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Monthly Newsletter

September 2026

Welcome to PaCC's monthly newsletter.

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



PACC- Facebook



PACC- Website



PARENT CARER COMMUNITY CIO ANNOUNCEMENT

PaCC has a new name and a new logo, but the support we offer families is not changing. You can still access PaCC in the same ways, and all our existing services, support and activities will continue as before.

New name. New look. Same PaCC support for families.



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NEW

NEWSLETTER

SEND Reforms

Keeping you informed

PaCC will publish a SEND Reforms Newsletter every term with:

- ✓ the latest updates
- ✓ information in clear language
- ✓ ways you can get involved
- ✓ answers to families' questions



The voice of Parent and Family Carers needs to be at the heart of the proposed SEND Reforms. PaCC is committed to ensuring that the Shropshire SEND Community has the information it needs to understand what is being proposed and to influence and shape the new system.

To support this PaCC will be publishing a termly SEND Reforms newsletter, providing the latest up dates on what is happening and how you can be involved. It will also provide us with an opportunity to respond to any questions that you might have about the Reforms.

The first edition plus an easy read version is available on the PaCC website now.

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DBS Launches New Campaign to Help Parents and Carers Make Safer Hiring Decisions



The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) has launched a new campaign to help parents and carers make informed safeguarding decisions when hiring self-employed people to work with children or vulnerable family members.

The Every Check Helps campaign raises awareness that eligible self-employed workers and personal employees, such as private tutors, sports coaches, music teachers, personal assistants and carers, can now apply for Enhanced DBS checks. Parents and carers cannot apply for a DBS check on somebody else's behalf. Instead, eligible self-employed workers must apply themselves through a DBS Umbrella Body. Parents and carers can then ask whether the person has a DBS certificate and whether they are willing to show it.

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Residents can now self-refer to the Shropshire Wellbeing and Navigation Network for practical, friendly wellbeing support



Residents across Shropshire can now refer themselves directly to the Shropshire Wellbeing and Navigation Network (SWANN), making it easier to access early, practical support to stay well, independent and connected.

SWANN is a positive, preventative support service for adults aged 18 and over living in Shropshire, delivered by Shropshire Council and its partners British Red Cross, Shropshire Mental Health Support, Live Well Shropshire, Community Resource, Oswestry Community Action and The Mayfair Centre. SWANN brings together a wide range of local services that can help people before worries or day-to-day challenges become more serious.

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BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH HEALTH PRACTITIONERS



PaCC is exploring an opportunity to work with local Health Service providers to deliver training on understanding the lives of Parent Carers. To support the development of this training we would like to hear about your relationship with Health staff.



How do Health staff:

- engage with Parent Carers
- work in partnership with Parent Carers
- share information with Parent Carers
- support Parent Carers

By Health staff we mean those staff working in hospitals, community services and general practice.

We have created a short survey for you to share your experiences and feedback and would really appreciate your support for this work.

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DO YOU CARE FOR A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON AGED 0–25 WITH SEND IN SHROPSHIRE?



Do you care for a child or young person aged 0–25 with SEND in Shropshire?

Shropshire Council want to hear about your experience and help shape future SEND services.

- ✓ Fill in our anonymous survey
- ✓ Help shape future SEND services
- ✓ Share what's working well and what needs to improve

Your child does not need a diagnosis to take part. Whether they have emerging needs, receive SEN Support, are awaiting assessment, or have an EHCP, your experience matters.

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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.

STRUGGLING TO FIND CLEAR INFORMATION?

Families told us that some information was unclear and difficult to access. In response to this feedback, we have created a range of resources and guides to make information clearer, easier to understand and more accessible.

We have created Guides and Frequently Asked Questions covering:

- Preparation For Adulthood
- Transitions in Education
- EHCP Placement Consultation
- Mental Capacity
- EHCP
- Supported Living
- Part-time Timetables
- Direct Payments



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Community Navigator Service

Offering personalised signposting and Information Provision for families of 0-25 year old's with SEND in Shropshire

We understand how difficult and overwhelming it can be to navigate your child or young persons journey. PaCC's Community Navigator Service is open to any Parent Carer of a child/ young person ages 0-25 with SEND in Shropshire.

How can PaCC Help?

You will be offered an initial 30-minute phone/ Teams call with a Navigator. All of PaCC's Navigators are Parent Carers themselves, so have both a lived and work experience of the SEND system in Shropshire. Following the call you will receive an email with information and signposting.

What can I speak to a Navigator about?

- Social Opportunities
- Finances and Benefits
- Staying Healthy
- 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
- Education
- Education, Health and Care Plans
- Annual Reviews
- Activity Plans



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Info@paccshropshire.org.uk



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)**

October - December 2026

Activity Session Plan

Saturdays in 2026

Child led sessions, with a flexible structure

3rd Oct Autumn craft and Dance Movement Games

10th Oct Drawing games and drawing scavenger hunt

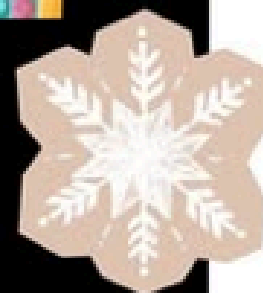
7th Nov Lego Challenges and Music games

21st Nov Drawing games and drawing scavenger hunt

28th Nov Summer craft and Dance Movement Games

5th Dec Christmas craft and Christmas themed Games*

*At Smithys Bar, Shrewsbury Town Football Club, Croud Meadow,
Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST



Please note activities may change, due to weather and/or other
circumstances, which are out of our control.



CALM MONDAYS

No music, reduced lighting, fewer people



6-7PM
EVERY MONDAY



SEN
SESSION

HOME EDUCATION Workshop



OPEN TO ALL SHROPSHIRE RESIDENTS

JOIN US FOR AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH OUR PREVENTION TEAM FOR CHILDREN AGED 7 TO 11, WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

This is an educational session, not a station tour, and operational crews may not be present during your visit.

8TH OCTOBER 2026

10AM - 11:30AM Telford Fire Station

Places are limited. To book or find out more..

EMAIL

safeandwell@shropshirefire.gov.uk

More dates
coming
soon!



N3RDYS POP-UP Events

Nerdy boardgame night. 18:30-21:30 @ Hickory's
Monday 14th & 28th September
Monday 12th & 26th October

Nerdy pop up Event. 11:00-17:00 @ The Hive
Sunday 27th September

Miniature paint workshop and boardgames
18:00-21:00 @Medieval madness
Friday 2nd October

Dungeons & dragons Character building 101
18:00-21:00 @Unitarian Church
Saturday 3rd October



For more details, Events and to prebook
your Space visit: silvernessarts.com





SEN FRIENDLY SESSIONS

A CALMER, MORE INCLUSIVE PLAY EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE

- HALF CAPACITY**
Less crowded for a more relaxed play
- MUSIC TURNED DOWN**
A calmer environment for everyone
- ONE PARENT/CARER GOES FREE**
With every participant

THURSDAY 5 - 6PM

SATURDAY 9 - 10AM

A SAFE SPACE TO PLAY, EXPLORE AND BE YOURSELF

FUN FOR EVERYONE



IDENTITY SCHOOL OF DANCE

TIMETABLE

MONDAY	TUESDAY
Performing Arts Day Provision (16+) 9.30am until 2.30pm	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	THURSDAY
3pm 1:1/ 2:1 singing lessons (private) 5.30pm Musical Theatre (open) 6.30pm Singing Choir (open)	3pm 1:1/2:1 singing lessons (private) 5pm Kids Musical Theatre (5+) 6pm Adult Musical Theatre (16+) 7pm Street Dance (16+)
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Performing Arts Day Provision (16+) 9.30am until 2.30pm	Genetix Street Dance Crew Once a month 12-2pm Saturday Stage School Once a month 12-2pm

All classes are held at:
Identity school of dance
Unit 11, Castle Business Park, SY1 2EG

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.IDENTITYSCHOOLOFDANCE.COM
ENQUIRIES.ISOD@OUTLOOK.COM

GRANGE GANG

Youth Club For Young People With Additional Needs Ages 11-25

Activities

Activities include arts and craft, music, sports, cooking, pool, table tennis and much more

Location

Meet every Friday during term time from 6.30-8.30pm at The Grange Youth Centre, Mount Pleasant Road, Shrewsbury SY1 3SW.



Support & friendship, led by professionally qualified Youth Worker Julie Brotherton
Tel - 07711 482500
julieb.grangegang@outlook.com

Part funded by



Family fun this October



Shropshire
Wildlife Trust

SHRIEKS AND TREATS

📅 Saturday 26th October – Sunday 3rd November

📍 Blists Hill Victorian Town



HALLOWEEN ON THE FARM

SATURDAY 31TH OCTOBER
10.00 - 11.00AM
OR
11.30 - 12.30AM

Fancy Dress Welcome
Suitable for 2 - 7 years
(older and younger siblings welcome)

Under
2's are
Free

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE CAFE
BOOKING ESSENTIAL - NUMBERS LIMITED



INTERACTIVE STORYTELLING, CRAFTS, HALLOWEEN HUNT,
EXPLORE THE FARM AND ALL THE ANIMALS

OCT
23
2026



Halloween Trail

From 23rd October to 31st October Our
Halloween Trail...

HAWKSTONE PARK FOLLIES

HALLOWEEN AT ALDERFORD

A HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE WITH JUST ENOUGH *fright*

A SPOOKY EXPERIENCE SPECKLED WITH SMALL FRIGHTS FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND NOT-SO-BRAVE ADULTS, RETURNING FROM 30TH OCTOBER-1ST NOVEMBER

DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES WHO WANT THRILLS WITHOUT FULL HORROR, SPOOKY ISLAND TAKES YOU INTO THE MISTY WOODS FOR UNEXPECTED TWISTS, LIVE CHARACTERS, AND A SHORT BOAT CROSSING THAT SETS THE MOOD FROM THE START.

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FRI 30 - SAT 31 OCT 10.30am - 2.30pm

**HALLOWEEN
AT THE
MUSEUM**

Drop In




**SPIDERS,
SPOOKS AND
RATSSSS**

Date: 29 October - 31 October 2026

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm



Rockschool Sessions!



ROCK!
Music School



FOUNDATION

Ages 8-17

Shrewsbury

Saturdays* 2pm-3pm

The Grange Centre,
Mount Pleasant Road,
Shrewsbury, SY1 3SW

All Levels
Welcome!



Halloween Party



Sat 31st October 2026

Stay and play sessions for children with SEN aged 0-10
and their parents & carers



Get ready for a spooktacular sensory celebration filled with Halloween fun!
We'll be exploring lots of Halloween themed sensory play, messy activities, creative fun and spooky surprises, all in our usual calm, inclusive Little Rainbows style.
And of course... it wouldn't be a party without some Halloween treats! Plus, every child will take home their very own party bag packed with goodies to continue the fun at home!
Whether your child wants to get stuck into the sensory activities, enjoy the treats, explore at their own pace or simply watch and take it all in, there's no pressure and no right or wrong way to join the party.
Come along for a morning of spooky sensory fun, Halloween treats and plenty of Little Rainbows magic!



SEN & DISABILITIES AT JUNGLELAND

TERM TIME TUESDAYS

OUR BRAND NEW
EXCLUSIVE SEN SESSION.
EVERY TERM TIME TUESDAY
2.00PM-4.00PM
FOR CHILDREN OF ANY AGE
£2.99 PER CHILD



SEN SATURDAYS
ENJOY OUR WEEKLY
EXCLUSIVE SEN SESSION.
EVERY SATURDAY MORNING
8.00AM-9.30AM
FOR CHILDREN OF ANY AGE
£3.45 PER CHILD

**OPEN EVERY DAY
DAILY PLAY FOR
12 YEARS AND UNDER**
£2.99 PER CHILD



BOOK YOUR SOFT PLAY SESSION VIA OUR MOBILE APP
OR DIRECT ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.JUNGLELANDTELFORD.COM

JUNGLELAND ACCEPTS ANY FORM OF PROOF OF DISABILITY TO RECEIVE OUR ACCESSIBILITY DISCOUNT (ACCESS CARD, DID CARD, MAX CARD, EHC P ETC)
PLEASE SHOW YOUR CHILD'S CARD/DOCUMENTATION TO OUR RECEPTIONIST ON ARRIVAL.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT OUR ACCESSIBILITY TEAM: INFO@JUNGLELANDTELFORD.COM

Kids

Disabled children
say we can

We can
grow

Kids SASS

Teens All In October
Half Term

Age 12-17
Join us for fun
and inclusive
sessions,
if you are new
to
the all in short
breaks please
email:

Kids.shropshire
@kids.org.uk
Can you join us?

Monday 26th
October 2026
Belle Vue Youth
Club, Shrewsbury

Pumpkin
Painting,
Crafts, Lego
Games and
Biscuit Decorating

I can

to book
please Email:
Kids.Shropshire@kids.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 275936

11-3pm
Cost £10

