



Monthly Newsletter

June 2026

Welcome to PACC's monthly newsletter.

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



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Carers Week



The theme of Carers week this year was “Building Carer Friendly Communities”. During the week we held our Annual Conference and also held a number of activities for Parent/ Family Carers.

Over the week, we met more than 100 Parent/ Family Carers who spoke to us of their experiences of being an unpaid carer in Shropshire. Many described having to repeatedly tell their story to new professionals, chasing responses, navigating complicated processes, and feeling judged, blamed, or misunderstood. They spoke about worrying constantly about the future, struggling to access suitable support and short breaks, and finding it difficult to prioritise their own wellbeing while caring for others.

Practitioner Resource

Following feedback from families, we sent a resource to local SEND practitioners across Education, Health and Social Care, which highlighted what families had shared with us.

As practitioners, every interaction matters. A phone call returned, a clear explanation, feeling listened to, or being treated with respect can reduce stress and build trust. Collectively, these actions help create services and communities where families feel supported rather than overwhelmed.

This Carers Week, we encourage everyone to reflect on how we can strengthen our partnerships with Parent Carers and continue building communities where carers feel understood, valued and supported.

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LAST CHANCE



Registration for PACC's Summer Healthy Lives Holiday Programme closes on Thursday 2nd July at 5pm.



If you missed priority registration for PACC's Healthy Lives Summer Programme, we have now re-opened the registration form!

Register now!!!!

We have spaces remaining on.....

- Cycling
- Gym
- Pool Parties
- Paddleboarding
- Kayaking
- Animal Experiences
- Laser Tag
- Music
- Guitar and Drum lessons
- Fire Safety
- First Aid
- Building Challenge
- Independence sessions
- Trains

Please note, those that have submitted activity requests will be contacted by the end of the week.



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Visit our website for more information!



Get Yourself Active Local Conference



Disability Rights UK is a national rights-based organisation that works to create equal opportunities in all aspects of disabled people lives. 'Get Yourself Active' aims to lead change in the social care, health and sports sectors, in order to improve health and wellbeing of Disabled people and help them to get active in a way that is right for them.

PACC's Influence and Change Strategic Lead Sarah presented alongside Jess Young at the Get Yourself Active Local Conference, hosted by Energize. Jess has participated in PACC's Healthy Lives Programme since 2023 and it was wonderful to hear how it has supported her confidence and self belief. She is a brilliant champion for the SEND Community.

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Notice of PACC General Meeting



Date: 14 July 2026

Time: 1.00 – 2.00pm

Location: Online or in person at Shropshire Wildlife Trust, 193 Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6AH

You must register to attend.

As discussed at the AGM in May, PACC plans to move to being a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, giving it a legal identity, which will support future growth. PACC's aims and objectives will remain the same and it will continue to be a membership organisation, whose work is informed by the experiences of Shropshire Parent and Family Carers.

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Coproducing with Secondary Schools and Colleges



Over the past two years PACC have worked with 35 primary schools across Shropshire as part of the Pilot PINS project (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools). Following the success of this work, Shropshire LA have now commissioned us to work with secondary schools and three post 16 colleges to strengthen how they work in partnership with parent carers.

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Findings of SEND Local Offer Focused Visit by OFSTED & CQC



Initial feedback on the recent Ofsted & CQC focused visit, looking at the Shropshire Offer of SEND Services, has been published in the Shropshire Star. PACC and Parent / Family Carers provided feedback through a meeting with the inspection team and via an online survey. Concerns that strategic improvement plans are yet to impact families positively were recognised but it is disappointing that the issue of sufficiency (services unable to respond to demand) was not adequately acknowledged.

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Inclusive Mainstream Guidance Published



The Department For Education published a range of guidance to deliver the SEND Reforms focus of inclusion in mainstream education settings. Three documents were provided covering;

- The Inclusive Mainstream Fund (IMF)
- Inclusive Education Estates
- Inclusion Bases

This is committed funding for the next 3 years which will go directly to settings to support the development of a whole nursery/school/college approach to inclusion.

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Help to Shape Shropshire's Adult Social Care Strategy



Shropshire Council are looking for people to be involved in helping to develop their new Care and Wellbeing Strategy, which will set out their vision, priorities, and commitments across Adult Social Care in Shropshire for 2026 to 2031.

This is a really important piece of work and we hope now they are on different dates many of you will be able to take part in the workshops. This opportunity will be paid at a rate of £13.35 per hour and reasonable travel expense will be covered if attending the face-to-face meeting in the guildhall, if traveling within Shropshire.

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PACC Guides and Resources

We have a number of guides and Information resources available. More can be found on our website.



Mental Capacity Guide

This guide has been created following feedback from families they there is a lack of information about Mental Capacity. The purpose of this guide is to inform Parent/ Family Carers of the legislation, and options relating to Mental Capacity, Power of Attorney and Deputyship.

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PACC PFA Guide

The purpose of this guide is to inform Parent/ Family Carers of some of the options available for their Young Person in Shropshire. We appreciate that this guide may not cover every subject relating to SEND and PFA, but have ensured we have covered as many areas as possible.

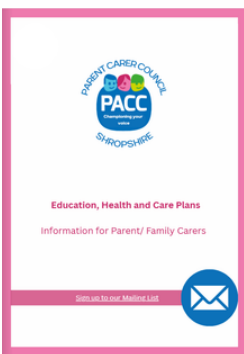
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Transition Guide

This guide has been created following feedback from families they there is a lack of information about transitions in education and the support available for childre/ young people.

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EHCP Guide

This guide has information about applying, annual reviews, outcomes, legislation and where to go for help.

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EHCP Consultation Guide

This guide has been created to inform families of legislation and the process for consultation where your child/ young person has an Education, Health and Care Plan.

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Surveys



PACC collect feedback from Parent Carers and Family Carers via surveys to inform and influence change within the system.

Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP)

You can provide feedback on your child/ young person's EHCP- including- Application Process, Annual Reviews, quality of plans and timeliness.



Reasonable adjustments in Mainstream schools

PACC want to understand how Shropshire Schools are using Reasonable Adjustments to support children and young people with SEND and promoting inclusion in schools.



Childcare for school-age children with SEND in Shropshire

PACC are currently collecting feedback about child care for children in Shropshire with SEND. The feedback from this survey will be shared with Shropshire Council to inform information on the Local Offer and identify any themes in feedback shared. All information shared will be anonymised.



Improving Education Experiences

PACC are currently collecting feedback from Parent Carers and Family Carers of how they feel their experience of Education in Shropshire could be improved.





You can't make the right decisions without the right information!

Families deserve a real say in the **care** and **support** they receive—but too often, they're expected to **navigate** complex systems without clear, accessible **information**.

That's where we come in. PACC's **Community Navigator Service** provides the right information, at the right time, in the right way—so families can:

- ✓ **Understand their options**
- ✓ **Know where to go and who to speak to**
- ✓ **Understand how to navigate the Shropshire SEND System**

Because when families are informed, they're **empowered** to **shape support** that truly works for them.

"Abi signposted me to several different things that I didn't know anything about. Some for my children some for me. She has a vast knowledge of what our area offers and about the education system. Knowing she is an email away has been so helpful and reassuring."- **Parent Carer Feedback**



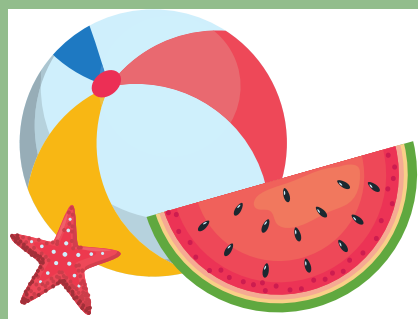
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Summer Activities



We know some families are starting to plan for the Summer Holidays. Below are some activities and days out we have found. Please note PACC is not affiliated with any of these activities.



Taking Part
Mereside Community Centre,
Mereside, Shrewsbury SY2 6LH
Book via email- jamila.walker@takingpart.co.uk 10.30 - 12.30
£4 per child £10 per family with 3 or more children

Moving and Grooving presents
**Active Adventures
Inside and Out**
Aimed at SEND families, and those who like
creative play Session Plan (7-14 years olds)

BOOKING WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!

**Summer
Forest School
@Arscott Farm**
Nature Crafts, scavenger hunts, meet & feed
the animals, den building, bug hunting,
campfire cooking and much more....
Every Friday
10-12pm & 1-3pm

**Book now at: arscottfarm.co.uk/forest-school/
Ages 4-11, younger siblings welcome!**

July - October 2026
Activity Session Plan
Saturdays in 2026
Child led session, below is a flexible structure
Saturdays in 2026

- 25th July Summer craft and Dance Movement Games
- 8th August Build your own obstacle course and Story Bags
- 22nd August Drawing games and drawing scavenger hunt
- 5th Sept Parachute games and Colour games
- 19th Sept Lego Challenges and Music games
- 26th Sept Mini den Making and Drawing games
- 3rd Oct Autumn craft and Dance Movement Games
- 10th Oct Drawing games and drawing scavenger hunt



SHROPSHIRE
ADVENTURES

Did you know?

Shropshire Adventures is proud to be part of the Shrewsbury Town Football Club Foundation All In programme.

An early help offer for children and young people aged up to the age of 18 who live in Shropshire and have a disability or additional need that prevents them from accessing clubs and activities in their community.



We offer fun and engaging Sunday Horse Riding Sessions at a subsidised rate every week!

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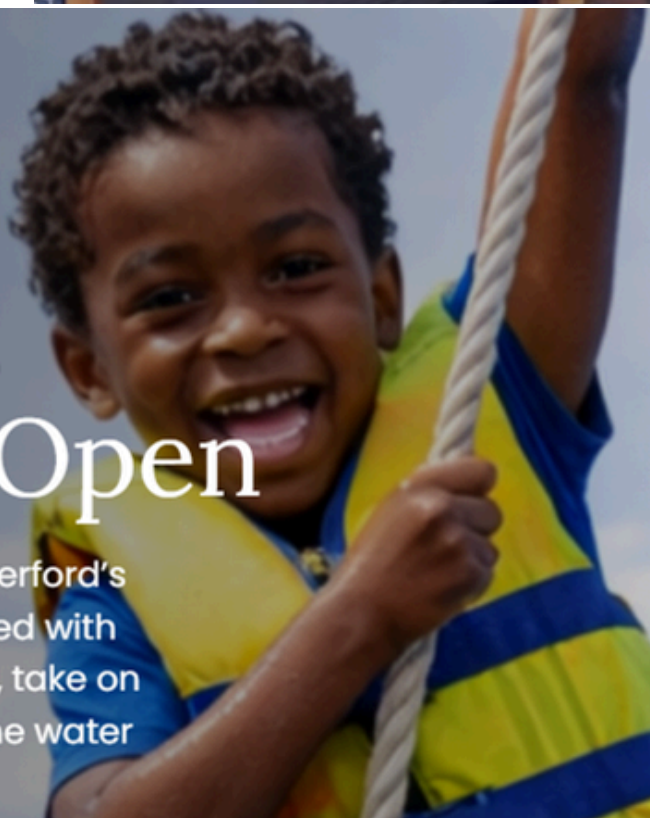
IRONWORK CENTRE



YOUR MUST VISIT DESTINATION ALL YEAR ROUND

Aquapark Now Open

Bounce, climb and slide your way around Alderford's Aqua Park — a floating obstacle course packed with high-energy fun on the lake. New this season, take on the **BIG Swing** and launch yourself out over the water before dropping in with a splash.



Bell Boat Picnic Drummond Outdoor

Join us for a relaxed family day on the Montgomery Canal, exploring by Bellboat and stopping for a picnic. These large, stable boats are paddled by canoe paddles, making them perfect for all of the family and all experience levels.



Venue: Pool Quay
Date: Sunday 9th August 2026, Saturday 22nd August 2026.
Time of Session: 10am – 3.30pm
Cost: Free
Age Range: 6-17, children under the age of 8 must meet the providers supervision requirements.

To book email info@docanoe.com



Family Paddlesport Evenings Drummond Outdoor

Family Paddlesport Evenings offer an enjoyable and supportive introduction to paddling, whether you are seeking an active challenge or a relaxed experience on the water. These fortnightly Tuesday evening sessions provide families with the opportunity to develop skills, build confidence, and have fun together in a safe and welcoming environment.

Led by a qualified and experienced coaching team, participants will receive tailored guidance across a range of paddlesport, including canoeing, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboarding. Sessions are suitable for a variety of ability levels, with opportunities for participants to work towards recognised Paddle UK Awards where appropriate.

Sessions are open to All-in members as well as their siblings, families, and carers. Bookings can be made for individual sessions or as a block, offering flexibility to suit family schedules.



Venue: Frankwell Canoe Ramp, The County Ground, Frankwell, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ.
Date: 19th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 21st July
Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm
Cost: Free
Age: 7-17, Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied as specified by the provider.
 To book email info@docanoe.com



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Summer Programme
Friday 24th July 2026
Comer Woods, Bridgnorth

Monday 27th July 2026
Youth Club Shrewsbury

Friday 7th August
Park Hall

Monday 10th August
Youth Club Shrewsbury

Friday 14th August
Shropshire Hills Discovery centre

EXCITING NEWS!

SEN FOOTBALL SESSIONS

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

I'm proud to announce that, for the first time, I will be delivering a SEN (Special Educational Needs) football session.

- FUN, INCLUSIVE & SUPPORTIVE**
A welcoming environment where everyone can enjoy football.
- DEVELOP SKILLS & CONFIDENCE**
Helping players build skills, confidence, and friendships.
- EVERYONE IS WELCOME**
An opportunity for all to get involved, learn and have fun.

NEW SEN FOOTBALL SESSIONS JOIN US!

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW MAY BE INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND ME A MESSAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING NEW PLAYERS AND MAKING THIS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED!



IDENTITY SCHOOL OF DANCE



Identity School of Dance offers weekly classes in Dance, Musical Theatre, and Singing for children and adults with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)



Identity is an Accredited day provision offering a Performing Arts provision for students aged 16+.

Schedule:
Every Monday + Fridays, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM



JOIN TODAY

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IDENTITY SCHOOL OF DANCE



TIMETABLE

MONDAY

Performing Arts Day Provision (16+)
9.30am until 2.30pm

TUESDAY

5pm Kids sensory dance (5+)
5.45pm Open dance class (14+)
6.30pm Open Contemporary (14+)
7.30pm I.D Street dance crew (18+)

WEDNESDAY

4.30pm 1:1 singing lessons (private)
5.30pm Musical Theatre (open)
6.30pm Singing Choir (open)

THURSDAY

5pm Kids Musical Theatre (5+)
6pm Adult Musical Theatre (16+)
7pm Street Dance (16+)
8pm 1:1 / 2:1 private classes (30 mins)

FRIDAY

Performing Arts Day Provision (16+)
9.30am until 2.30pm

SATURDAY

Genetixs Street Dance Crew
Once a month
11.30am-2pm

Saturday Stage School
Once a month
11.30am - 2pm

All classes are held at:
Unit 11, Castle Business Park, SY1 2EG

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:
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