



Carers - we need your help!



We're planning our events programme for the coming months and we'd love your thoughts. What events would you actually like to see us run? A chance to meet other Carers, something for your own wellbeing, a useful information session, or something else entirely?

We've put together a short, anonymous survey (it takes around 5 minutes) and your answers will directly shape what we organise. We would be really grateful if you could share your thoughts!

[Link to the survey](#)

Carer News and Updates



Major new report published by Carers UK

Carers UK has published a new report revealing the pressures pushing unpaid Carers out of paid work. Based on responses from over 10,500 Carers, it finds that nearly half of working Carers are considering reducing their hours or leaving work altogether, driven by inflexible workplaces, exhaustion, and a lack of affordable social care.

Carers UK is calling for a cross-Government Carers Action Plan, a statutory right to paid Carer's Leave, stronger employer support, and greater investment in social care and the NHS.

[Read the full report here](#)

Make your voice heard in government consultation for unpaid Carers

The Government is keen to hear from both unpaid carers and employers about the challenges of balancing paid work with caring responsibilities. The consultation also includes proposals around strengthening support for working carers, including the potential introduction of a statutory right to paid Carer's Leave. The consultation is open until **1 September 2026** and covers England, Scotland and Wales.

There are several ways to respond:

- Complete the consultation **online**: [Consultation on Employment Rights for Unpaid Carers and Parents of Seriously Ill Children](#)
- **Email** your response to: unpaidcarers@businessandtrade.gov.uk
- **Write to**: Unpaid Carers Policy Team, Employment Rights Directorate, Department for Business and Trade, Old Admiralty Building, Admiralty Place, London, SW1A 2DY

[Find out more and respond here](#)

Parent Carer News and Updates



Kinship Allowance Pilot

Wiltshire Council is one of seven local authorities taking part in a new Kinship Zones pilot, recognising the vital role family and friends play in caring for children when parents cannot. The pilot offers a non-means-tested weekly allowance to eligible kinship carers, helping children remain safe and supported within their wider family network.

[Find out more on Wiltshire Council's website](#)



Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation - Vocational Grants Programme

The programme is now open for applications. It offers financial support for young people aged 14-24 years who are starting or already studying a vocational course or apprenticeship. Grants can help cover costs such as course equipment, IT, study or field trips and, in some cases, travel.

[Find out more at WSCF's website](#)

Inclusive Wiltshire is Open for Applications



The new Inclusive Wiltshire scheme is now open for applications. Inclusive Wiltshire replaces the previous Wiltshire Short Breaks Scheme. A significant change to the previous scheme; Parent Carers will need to complete an Eligibility Checker which will identify the offer or offers most likely to meet your child's needs, based on the responses you submit.

Before applying, we recommend that everyone reads the information on the Wiltshire Local Offer website, where you will find details of the offers within the new scheme, which will help to inform your choice should the Checker result in more than one offer for you to choose from. There is also a FAQs section, which includes more information about the scheme.

Young Adult Carer News and Updates

What's on in Wiltshire this Summer for Young Adult Carers

- Wiltshire Music Centre are running “Make Music This Summer” with things like band sessions, music production, songwriting, musical theatre and LEGO stop motion, plus some family concerts
Wiltshire Music Centre: <https://www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk/>
- Citizens Advice Youth Steering Group (ages 16–25) - a chance to share your experiences and help shape services for young people - good for confidence and CV building, travel costs covered!
<https://www.citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk/volunteer>
<https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/activity/youth-steering-group-volunteer-aged-16-25>
- Wiltshire & Swindon Youth Commission (ages 14–25) – work alongside the Police & Crime Commissioner and have a say on issues affecting young people, great for experience and building confidence
<https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/have-your-say/youth-commission/>
- Wiltshire Climate Alliance Youth Group – for anyone into climate or environment stuff, includes campaigns, workshops and community projects
<https://www.wiltshireclimatealliance.org.uk/youthgroup>
youth@wiltshireclimatealliance.org.uk
- Volunteering opportunities across Wiltshire over summer – things like festivals, food banks, youth work, community events etc - these are a great way to build experience or just try something different
<https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/>
(Tip: you never know who you might meet, and where it might lead you!)
- Lots of local community events and festivals happening over summer – worth having a scroll to see what's near you
<https://events.wiltshire.gov.uk/>
<https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/>
- Places to Explore: Savernake Forest, canal walks, Salisbury Plain, the Ridgeway and local parks – easy options for a low-key day out.
- More places to look for ideas:
<https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/>
<https://events.wiltshire.gov.uk/>
<https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/>



Event Planner

Join Carers Together Wiltshire for a Family Picnic at Hillworth Park!

Join us on Wednesday 5th August 2026 (11am-1pm) for a family picnic at Hillworth Park, Devizes (SN10 5HR).

Please bring a picnic for your family and ball games your young people may like to play. All are welcome, including the person you care for.

Free tea, coffee or ice cream for all!



Family Picnic

For Parent Carers and Young People

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Wednesday 5th August 2026

11am - 1pm



Hillworth Park
Devizes, SN10 5HR



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Upcoming Daytime Discos!

If you are aged 55+ - why not come along to one of Age UK Wiltshire's Daytime Discos? These popular discos are FREE, accessible and relaxed afternoons of music and socialising for everyone who loves a good tune - whether you want to tear up the dancefloor or just sit back and enjoy the music!

No need to book – just turn up! We can't wait to see you there!

Melksham

Friday 3rd July 2026

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Assembly Hall, Market Place,
Melksham, SN12 6ES

Chippenham

Friday 24th July 2026

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Neeld Hall, 4 Borough Parade,
Chippenham, SN15 3WL



Melksham Assembly Hall

Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES

Friday 3rd July 2026

2pm - 4pm

Open to everyone aged 55+

**FREE
ENTRY!**

Music from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s
Accessible venue

Licensed bar and free refreshments
Plenty of space to dance the afternoon away, or just sit and listen to the music!

No need to book, just turn up on the day!
Venue capacity: 250

If you are coming as a group, please try to arrive together to ensure you all get in.
Doors open at 1.45pm please queue outside if you arrive early.



Come and join the party!

To find out more, phone 07754 612569 or email fitnessandfriendship@ageukwiltshire.org.uk



Chippenham Neeld Hall

4 Borough Parade, Chippenham SN15 3WL

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[View our Events page](#)

Summer Carer Cafés List

Amesbury Carer Café

Weds 1st July at 10:30am-12pm

Weds 5th August at 10:30am-12pm

Weds 2nd Sept at 10:30am-12pm

Evergreen Café, Archers Way,
Amesbury, SP4 7YT

Bradford on Avon Carer Café

Thurs 23rd July at 10:30am-12pm

Thurs 27th August at 10:30am-12pm

Thurs 24th Sept at 10:30am-12pm

Timbrells Yard, 49 St Margaret's
Street, Bradford on Avon BA15 1DE

Broad Chalke Carer Café

Weds 8th July at 2-4pm

Weds 12th August at 2-4pm

Weds 9th September at 2-4pm

The Chapel, High Road, Broad
Chalke, SP5 5EH

Parent Carer Virtual Group

Thurs 30th July at 7-8pm

Thurs 24th September at 7-8pm

Online

Pewsey Carer Café

Tues 7th July at 10:30am-12pm

Tues 4th August at 10:30am-12pm

Tues 1st Sept at 10:30am-12pm

The Wesley Hall, Pewsey Methodist
Church, 35 North St, Pewsey SN9
5ES

Royal Wootton Bassett Carer Café

Tues 7th July at 10:30am-12pm

Tues 4th August at 10:30am-12pm

Tues 1st Sept at 10:30am-12pm

Dandelion Gifts & Coffee Shop,
49 High St, Royal Wootton Bassett,
SN4 7AQ

Calne Carer Café - Formerly run by Carer Support Wiltshire

Tues 14th July at 10:30am-12pm

Tues 11th August at 10:30am-12pm

Tues 8th Sept at 10:30am-12pm

Lansdowne Strand Hotel, The Strand,
Calne SN11 0EH

Carer Corner Salisbury

Tues 28th July at 7-9pm

Tues 25th August at 7-9pm

Tues 22nd September at 7-9pm

Riverside Sanctuary, 2 Watt Road,
Salisbury, SP2 7UD

Chippenham Carer Café

Mon 20th July at 10:30am-12pm

Mon 17th August at 10:30am-12pm

Mon 21st Sept at 10:30am-12pm

Angel Hotel, Market Place,
Chippenham, SN15 3HD

Corsham Carer Café

Thurs 16th July at 10:30am-12pm

Thurs 20th August at 10:30am-12pm

Thurs 17th Sept at 10:30am-12pm

The Methuen Arms, 2 High St,
Corsham, SN13 0HB

Corsham (Rudloe) Carer Café

Thurs 23rd July at 10:30am-12pm

Thurs 13th August at 10:30am-12pm

Thurs 24th Sept at 10:30am-12pm

Dandelion Coffee House, Portal Ave,
Corsham SN13 0LQ

Devizes Carer Café

Weds 1st July at 10:30am-12pm

Weds 5th August at 10:30am-12pm

Weds 2nd Sept at 10:30am-12pm

The Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market
Place, Devizes, SN10 1HS

Devizes Parent Carer Group

Weds 15th July at 10:30am-12pm

Salisbury Carer Café

Tues 21st July at 2-3:30pm

Tues 18th August at 2-3:30pm

Tues 15th September at 2-3:30pm

The White Hart Hotel, St John's
Street, Salisbury, SP1 2SD

Salisbury Parent Carer Group

Weds 1st July at 10.30am - 12pm

Weds 2nd Sept at 10.30am - 12pm

Cosy Club, 49 New St, Salisbury

Salisbury Mental Health Café with Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership - Formerly run by Carer Support Wiltshire

Weds 22nd July at 10am-12pm

Weds 26th August at 10am-12pm

Weds 23rd September at 10am-12pm

The White Hart Hotel, St John's
Street, Salisbury SP1 2SD

Tidworth Carer Café

Weds 8th July at 2-4pm

Weds 12th August at 2-4pm

Weds 9th September at 2-4pm

Ezra's Diner, Tidworth Civic Centre,
Wylve Road, Tidworth, SP9 7QQ

Tisbury Carer Café

Tues 28th July at 10:30am-12pm

Tues 25th August at 10:30am-12pm

Tues 22nd Sept at 10:30am-12pm

Harry's - On the Square, The Square,
High Street, Tisbury, SP3 6JP

Trowbridge Carer Café

Mon 27th July at 2-3:30pm

Mon 17th August at 2-3:30pm

Mon 21st September at 2-3:30pm

St. John's Parish Centre, 2 Wingfield
Road, Trowbridge, BA14 9EA

Trowbridge Mental Health Café with Avon & Wiltshire Mental

Weds 16th Sept at 10:30am-12pm
The Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market
Place, Devizes, SN10 1HS

**Ludgershall Carer Café - Formerly
run by Carer Support Wiltshire**

Tues 7th July at 3-4:30pm
Tues 4th August at 3-4:30pm
Tues 1st September at 3-4:30pm
The Queen's Head, 32 High St,
Ludgershall, Andover SP11 9PZ

Malmesbury Carer Café

Thurs 23rd July at 10:30am-12pm
Thurs 27th August at 10:30am-12pm
Thurs 24th Sept at 10:30am-12pm
Malmesbury Abbey, Gloucester St,
Malmesbury SN16 0AA

Marlborough Carer Café

Thurs 23rd July at 10:30am-12pm
Thurs 27th August at 10:30am-12pm
Thurs 24th Sept at 10:30am-12pm
St. Peter's Church Coffee Shop, High
St, Marlborough, SN8 1HQ

Melksham Carer Café

Thurs 2nd July at 10:30am-12pm
Thurs 6th August at 10:30am-12pm
Thurs 3rd Sept at 10:30am-12pm
The Kings Arms Hotel, 20 Market
Place, Melksham, SN12 6EX

Mere Carer Café

Mon 20th July at 2.30-4pm
Mon 17th August at 2.30-4pm
Mon 21st September at 2.30- 4pm
Angel Corner Tea Rooms, Angel
Lane, Mere, BA12 6DH

**Health Partnership - Formerly run
by Carer Support Wiltshire**

Thurs 2nd July at 10:30am-12pm
Thurs 13th August at 10:30am-12pm
Thurs 10th Sept at 10:30am-12pm
St John's Parish Centre, 2 Wingfield
Road, Trowbridge BA14 9EA

Trowbridge Parent Carer Group

Mon 6th July at 10.30am - 12pm
Mon 7th Sept at 10.30am - 12pm
Cesars Coffee 29 The Gateway,
Bythesea Rd, BA14 8FZ

**Warminster Carer Café - Formerly
run by Carer Support Wiltshire**

Mon 20th July at 10:30am-12pm
Mon 17th August at 10:30am-12pm
Mon 21st Sept at 10:30am-12pm
Barchester Henford House Care
Home, Lower Marsh Road,
Warminster, BA12 9PB

**Westbury Carer Café - Formerly
run by Carer Support Wiltshire**

Mon 13th July at 2-3:30pm
Mon 10th August at 2-3:30pm
Mon 14th September at 2-3:30pm
Westbury Methodist Church, Station
Road, Westbury BA13 3JL

Whiteparish Carer Café

Tues 21st July at 2-3:30pm
Tues 18th August at 2-3:30pm
Tues 15th September at 2-3:30pm
Whiteparish Memorial Centre,
Whiteparish, Salisbury SP5 2SU

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