

# NEWS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES SEPT-DEC 2025

#### YOUNG CARERS AND YOUNG ADULT CARERS

**AGED 5-25 YEARS OLD** 

We support children and young people whose lives are affected by caring for someone at home.



# **NEWS & INFO**

# **WELLBEING** AND ACTIVITY MEETUPS

Young carers have been participating in our new monthly meetups to support their emotional and physical wellbeing. They have enjoyed making their own 'support bears' and taking part in a yoga workshop. We have completed four sessions so far and have more planned for the future.

Look out for further information in the newsletter and social media!



# OUR SERVICE FOR YOU DESIGNED BY YOU

## JOIN OUR DMG (DECISION MAKING GROUP) AND TELL US WHAT YOU WANT

37 young carers did a mystery shop for Solihull council's young carer's webpage. Our DMG members designed the next activity programme and chose activities that took place on our Blackwell residential. They agreed to introduce monthly wellbeing and active sessions and told us better ways to get surveys returned. All put in place!



- £1,004 from West Midlands Golf Club
- Carers Trust for £800 and
- A local family for £1000



Funds have created individual grant funds and provided extra spaces for young carers on two residentials. We could not do this without you! Not forgetting our main funders Solihull Council.





# PEER MENTORS IN SCHOOLS

Our Peer Mentors have been joining young carer groups in local schools. The feedback from the schools and young carers have been very positive and the Peer Mentors are enjoying the difference they are making to other young carers. They're superstars!





#### **YOUNG CARERS FESTIVAL**

Our young carers had an amazing time at this year's Young Carers Festival! From thrilling fairground rides, live music to outdoor movies, fireworks and the legendary silent disco, there was non-stop fun and laughter all round. More than just a festival, it was a chance for our young carers to connect with each other, relax, have fun and make new friends. A powerful and unforgettable weekend.

#### **ARE YOU TURNING 18 SOON?**

If you are turning 18 between September 2025-March 2026 you have the right to engage in a Young Adult **Carers Transition** Assessment, This will give you the opportunity to talk about your current caring roles, the impact and explore support. All our carers that engage in their assessment will receive a £25 restaurant voucher.

Please contact the team using details on back page.



Look out for our monthly drop-ins at the following locations:

- Solihull College
  - Blossomfield Campus: Outside Student Support
  - Woodlands Campus: In the library
- Solihull Sixth Form College
  - In the refectory

At these drop-ins, you can receive information, advice, and signposting related to your caring role and education.

We'll send you a text reminder before each session — make sure we have your up-to-date contact details.



#### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**

Are you 18 years plus and interested in volunteering as a Befriender for our Peer Mentoring project? We are looking for someone to join our South Solihull sessions for two Wednesday evenings each month.

To express your interest and to find out more contact Ruth Geoghegan:

**EMAIL** ruth.geoghegansolihullcarers.org or CALL / TEXT 07514 495761



# PARENT CARER ASSESSMENTS DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH A DIAGNOSED DISABILITY OR ADDITIONAL NEED?

If you do, you could consider having a Parent Carer Assessment. The assessment's focus is on you and your needs and is centred around how caring is impacting your own wellbeing.

Additionally, you will receive a £25 gift voucher around 6 weeks after your assessment, if you return your review form.

Call us on 0121 788 1143 or use the link below.



#### A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thankyou to the local services that continue to share awareness of our Parent Carer Assessments: Solihull Parent Carer Voice; Solihull Family Hubs; and Smithtons Coffee Shop among others.







Your continued support has enabled us to support many more parent carers within the community.





Please use the QR Code or link to request a parent carer assessment:

https://solihullcarers.wufoo.com/forms/g5alez1beb49g/

# **EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**



Wellness and Movement Meetups

AGE GROUP 8-16YRS
WEDS 3 SEPT 4.00PM-5.30PM

Our monthly wellness and movement meetups are for carers aged 8-16 years old. This will be a group discussion and activity concentrating on an area of well-being, followed by a practical movement activity. Each session will have a different focus and the opportunity to learn a new skill such as yoga, indoor sports or boxing.

**WHERE** Three Trees Community Centre, Hedingham Grove B37 7TP

Club Drop-in
PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE 5+
THURS 4 SEPT 5.15PM-7.00PM

Meetup with other young carers, have fun, play games, join in with activities or just chill out.

Optional Cooking/Sports

WHERE Hatchford Brook B92 8JE

Club Drop-in SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE 11+ THURS 4 SEPT 7.15PM-9.00PM

Meetup with other young carers, have fun, play games, join in with activities or just chill out

**Optional** Cooking/Sports

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Club Drop-in PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE 5+ WEDS 10 SEPT 5.15PM-7.00PM

Meetup with other young carers, have fun, play games, join in with activities or just chill out

Optional Cooking/Sports

WHERE Colebrook Centre B37 5DP

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Club Drop-in YAC 16-25YRS

**SAT 20 SEPT 1.00PM-4.00PM** 

Meet with other young adult carers for fun, food and good times - all for free!

**You decide** Head out for a fun filled activity or enjoy delicious food.

**MEETING POINT** Carers Trust Solihull B9110Y

Beach Residential YAC 16-25YRS

3 NIGHTS: FRI 26-SUN 28 SEPT

Enjoy a well-deserved break at Burham on Sea. Create some summer memories, one beach day at a time!

**WHERE** Burham-on-Sea Holiday Village









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#### Club Drop-in **PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE 5+** THURS 2 OCT 5.15PM-7.00PM

Meetup with other young carers, have fun, play games, join in with activities or just chill

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**Optional** Cooking/Sports WHERE Hatchford Brook B92 8JE

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**MEETING POINT Carers Trust** Solihull B911QY

#### **First Aid Training AGES 14-25YRS**

TUES 28 OCT 1.00PM-4.00PM

Join our free First Aid Training, save lives, build confidence and boost your skills!

WHERE Carers Trust Solihull B9110Y

#### **Bowling PRIMARY SCHOOL 8+ THURS 30 OCT** 12.00PM-4.00PM

IT'S BOWLING O'CLOCK! If Bowling is right up your alley, come along and make some fun filled memories by attending our bowling session.

WHERE: Hollywood Bowl, Resorts World Birmingham

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#### **Escape Room YAC 16-25YRS**

#### SAT1NOV 1.00PM-4.00PM

Enter a world full of puzzles. clues and surprises. Work together to unlock doors, crack codes and beat the clock before time runs out. Can you escape in time?

WHERE Resorts World, Birmingham

#### **Decision Making Group PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE 8-11YRS**

#### TUES 4 NOV 5.30PM-6.30PM

Help make decisions about our service such as choosing activities, helping with design work, being the voice of other young carers and more and get £10 gift voucher for participation.

**WHERE** Teams

#### **Decision Making Group**

SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE 11-16YRS

#### TUES 4 NOV 6.45PM-7.45PM

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#### **Club Drop-in PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE 5+**

#### WEDS 12 NOV 5.15PM-7.00PM

Meetup with other young carers, have fun, play games, join in with activities or just chill out.

**Optional** Cooking/Sports

WHERE Colebrook Centre, B37 5DP

#### **Club Drop-in**

#### **SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE 11+**

#### WEDS 12 NOV 7.15PM-9.00PM

Meetup with other young carers, have fun, play games, join in with activities or just chill out.

**Optional** Cooking/Sports

WHERE Colebrook Centre B37 5DP

#### Club Drop-in **YAC 16-25YRS**

#### SAT 15 NOV 1.00PM-4.00PM

Meet with other young adult carers for fun, food and good times - all for free!

You decide Head out for a fun filled activity or enjoy delicious food. **MEETING POINT Carers Trust** 



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#### Club Drop-in - Christmas Party Celebration!

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE 5+

#### THURS 4 DEC 5.15PM-7.00PM

Join us for a festive evening filled with holiday cheer, great company, delicious food, fun games and a few merry prizes! (Please note this will be replacing The Colebrook Club in December)

WHERE Hatchford Brook B92 8JE

#### Club Drop-in - Joint Christmas Party Celebration!

#### SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE 11+

THURS 4 DEC 7.15PM-9.00PM

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#### **Aladdin Pantomime**

#### **AGE 8-25YRS**

#### SAT 13 DEC 12.30PM-3.00PM

Step into a world of magic, music and adventure and join us for a fun filled day watching the pantomime!

WHERE The Core Theatre, Homer Road, Solihull B913RG









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MEETING POINT Carers Trust Solihull B91 10Y











### CARERS TRUST

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#### **REGISTER HERE**

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