



Shropshire Parent Carer Council

Monthly Newsletter

September 2025



Welcome to PACC's monthly newsletter.

If you have any questions or require any further information,
please email: info@paccshropshire.org.uk



PACC's Preparation for Adulthood Navigator Impact Report



Following the completion of PACC's PFA Navigator Project we are reflecting on the last 3 years and what an important service this has been for the SEND community in Shropshire.

PFA Navigator Service:

- Provided 1:1 support to 416 families through signposting and helping them navigate their young person's journey
- Provided 1420 Community Support opportunities to Parent Carers and Young People through activities, training, and in-person events
- Attended 107 meetings and workstreams
- Provided over 150 in-person activities and events
- Produced 13 reports

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PACC Community Navigator service

The PACC Community Navigator service is available as part of PACC's Community Support Offer. Offering personalised signposting and Information Provision for families of 0-25 year old's with SEND in Shropshire. Whether your child already has identified needs, or needs are emerging, our Navigator can talk you through support and options available for your child with SEND and signpost you to services that may be of benefit.

Early Years Navigators

School-age Navigators

PFA Navigators

Navigators are able to offer 'personalised signposting and Information Provision across Education, Health and Social Care

What can I speak to a Navigator about?

- Education
- Education, Health and Care Plans
- Annual Reviews
- Activity Plans
- Social Opportunities
- Finances and Benefits
- Mental Health Support
- Being Part of the local community
- Housing Options
- Support for Parent Carers
- Support for Families
- Employment and Volunteering
- Help navigating the SEND system

How do I book a call?

Complete the short form linked or scan the QR code. You will then be assigned a Navigator that will book a 30 minute call with you. Following the call you will receive an email with links and information to support and services.



Information & Support | Influence & Change

A Young Person's Transition into Adulthood – Understanding Social Care with Professor Luke Clements



On 16th October PACC welcomed Professor Luke Clements to Shropshire to present at an in-person event about Social Care support as young people with SEND transition into adulthood.

Luke Clements is the Cerebra Professor of Law and Social Justice at the School of Law, Leeds University. Luke practised as a solicitor between 1981 and 2021 and in that capacity had conduct of a number of cases before the European Commission and Court of Human Rights.

Luke's academic research and litigation experience is primarily concerned with the rights of people who experience social exclusion, including disabled people and their carers.

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Integrated Care System
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

NHS
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

Have Your Say on all-age ADHD & Autism services

TAKE THE SURVEY...

Have Your Say on All Age ADHD and Autism Services



People across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin are being invited to share their views about ADHD and autism services to help shape improvements for children, young people, adults, and families. They may have received a diagnosis, be waiting for an assessment or self-identify as being autistic, having ADHD or AuDHD (Autism and ADHD).

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It's Competition Time!

We are asking for **Children, Young People** and **Parent Carers** from the Shropshire SEND community to show us **"What does PACC means to you?"**

Whether you attend Buddies, Healthy Lives Activities, have attended training events, accessed our navigator service or accessed any of PACC's services anyone can enter!



Each month, we will select one piece of art work to be our Facebook cover photo for that month!

You could send us a drawing, digital art, a poem, a social story, a sculpture.... let your imagination run wild!

Please email either a photo or scanned document of your masterpiece to:

info@paccshropshire.org.uk





SEND SANTA Experience

NOVEMBER 2025

MORE DETAILS WILL BE SHARED IN OCTOBER
VIA PACC'S MAILING LIST

Share your Feedback and Help to Improve SEND Services in Shropshire.



Every 6 months the Shropshire SEND System leaders from the Integrated Commissioning Board (Health) and Shropshire Council ask for your feedback on the services the Local Area SEND Inspection identified as in need of improvement. These are;

- Waiting times for Autism and ADHD assessments,
- Waiting times for Speech and Language Therapy services,
- The quality and timeliness of Education, Health and Care Plans.

The survey asks you to consider your experience of these service areas in the last 6 months and is open until the 6th October 2025. If you are waiting for an assessment or support from these service areas, please share your feedback.

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Assistive Technology Lending Library Pilot – Survey



PACC previously shared information about plans to create a pilot 'Assistive Technology Lending Library' as part of the SEND and Alternative Provision Change Programme in Shropshire. These plans are now progressing and Shropshire Council would like to hear from SEND families about which items would be most helpful to purchase for the library?

They have created a short survey for families to complete and suggest the assistive technology they would like to have access to. The library would allow equipment and/or software to be available for schools/settings to 'try before they buy' and will be lent to schools for a fixed period of time (around half a term). At the end of the trial period, schools will return the equipment and will then decide if they wish to purchase their own equipment and software for continued use.

All equipment will be for use while in school only and will not be available for children and young people to take home.

The survey is open until the 10th October

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Summary of PACC's Engagement with the Shropshire SEND Community 24/25



PACC was asked to provide a report to the Shropshire SEND and Alternative Provision SEND Partnership Board outlining its engagement activity and key messages heard during 2024/25.

The presentation provides an overview of PACC's aims, how we work and engage with the Shropshire SEND Community across all our work areas. It summarises the level of contact with parent carers and family carers and the key themes in the feedback that they shared with PACC.

It is clear that there are still some major challenges in delivering the support needed by SEND families in Shropshire. There are significant concerns about the timeliness of the EHCP process, the clarity of information provided by the local system, and the responsiveness of some services including BeeU and Children's Social Care.

This report will be presented to the SEND and AP Partnership Board in November 25.

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PACC Extended Review Nov 23 – April 25 Published



As part of PACC's focus on improving its communication about its work and impact we have created an extend Annual Review taking us up to March 2025. This document brings our activity and outcome reporting in line with our financial reporting and helps us prepare for our AGM in November.

The Review provides an overview of PACC activity under our three main work areas of;

Influence and Change

Information Provision

Community Support

It also provides a financial and Governance update and summarises PACC's plans for the future.

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Holiday Activities

These activities take place throughout school holidays, for more information, please visit the Actio website.

Monday

- SCLT- Swimming
- Kids

Tuesday

- Cavalier Centre
- SCLT- Swimming
- Higginsons

Wednesday

- Higginsons
- Rock! Music School
- SCLT- Swimming

Thursday

- Cavalier Centre
- Lower Bush Farm
- Acton Scott

(Select date)

Saturday

- Cavalier Centre
- Higginsons
- Rock! Music School
- SCLT- Cycling
- Taking Part

Sunday

- Country Treks
- Cavalier Centre
- Shropshire Inclusive Dance

Friday

- Lower Bush Farm

AUTUMN TERM SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help



Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND — whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional. Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey.

RAVEN HOUSE

Tuesday 23 September 2025
2pm-4pm

Raven House, 129 Cheshire Street, Market Drayton, TF9 3AH

BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY

Tuesday 14 October 2025
1pm-3pm

Bridgnorth Library, Listley Street, Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW

THE LANTERN

Thursday 13 November 2025
10am-12 noon

The Lantern, Meadow Farm Drive, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Thursday 4 December 2025
1pm-3pm

Oswestry Library, Arthur Street, Oswestry, SY11 1JN



**Shropshire, Telford
and Wrekin**



Do you look after someone?



An unpaid carer is someone of any age who provides unpaid help and support to a family member, friend, or neighbour who cannot manage to live independently without your help.

Is this YOU?

Shropshire Carers Support Team offers advice, information, and support on all aspects of adult caring

- 1:1 Support
- Assistance with planning ahead
- Carer Register
- Events and activities
- Check in calls
- Local peer support groups
- Information and advice personalised for you

Email: shropshire.carers@shropshire.gov.uk

Phone: Shropshire Carers Support Line

01743 341995

(Monday to Friday) 10am -4pm, Tuesday 5pm – 7.30pm

Messages to the Support Line can be left outside of these times

Support to live your best life and confidence to care



www.shropshire.gov.uk

SEN support in early years guide

Explore the early years provision available for children under 5 with SEND and the steps to take to access support.

Kids Disabled children say we can



What to do if your child with SEND doesn't have a school place



Is your child without a school place?

At the start of a new school year, far too many children with SEND are without a school to attend. This is a worrying situation to be in, so we've produced guidance to help families who are in this position.

[READ MORE](#)

#BackToSchool



WWW.IPSEA.ORG.UK

@IPSEAcharity





IPSEA's Back to School Hub

IPSEA has a Back to School Hub which is full of useful resources and information to help as your child starts a new school year.

[READ MORE](#)

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**Share your
views**

On health and social care in Shropshire

We will share your feedback
and make sure decision makers
hear your voice.

Contact us:

01743 237884

enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk

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Schools' Duties and Responsibilities - Online Session



Talking SENSE!

autism
west midlands

Tues 16th September

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Talking SENSE! was founded by Ken Upton working in partnership with a range of other parents.



Come along and join our online session where Ken Upton (MBE) From Talking SENSE will share information about Schools' duties and responsibilities towards children with Special Educational Needs (SEND)

If you have any questions Ken will be happy to answer them at the end of the session. Talking SENSE! is a registered charity providing low cost advocacy, advice and support to parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities.



Post-16 Open Events 2025

Roadshows

Monday 22nd September 2025 4.00pm – 8.00pm Shrewsbury Cineworld

Saturday: 27th September 2025 9.30am – 12.00pm Holiday Inn Telford

Booking required



www.scg.ac.uk

**Tuesday 14th October 2025 5.00–8.00pm English and Welsh
Bridge Campus**

**Thursday 23rd October 2025 5.00pm – 8.00pm London Road
Campus**

**Thursday 6th November 2025 5.00–8.00pm English and
Welsh Bridge Campus**



www.hlnsc.ac.uk

Walford College- Booking required

Saturday 18th October 2025 10.00am – 12.30pm

Saturday 7th February 2026 10.00–12.00pm

North Shropshire College- Booking required

Saturday 8th November 2025 10.00am – 12.00pm

Wednesday 11th February 2026 5.00pm–7.00pm



www.thomasadams.net

Thomas Adams

Thursday 2nd October 2025 5.30pm– 8.00pm



www.telfordcollege.ac.uk

Telford College Booking required

Monday 6th October 2025 5.00pm–7.30pm

Wednesday 12th November 2025 5.00–7.30pm

Monday 19th January 2026 5.00–7.30pm



www.stfccollegeanduniversity.co.uk

Shrewsbury Town Foundation College

**Monday 6th and 20th October, 3rd and 28th
November, 8th December 2025, 12th and 26th January
2026. 6.00 – 7.30pm (practical sessions)**



Disabled children
say we can

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Rock! Music School at the Youth Club

Shropshire teens are invited to join us at Belle Vue Youth Centre for a musical experience!

Open to neurodiverse teens living in Shropshire with an 'All In' number. An introductory session from Shropshire's Rock! Music School. Crafts and games will be available too. Bring your own lunch.

Monday 27th October 10.30-3.30 £12.50

Email to book:
kids.shropshire@kids.org.uk

Kids.org.uk



Coffee & chat



How can we
help you?



Free info, advice and support for your family
shropshire.gov.uk/early-help



Shropshire
Council

Oct 26 1-4pm
The Alb

HALLOWEEN

KIDS CRAFTS PARTY

Potion making • Wand making • Slime making
Crafts • Playdough • Music • Games

(included in ticket price)

Glitter Bar • Tattoos • Sweet Bar
Bar • Hot Food • Raffle

Ticket Prices

Family (2 Adults + 2 Children) £20

Child £8 Children with SEN £4

Young Carers £4 Adults £5

Under 2's Free

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In aid of the Children's Unit at SaTH Charity



Celebrate Halloween with Tots & Tuffs 🎃

We will be returning to [Home Farm Attingham](#) on Friday 17th October for more messy play madness!

11am-12pm

£13 per child which includes access to the farm for that child and up to 2 adults as well as the messy play! 🍷

Booking link below 🤖

[BOOK HERE](#)

Halloween Drive In Cinema at Alderford Lake



Celebrate Halloween with two heart-warming family favourites at Alderford's Drive-In Cinema

- 🚦 Disney Pixar's Coco – Saturday 25th October at 6pm
- 🚦 ET the Extra Terrestrial – Friday 24th October at 6pm



Pumpkinfest at Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Join us at The Cut this October half term for our fabulous Pumpkinfest! Find your perfect pumpkin in our spooktacular gardens and get creative with your carving!

Date - Saturday 25 October 2025 - Friday 31 October 2025

Time - 9.30-12.30 Weekend, 10am-3pm Weekdays

[Book Here](#)



APLEY FARM SHOP

HALLOWEEN

AT APLEY

PUMPKIN PATCH ~ PUMPKIN CARVING
RIDE THE PUMPKIN EXPRESS ~ FUN ACTIVITIES


OCTOBER 11TH, 12TH, 18TH & 19TH
PICK A PUMPKIN AND PUMPKIN CARVING


SATURDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
TRICK OR TREAT EXPERIENCE

Farm Shop | Café | Play Barn | Butchery | Deli | Bakery | Events | Independent Shops
Apley Farm Shop, Norton, Shifnal TF11 9EF | www.apleyestate.co.uk | 01952 581002





WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME JAKE EVANS, STORYTELLER, FOR AN AMAZING AFTERNOON OF ENCHANTING TALES, FOLLOWED BY CRAFTS.

 **Saturday 11th October**

 **1:30 PM**

 **Wem Town Hall, Upstairs**

 **Free event – Booking not essential**

 **All ages welcome!**

Come along for an afternoon of family fun and imagination!

PUMPKINFEST

Join us for **Pumpkin Carving, Wacky Games, Crafts and much more...**

- Fri 10th, Sat 11th and Sun 12th October
- Fri 17th, Sat 18th and Sun 19th October
- Then open daily from Fri 24th October to Sun 2nd November



THE SANTA EXPERIENCE

- Sat 29th and Sun 30th November
- Sat 6th and Sun 7th December
- Sat 13th and Sun 14th December
- Sat 20th, Sun 21st, Mon 22nd, Tues 23rd and Wed 24th December

Book online for a **truly magical visit** to see Santa, join in the **Christmas Show** and experience all the fun of the farm.



Indoor & outdoor play

Meet the animals

Park Hall
Countryside Experience

Perfect family day out

Learning through fun