Move Forward Group

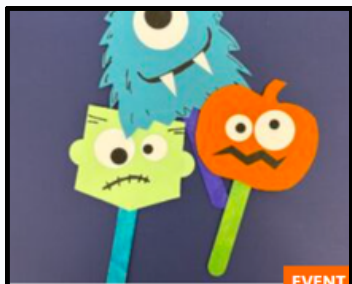
"I find being in the Walsall Befriending service invaluable - it's a lifeline in terms of meeting other autistic people, where we can share experiences and support each other."

Contact for further information: 0121 450 7575
or Email: michelleh@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

FAMILY EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

The New Art Gallery, Walsall

More info and how to book here: [NewArtGallery](#)



EVENT

27 October — 31 October 2026

OCTOBER HALF TERM
Halloween Heads

10am-4pm. Self Guided Drop-in. All ages welcome....

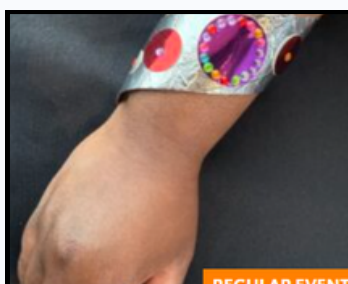


REGULAR EVENT

Tuesday 27 October 11:00 — 13:00

MINI MAKERS
Party Time Tubes

11am-1pm £4. Ages 2-5, drop-in. Make a...



REGULAR EVENT

Wednesday 28 October 11:00 — 15:00

WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL
Warrior Arm Bands

11am-3pm Ages 4+, Free, drop-in Create a...



REGULAR EVENT

Thursday 29 October 11:00 — 15:00

Young Masters
Leaf Printed Tote Bags

Skills based workshops for aspiring young artists....



Walsall Firework Spectacular Saturday 7th November 2026

Taking place at Walsall Arboretum, this family-friendly event will welcome visitors from 5pm, and the fireworks display will be at 7.30pm.

To buy tickets, visit: [Fireworks2026](#)

Kids

NEURODIVERSE-FRIENDLY HOLIDAY HOMES IN CAYTON BAY

Kids is delighted to make available stays in two new holiday homes located at Parkdean's Cayton Bay site. Each home has been carefully selected to provide a comfortable, family-friendly base, with features to support accessibility, relaxation, and fun!

Situated next door to each other, and a 60 second walk to the entertainment complex. To ensure an inclusive experience for all families, the holiday homes include neurodiverse-friendly accessories, such as sensory elements and toys, creating both a calm and enjoyable atmosphere for all.

Kids are also pleased to offer a 15% discount for families in Walsall for stays up to 31/03/2027, redeemed by using the promo code **WALSALL15** when booking.

For more information about the holiday homes and how to book, please visit the Kids website: [Kids Cayton Bay Holiday Homes](#)





HAPPY HALLOWEEN

SEND SERVICES FEEDBACK

Please could you spare a few minutes to complete this feedback form on your experience with the SEND Services. Please use the QR code or link below. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

[SENDSERVICEFeedback](#)



FEEDBACK

If you have any feedback or wish something to be included in the next SEND Communications please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Next Issue: SEND Services Communications Autumn 2 26

Submit your updates by 2nd December 2026 to be included!

Please use the below emails

Sam: samantha.house@walsall.gov.uk

Local Offer: localoffer@walsall.gov.uk



Thank you for being part of the Walsall SEND community!



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