

# Leicestershire Local Offer



## Welcome...

...to the first edition of Leicestershire's Local Offer newsletter. Inside you'll find information about services for families who have a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). For more information visit the Local Offer website – [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/local-offer](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/local-offer) or you can find us on Facebook – Leicestershire Local Offer.

This is your newsletter so we are keen to get your views about articles and features you would like to see in future editions.

We hope to have some regular features including stories from young people, activities you can get involved in and a focus on services available to help you.

In this edition we focus on activities for the summer, along with an update on the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) – which the Leicestershire Parent Carer Forum have told us you would like more information on.



Future newsletters will be distributed by email and uploaded to Facebook, so please sign up so you don't miss out on future editions – email [leicestershirelocaloffer@leics.gov.uk](mailto:leicestershirelocaloffer@leics.gov.uk)

*Jane*

**Jane Moore**  
Assistant Director  
Education and Early Help

## The Local Offer

Our 'local offer' brings together details about local health, education and social care services in one place for children and young people aged 0-25.

The 'one-stop-shop' is a useful online resource for children, young people, parents, professionals and people who provide services.

You can also use the site to tell us about your experiences of services and facilities, register a service or suggest one to be added.

The 'local offer' was launched following national reform, ours can be found at [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/local-offer](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/local-offer)

## Competition time

### What's in a name...

As this is our first edition, we have called the newsletter Leicestershire Local Offer. We're giving you the chance to name future editions – this is your newsletter so let us know what you would like it to be called. Prizes will go to the readers with the best title, with two runner-up prizes of £10 and first prize of a £20 gift voucher. So, don't delay, get your thinking caps on and email [leicestershirelocaloffer@leics.gov.uk](mailto:leicestershirelocaloffer@leics.gov.uk)

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# Short Breaks

Short breaks are designed for families across Leicestershire who need short term care and support. We provide short breaks for children and young people who have been identified by our teams as needing support. Families can also pay for breaks by contacting the providers directly. In this edition, we focus on three providers who will be running some of our short breaks over the summer holidays; FTM dance, Goldhill Adventure Playground and SNIPS Hinckley.

In future editions we will provide information from other short breaks providers.

## FTM Dance

Forward Thinking Movement and Dance or FTM Dance as we are popularly named, is a performing arts respite organisation offering dance, drama and music sessions for children, young people and adults with additional needs.

All our activities are aimed at improving self-awareness, self-confidence, co-ordination, communication and creativity and, most importantly, socialising with peers and having fun.

In addition to our holiday clubs we also offer weekend sessions and adult day services for people aged 18 plus.

Transport and one-to-one support is available, and all our staff are highly skilled and have been trained in moving and handling, personal care, PEG tube feeding system, epilepsy, tracheostomy, positive handling and much more.

FTM Dance summer holiday club 2017 will run from 10am-2pm. This year's theme is the carnival, young people will have the opportunity to explore carnival arts and take part in the Leicester Caribbean Carnival (please note this is not compulsory).



## Goldhill Adventure Playground

Goldhill Adventure Playground has been successfully providing short break opportunities for the past 17 years.

Our venue is in a woodland setting and our opportunities take place within a fully inclusive adventure playground in Leicester. We are lucky enough to have some great facilities that can cater to almost everyone's needs. These include

a personal care room with hoist and table, a wheelchair inclusive roundabout, wheelchair accessible allotment, wheelchair accessible sandpit tables and picnic tables, an inclusive floor level trampoline, sensory room and soft play centre. We have various outdoor activities including towers, bridges, aerial runways, tunnels, climbing walls and various different swings.

For more information visit [goldhilladventureplayground.org](http://goldhilladventureplayground.org). If you would like to visit the site please phone 0116 2836350 and ask for a tour.



**“I liked that we can meet different people and that we do lots of different activities. I like the summer scheme because it is fun and I really enjoy it.”** (Maddison, student)

## Summer dates and locations

**Loughborough** – Week commencing 17 and 24 July

**Leicester** – Week commencing 31 July, 7 August and 29 August -1 September

**Melton** – Week commencing 14 and 21 August

**FTM Dance is taking private referrals from families living across the county as well as from residents living in the city.**

### Prices

£30 a day or £125 for the week

Additional costs for one-to-one support and transport

Please contact us on 07543 068872 or email

[ftmdance@gmail.com](mailto:ftmdance@gmail.com) if you have any further questions.





# SNIPS

Here at SNIPS Hinckley the summer holidays are a particularly busy time for us. Over the last few years we have been successfully delivering short breaks provision for 100 youngsters aged 4-17 living in Leicestershire.

Our summer schemes are split into three ages groups:

Allsortz for 4-7 year olds

Falcons 8-12 years

Eagles 13 – 17 years

Our key focus is on respite for parents and offering a sense of 'belonging' to the young people who come to us.

At SNIPS we offer varied activity programmes in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

We encourage our members to help plan the programme of activities themselves and there are plenty of opportunities for them to enjoy different experiences out and about in the community.

For children aged 8-17 we deliver six Saturday sessions per term in Hinckley. We organise a residential break each year for this age range too.

For adults, we offer a weekly drop in at a local pub (Vis-A-Vis) on a Tuesday evening between 7pm and 10pm.

If you want to find out more information either call Phil **07900 382329**, visit our website [snipshinckley.com](http://snipshinckley.com) or email [info@snipshinckley.com](mailto:info@snipshinckley.com)

# Meet the team ...

## Alison Barnes



Hello, my name is Alison. I feel honoured to be Leicestershire's Local Offer co-ordinator.

I have been involved with the Local Offer since July 2014 and helped to publish the first website back in August 2014.

I have been able to meet many wonderful children, young people, their families and their support workers or service providers.

When I've met families at support groups or events, I have been moved by the courage and spirit these remarkable young people and their families show every day.

At this year's *Local Offer Live* I was thrilled to be able to organise the first young people awards. You can read some of their inspirational stories inside.

Our Local Offer has developed considerably since its early days. At times getting information together was challenging.

Many improvements have been made because of your feedback via the website and at many of our 'testing' events.

Providing a Local Offer is our statutory duty – but I'm here to ensure it supports you.

If something is missing, or could be improved, please get in touch.

I hope that you see the Local Offer as a source of support – and it continues to develop to meet your needs.

### And finally...

If you see something that's not right, or you know of a service that's missing – please let me know.

[Alison.barnes@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.barnes@leics.gov.uk)

## Family Voice Worker (SEND)

An exciting new post was created to help gather the views of children and young people with SEND, and their families.

This role will work closely with local youth and community groups, children, young people and their families and Parent Carer Forums. The aim is to ensure that their views help to influence and shape services run by the council, NHS and other partners.



## My role as the Family Voice Worker so far ...

It has been an exciting start. I've made good links with partner organisations and have been welcomed by schools and youth groups to meet students.

I'm really eager to gather the views of children and young people with SEND and their families. I look forward to feeding the information back to Leicestershire County Council and other services.

For any more information in relation to this role please contact [Karen.hall@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.hall@leics.gov.uk)

# Get in touch...

We'd like to hear from you.  
Which services do you use? How do you feel about the support?  
What would you like to see in future newsletters?  
Contact Alison or Karen – on their emails above.



The Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) provides free impartial, confidential advice and support on matters relating to SEND, including education health and social care issues.

The service helps parents, carers, children and young people to participate and make informed decisions about their support needs and the outcomes they wish to achieve. Information given is based on legal advice and guidance.

To contact the team phone 0116 3055614 or email [sendiass@leics.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@leics.gov.uk)



L-R: Victoria Lickman, Lisa Masterson, Hannah Patani, Doris Williams, Ann-Marie Harris

## A day in the life of Hannah Patani a SENDIASS Officer

On a typical day I will attend a number of meetings with parents in schools regarding concerns which include sufficient support not being in place, a child not being able to attend due to SEND needs, through to issues around bullying. Throughout the meetings my role is to empower and support parents to make sure that their voice is heard. I remain impartial and give factual information, keeping the child as my main focus.

I have daily contact with head teachers, SENCOs, medical professionals and practitioners which tend to be support workers from Supporting Leicestershire Families and Children's Centres. I also attend home visits with parents where we can discuss case progress as well as completing paperwork and helping to understand processes.

## SENDIASS Case Study for Independent Support

*The names in this case study have been changed to protect anonymity.*

The Elliot family is made up of Mum, Josh 11, and James 15. SENDIASS worker – Alysha and Independent Support worker – Madelaine.

Since moving to year 7, Josh's poor behaviour had escalated. Mum was being called on a daily basis regarding incidents and Josh had two temporary exclusions within one month. The school was struggling to manage Josh's behaviour with the resources and strategies they had in place.

Mum had been told about a group called 'Solution Circles' running in Melton for parents of children with special educational needs, disabilities or behavioural issues. Mum attended the group which was run by a SENDIASS worker and a representative from Menphys SOS (a voluntary sector organisation). Mum explained the situation and that her relationship with the school had broken down and it was arranged for a SENDIASS officer to support her at a school meeting as mediator.

The meeting identified the need for further support, so the school sought advice from behaviour specialists at the Behaviour Partnership (a service which helps reduce exclusions from school), who completed a strengths and difficulties questionnaire. This identified that a request for an Education, Health and Care (EHC) assessment should be made. Alysha made a referral for Independent Support to help the family through this process.

Mum met with the Independent Support worker who informed her that she would be

able to help them through the assessment, which could take up to 20 weeks. Madelaine organised a number of sessions with mum explaining the EHC needs assessment and an EHC plan was developed. She was able to break down the EHC assessment process and explain which professionals would do what and when. Mum said that not knowing the whole process had caused her anxiety to increase, but after having this discussion with Madelaine, she felt that her anxiety levels had dropped considerably.

Mum made a number of calls to Madelaine to ask whether their request for support would be successful. Madelaine was able to reassure her of the process and contact the SEN Officer to discuss the application and feedback the response to mum.

Madelaine explained to mum what the Local Offer is and where this can be found on the Leicestershire County Council website as well as giving advice, and signposting to other local information, advice and support services.

Mum stated that the independent support she received had been invaluable and that she had already accessed local services that were providing further support for her and Josh as well as groups for James to attend.



# 2017 Special Olympics GB

Special Olympics GB's national games is the 10th in the history of the charity and will be held in Sheffield from Monday 7 August until Friday 11 August 2017.

It will be the largest sports event to take place in Great Britain for people with an intellectual (learning) disability.

Around **2,600** athletes of all ages and abilities will come together from across the country to compete.

**20 Sports:** Athletics, Artistic Gymnastics, Boccia, Badminton, Basketball, Bowls indoor, Short-mat Bowls, Cycling, Equestrian, Football, Golf, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Judo, Netball, Powerlifting, Sailing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis and Ten Pin Bowling.

Athletes will be supported over **4 days** of competition by:

**800** coaches, **750** volunteers, **150** officials and more than **5,000** family and friends at **13** sports venues with a families village in Tudor Square.

A spectacular Olympic-style opening ceremony will kick off the event at Sheffield United Football Club on Tuesday 8 August. Tickets for the opening ceremony are on sale from early July.

For more details about Special Olympic activities in the county and the National Games, go to: [specialolympicsgb.org.uk](http://specialolympicsgb.org.uk)



SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
GB NATIONAL GAMES  
SHEFFIELD 2017



## Calendar

**Monday 7 August**  
Athletes arrive

**Tuesday 8 August**  
Competition & Opening Ceremony  
at Bramall Lane, Sheffield

**Wednesday 9 August**  
Competition

**Thursday 10 August**  
Competition

**Friday 11 August**  
Competition & Closing Ceremonies

**Saturday 12 August**  
Athletes Depart Sheffield

Access to all competitive events is free.

Families can keep up-to-date  
with news at  
[sheffield2017.org.uk](http://sheffield2017.org.uk)

## Kirsty's story

Kirsty has been a member of the Leicester Leys Gymnastics Group since she was 10 years old despite being autistic. She has also competed with the East Midlands Artistic Gymnastics Team in the last two Special Olympics GB Summer Games in 2009 (Leicester) and 2013 (Bath).

This year Kirsty has been chosen to be part of the East Midlands Gymnastics Team. In the past Kirsty has also competed as part of the East Midlands Equestrian Team - in 2001 (Cardiff) and 2005 (Glasgow). She has won most medals for Gymnastics.

Kirsty has been in supported living accommodation since she was 21. Three days a week Kirsty helps voluntarily at a local Salvation Army Café, where the staff speak very highly of her. Kirsty is very good at cross stitch and most of her work is given to the Salvation Army to help with their funds. Kirsty, being autistic, has a weekly routine; she swims, ten pin bowls and takes part in gymnastics every week. She also enjoys going to the cinema and going out for meals.

Kirsty is very focused on the 2017 games at Sheffield. This is a major part of her life. She is so fit and needs to carry on her gymnastics for many more years to come as it is part of her autistic routine.



Matthew is also competing in the Special Olympics - read his story on page 7.

## James' story

James, 13, has made many friends at gymnastics and through gymnastics has developed his confidence and social skills, gaining much respect, admiration and support from his peers, local and wider community.

James is no stranger to the Special Olympics. When he was younger he presented winner medals at regional events in Boston, Lincolnshire, and in 2009 alongside Matt Hampson, he was privileged to lead out the Tannochside region at the opening ceremony of the Leicester Special Olympics!

Aside from gymnastics, James likes creative arts, especially drama and role play. He attends a weekly drama group, sharing his creative talents and getting involved in productions. James also enjoys watching animated movies and spending time with his family, including his sister and cats Bungle and Terence.

James will be competing in the Junior Artistic Gymnastics for the East Midlands Region in this year's National Games in Sheffield.



# Local Offer Live 2017

Launched in 2015, Local Offer Live is an annual event for young people with SEND.

In 2017, the event was supported by Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council, NHS England, Remploy and BMW Mini.

Its aim is to celebrate the voices of disabled people in Leicestershire and provide a safe space for young people to learn about services.



## Awards for young people



As well as a range of performances, the county council launched the first Local Offer Live awards for young people.

Special schools and groups across Leicester and Leicestershire were asked to nominate inspirational young people across six categories:

- Overcoming adversity
- Rising Star
- Sports Personality
- Greatest Achievement
- Most Inspirational
- Most Positive

The nominations were so moving that in the end we decided to have joint winners in each category.

Featured opposite are two of this year's winners, Matthew and Ellie.

### Highlights

- 114 services from Leicester, Leicestershire, Rutland exhibited at the event
- 8 special schools performed in Curve's Studio Theatre
- 11 community groups performed – including Bullfrog Arts, ADHD Solutions, RNIB and FTM Dance
- 11 disabled dance artists performed, including Dan Daw, Salamander Tandem and Marc Brew Company
- 900 people watched 'Grease the Musical'
- 3,000 young people, parents, carers, professionals and members of the public attended
- Leicestershire County Council hosted an awards ceremony for young people
- In partnership with Curve, People Dancing hosted a national conference on accessibility in the arts



## In the life of Ellie...

I'm 15 years old from Coalville and I am profoundly deaf. To help me I have two cochlear implants which I wear with speech processors (very powerful hearing aids) which are connected to my implants via magnets. With them, I can hear wonderful sounds that many people take for granted. I am able to watch TV, listen to music and talk to many people. When I remove the speech processors I am profoundly deaf as the implants are only the internal parts.

My cochlear implants have made my life so much easier and more accessible. I didn't first hear or speak till I was 3 years old. I recently watched a video of myself when I first got my cochlear implants up until I was about 4 years old. It was amazing to see how the implants quickly helped improve my speech and it was also lovely for me to see and be reminded how much my implants helped even at that age.

**“Being a part of the Youth Advisory Board has enabled me to feel far more confident about myself and given me a better understanding of my rights, as well as enabling me to campaign for others like me.”**

I can sign using British Sign Language (BSL) and this allows me to communicate to the deaf society and lots of my deaf friends.

I was also diagnosed with diabetes at the age of nine and am visually impaired. Whilst this is a lot of things, I take them in my stride and manage it all. It can be difficult at times, but I get there through the help and support of my friends and family who are always right beside me and I know I can ask for their support when I need it.

I am part of Youth Advisory Board (YAB) with National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS).

As there are concerns about the lack of access to BSL, we have started to campaign.

I was excited to launch the campaign by speaking at two different radio stations - BBC Radio Leicester and BBC Radio 5 Live, the Coalville Times also picked up on this news story. Campaigning has been an amazing experience and great opportunity and I have loved the feeling of being able to help out.

In October 2016 I went to the conservative conference in Birmingham and spoke to MPs about things that could affect the deaf community and raise concerns. It was a great experience to be able to talk to powerful people who could make a big impact in the deaf community.

Without these experiences I wouldn't have wanted to take politics as one of my A level subjects; as bad as it sometimes is seen, this is what I want to do in the future - I enjoy it so much!

I am largely involved with Scouting. I am part of Armstrong Explorers based in Ashby and Coalville district. I am a young leader for Cubs at 4th Coalville Scout group. I have completed all my training, modules and missions, I am now currently waiting for my badges and my young leader's belt, I cannot wait! When I'm at my Scout campsite, I instruct archery under supervision. I love being involved in the Scouting movement and taking part with other young people - it's awesome!

I never let my diseases or problems stop me from doing what I want to do, and I take as many opportunities as possible. When I look back I realise I have done so much and I am determined to continue to do so!



## Matthew's story

**“I want to be known for my ability not my disability.”**

Everyone has a mountain to climb, but autism has not been my mountain, it has been my opportunity for victory.

I was born with autism. I am fine with it as autism is part of who I am. From a young age, I knew sport was what I wanted to do with my life. I knew it was going to be harder for me than for someone without a disability but I was up for the challenge. I was not going to let my autism get in the way of sport.

My love for tennis started at the age of 6 when I went to Saturday junior training sessions at Stoney Stanton Tennis Club. When the coach left the club, I moved to Desford Lawn Tennis Club and have been there for over 10 years with a fantastic coach called Alec Matty. At the age of 15 I found out about the Special Olympics, the world's largest sports organisation for children and adults with learning disabilities. I went to a training day and they invited me to Special Olympics East Midlands Tennis Squad training. In 2013, aged 16, I was



selected for my first Special Olympics National Games at Bath. Before I went I was interviewed by BBC East Midlands Today. At Bath, I won a silver medal in the singles and a gold medal in the doubles. That November, I was selected for the Learning Disability European Tennis Championships in Luxembourg. In the singles, I won a gold medal and am the youngest GB Special Olympics athlete to win a gold medal at the championships.

I am now preparing for my second Special Olympics National Games to be held at Sheffield in August. Every year I compete in regional learning disability tournaments across the country. including the Midlands Regional Learning Disability Tennis Tournament at the Nottingham Tennis Centre, where the pre-Wimbledon events are held.

I also play football for AFC Barwell Inclusive football team and was recently awarded the Local Offer Live award in the Sports Personality category at the Curve theatre. My aspirations for the future are to keep focusing on improving 100 things by 1 per cent in my sport. As soon as I step onto a court, I know that I want to win, but if I don't win, I know that I have tried my best. I always think of the Special Olympics motto: "Let me win, but if I can't win, let me be brave in the attempt".

No matter what your disability is, you can do anything if you put your mind to it.

# Family Information Directory

Our Family Information Directory (FID) provides information on many useful local organisations and activities where you live such as:

- childcare, including day nurseries, pre-schools, childminders and out of school clubs
- children's centres
- children's activities including leisure groups and activities
- support groups
- providers offering advice and guidance
- disability and special educational needs groups (Local Offer)
- education, including private tuition

Our Family Information Service (FIS) aims to provide information advice and guidance to all families and families to be, including those who have children or young people with special educational needs or disability.

Please visit [leicestershire.gov.uk/family-information-directory](http://leicestershire.gov.uk/family-information-directory)

Call our Family Information Service on **0116 3056545**, or

Email: [family@leics.gov.uk](mailto:family@leics.gov.uk)



## Chat Health

Chat Health - is an award-winning initiative, developed by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

It is aimed at young people and enables them to text the school nurse messaging service that is available across Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland by texting **07520 615387**, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4:30pm, throughout the year (excluding bank holidays).



Young people will be able to send a text message to book an appointment, or get confidential advice on issues such as bullying, emotional health and wellbeing, sexual health, alcohol and drugs, and general illnesses.

Messages sent to the Chat Health number are delivered to a secure website and will be responded to by a school nurse within one working day. Texts to the service outside of working hours will receive an automated message which provides advice about where to get alternative support if the issue is urgent.





# Who speaks for the families?



## Leicestershire Parent Carer Forum

When you become a carer to your own child, your life turns a huge corner. Instead of the straightforward path of baby groups, play centres and play dates, you begin to take on a huge challenge of meeting those extra needs presented by their disability or illness.

Sometimes this happens as your child grows, or happens suddenly because of injury or infection. However you became a carer to your child, you're suddenly so much more than a parent.

After the day to day challenges (and rewards) you have to negotiate medical appointments, therapies, social services, educational plans.

You have to meet people whose job titles were previously a mystery. Your time is not your own, you are there for your child. Sometimes as a person, you can feel overwhelmed, or that services don't match your needs.

A Parent Carer Forum is not just another support group. It's not a support group at all. Although one of its aims is to support parent carers, it exists to serve you.

### Here is how:

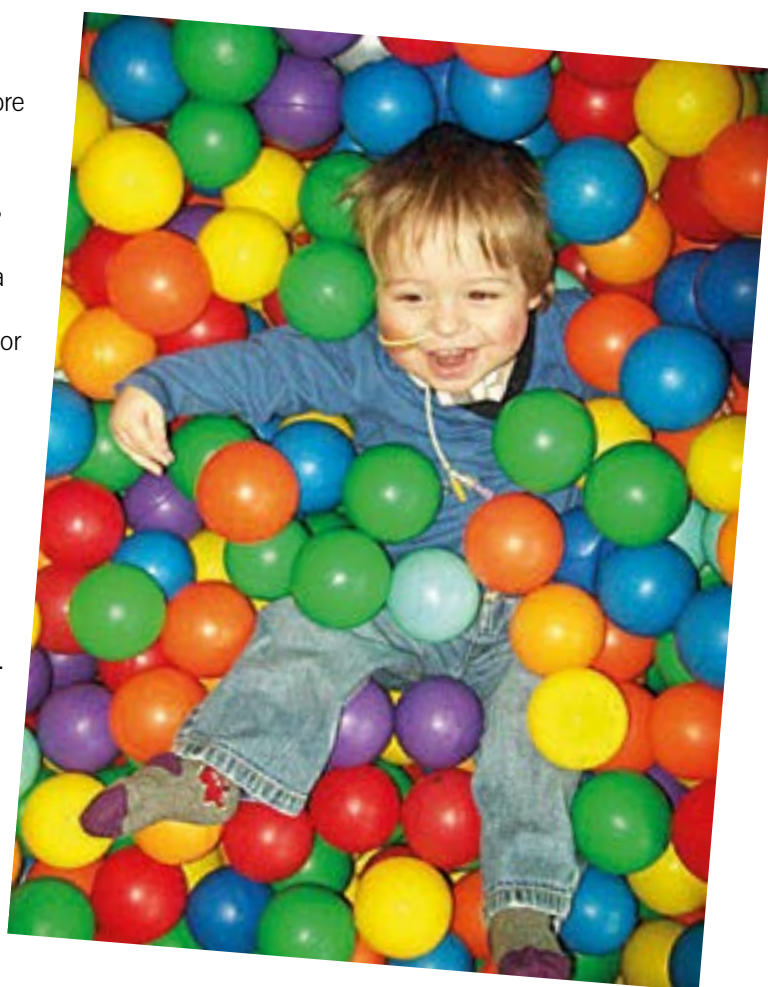
We, as parent carers, and our children are sometimes known as 'service users'. The council – and within it the SEND teams - are sometimes known as 'service providers'.

It can sometimes feel like "us and them", but it's important to realise that we are all people who all want the best for our children.

The Parent Carer Forum is a communication tool for parent carers to directly inform the local authority and its partners how things are going, including when things are not going so well.

When you join the Leicestershire Parent Carer Forum, you are officially giving your voice to the local authority. We attend council meetings and work closely with staff and the Family Voice worker, to share your views directly.

Please join us at our forum meets, share your views, enjoy a bite to eat, meet fellow families in the county. Have a look at our Facebook page for the dates in your area.



We're working hard to cover the whole of our county.

We need people to join the committee, to help run the parent participation groups, to report back once a month and to attend regional training days.

Email [leicestershirepcf@gmail.com](mailto:leicestershirepcf@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook, if you're interested.

Remember, this is *your* newsletter...

If you would like to submit an article or you have a suggestion for an article, please email [leicestershirelocaloffer@leics.gov.uk](mailto:leicestershirelocaloffer@leics.gov.uk)

# Accessible facilities in county leisure centres

The new Hinckley Leisure Centre has welcomed students from Dorothy Goodman School to try out the new 'Pool Pod', providing easier access to the water for disabled customers and those with mobility issues.

The pool pod makes it easier for disabled people to access the pool and they can choose to operate the pod independently by means of a wrist band available from reception. Users can either stand on the platform or use the specially-designed submersible wheelchair, which then lowers gently into the water.

The pod was installed at Hinckley's new £15m leisure centre in January 2017 and has already proved popular with Dorothy Goodman students, who swim there every week.

Mayan, 14, (pictured below) said: "It was a great way to get into the pool, I liked how it helped my friends in wheelchairs get in and out without needing lots of help from the teachers. It was also fun to be lowered into the pool."

Janet Thompson, Head teacher at Dorothy Goodman, added: "The pod is a great addition to the facilities... it enables our young people to enter and leave the pool with dignity and ease."

"The pod makes the transition into the pool easy, allowing our young people to spend more time doing what they love – swimming."

Dorothy Goodman student Jenkin Richards, 14, (pictured opposite) uses the Pool Pod's submersible wheelchair during a swimming lesson at Hinckley Leisure Centre.

As well as the Pool Pod, the new centre also has a number of fully accessible changing rooms and showering facilities.

For more information visit [hinckleyleisurecentre.org](http://hinckleyleisurecentre.org) or call **01455 610011** or come along to see for yourself.

**Hinckley Leisure Centre**  
**Argents Mead, Hinckley**  
**Leicestershire LE10 1BZ**



We would advise you to check availability and opening times directly with the site before you travel!



### Inclusive sports and leisure facilities across the county

Across Leicestershire, it is our borough and district councils who have a central role to play when it comes to sport, leisure and recreational facilities. Details of sports activities across Leicestershire are available on the LeicesterShire and Rutland Sport website [Irsport.org/sports](http://Irsport.org/sports). They provide an A-Z of sport, physical activity & wellbeing activities across Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland. The A-Z can be filtered further to show disability sports.

In addition to this it is worthwhile checking your own district council's leisure pages for more local information.

[www.blaby.gov.uk/resident/leisure-and-parks](http://www.blaby.gov.uk/resident/leisure-and-parks)

[www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/leisure](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/leisure)

[www.harborough.gov.uk/a\\_to\\_z](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/a_to_z)

[www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/homepage/21/health\\_sport\\_and\\_fitness](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/homepage/21/health_sport_and_fitness)

[www.melton.gov.uk/info/100010/health\\_sport\\_and\\_fitness](http://www.melton.gov.uk/info/100010/health_sport_and_fitness)

[www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/leisure](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/leisure)

[www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/sports\\_clubs\\_and\\_centres](http://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/sports_clubs_and_centres)

### Are you looking for other leisure groups and facilities?

If so, why not visit our Family Information Directory to find these and more leisure and activity providers.

[www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-providers](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-providers)

## Useful contacts

#### Local Offer

Email: [leicestershirelocaloffer@leics.gov.uk](mailto:leicestershirelocaloffer@leics.gov.uk)

Web: [leicestershire.gov.uk/local-offer](http://leicestershire.gov.uk/local-offer)

#### Leicestershire Family Information Service

Phone: 0116 3056545

Email: [family@leics.gov.uk](mailto:family@leics.gov.uk)

#### Leicestershire First Response

Children's Duty Team

Phone: 0116 3050005

(24 hour phone line)

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#### SENDIASS

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# Leisure Centre summer activities

There will be a number of summer play activities running across the county from 17 July – 25 August 2017. Parents should contact the playscheme beforehand if their child has any additional needs to feel assured they can be properly supported.

To find out what is happening in your local area, contact your local leisure centre or district / borough council directly to find out more – contact details on page 11.

## Blaby District

At the Pavilion Leisure Centre in Huncote we run a holiday club for children aged 5 – 14 years.

This summer the club will be run from 17 July – 25 August 2017.

To book call **0116 2750246**.

Sessions run from 9am-4pm at a cost of £12.50 per child. We also run an early riser session from 8am-9am and a later leaver session from 4pm-5pm. These additional hours are an extra £1.60 per child, per session.

Activities include football, dodgeball, arts and crafts, badminton, rounders and many more.



## SEND Activities

For SEND children and young people aged 11+ who come along with their parent or carer.

Weekly boccia sessions (Tuesdays 11am - 12 noon) and disability multi-sport sessions (Wednesdays 11am - 12 noon) both take place at Loughborough Leisure Centre. The multi-sports session include athletics, curling, boccia, tennis and sometimes cricket or golf.

The summer holiday activity programme also caters for SEND children and young people, dependant on the activity and the young person's needs.

If you have any queries please call **01509 634673** (call between 9am – 4pm)

## Hinckley and Bosworth

Hinckley and Bosworth 'What's Going Down' brochure includes ideas and activities that will take place across the borough during the school summer holidays, throughout the borough. For more information visit:

[hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/WGD](http://hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/WGD)

## Looking for something suitable for the whole family?

See details of the Snapdragon Children and Family Festival and Snapdragon on Tour. More details on these events can be found at [hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/snapdragondates](http://hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/snapdragondates)



## Charnwood Borough

Community sport & physical activity development team runs the Charnwood Holiday Activity Programme. The programme is aimed at children and young people aged 3-16 and will run from 17 July - 25 August 2017.

To book a place call **01509 634561** (booking line is open weekdays 9am – 4pm)

If you have any queries please call **01509 634673**

The activity programme will offer young people four activities a day, has more than 20 different sports and activities on offer with 100 activities in total.

For more information about the summer programme visit: [charnwood.gov.uk/pages/holidayprogrammes](http://charnwood.gov.uk/pages/holidayprogrammes)

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