

Wiltshire Autism Support Directory/Network

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<p>National Autistic Society, West Wiltshire Branch</p>	<p>This group offers support and information for parents/families or carers of children and teenagers with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD).</p> <p>They also provide (through the NAS) youth clubs specifically for children and teenagers with ASD</p>	<p>One monthly daytime meeting and an evening meeting, across west Wiltshire.</p> <p>There are also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * regular coffee meetings; * open meetings with speakers; * leisure and art activities 	<p>Support and information</p>	<p>Exclusively ASD</p>	<p>Sue Saunderson</p> <p>Tel: 07825113297</p> <p>Email: sue.saunderson@naswestwiltshire.org</p>	<p>Parent/ families/ carer of a child (up to 18) with ASD</p>

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		for children and their siblings; * fund raising events; * day trips and parties				
National Autistic Society North Wiltshire Branch	This group supports parent s and carers, people with ASD and their siblings through regular activities and outings including, bowling, picnics, parties and arts and crafts. They also have monthly coffee mornings, send regular newsletters and can provide information and parent to parent advice and support	Fortnightly meetings Monthly newsletter	Support and information	Exclusively ASD	Emily Rees, Branch Officer Tel: 07827661655 Email: northwiltshire@nas.org.uk	Parent/ carer of a child with ASD; child/ adolescent sibling of a person with ASD; child with ASD; adolescent with ASD

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	through their mobile phone line"					
National Autistic Society South Wiltshire Branch	This group offers support and information for parents/ families, spouse or carers of children or adults (wide remit) with ASD. They have people with Asperger's Syndrome on their committee.	<p>Monthly meetings</p> <p>Quarterly newsletter</p> <p>Open meetings with different speakers</p> <p>Leisure events</p> <p>Phone line</p>	Support and information	Exclusively ASD	<p>Barry Clark</p> <p>Tel: 07795368113</p> <p>Email: southwiltshire@nas.org.uk</p>	
Wiltshire Early Bird Team	The National Autistic Society Early Bird Programme is a three month programme for parents/ carers of a pre-school (not yet of		Support and information	Exclusively ASD	c/o NAS Early Bird Centre Barnsley Road Dodworth Barnsley South Yorkshire S75 3JT	Parent/ carer of a child with ASD

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	<p>statutory school age) child with a diagnosis of ASD.</p> <p>The NAS Early Bird Plus programme is designed to meet the needs of families whose child has received a later diagnosis (four – eight years) and is in Early Years or Key Stage 1 provision. It addresses the needs of both home and school settings by training parents/ carers together with a professional who is working regularly with their child.</p> <p>West Wilts – Claire Champion...awaiting</p>				<p>Tel: 01226 779 218</p> <p>Email: earlybird@nas.org.uk</p> <p>Awaiting specific Wiltshire contact</p>	

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	contact details...Is there a group for south Wilts?					
AS we are	<p>'AS we are' is a social group doing social activities in the community. On occasions, speakers of services join members to ask for their help and input for service development/ design – Group members are happy to act as a reference group. Recently, members voted that this group should be a means to supporting them to access mainstream activities.</p>	<p>Meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month between 7.30pm and 9pm (these times can change).</p>	<p>Family support and information services</p> <p>Social group and social skills for people with Asperger's</p>	<p>Exclusively adults with ASD</p>	<p>Shirley Sheldon Intermediate Psychological Therapies Manager</p> <p>'AS we are' Heathwood Fountain Way Salisbury Wiltshire County Council SP2 7FD</p> <p>Tel: 01722 820371</p> <p>Email: Shirley.Sheldon@awp.nhs.uk</p>	<p>Covers Salisbury and south West Wiltshire areas.</p>

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	There is also a resource of books, DVDs and videos available for group members/ families to borrow.					
Parent Partnership Service	This Voluntary Organisation is the statutory Parent Partnership for the Wiltshire Local Authority. In addition to the individual work with parents that forms the basis of its work, it also delivers Parent Information Sessions on a range of subjects related to Special Educational Needs.	Runs a parent Forum series twice a year to give parents a chance to discuss priority strategy issues with LA officers Staff are also available to give presentations to support	Parent Partnerships	Generic	Maurice Clay Manager Elmsgate Edington Road Steeple Ashton Wiltshire BA14 6HP Tel: 08457 585072 Fax: 01380 871300 Email: Maurice@askwiltshire.org	Parents of children/ young people with support needs

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	It is a partner organisation to the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council. The parent charity ask (advice and services on kids and young people) also contains other services: choice advisor, family information service, ask Parenting Service, Parenting Specialists and the 0-3s Service. Details of all these services can be found on the website www.askwiltshire.org	groups, schools etc. Training courses can also be accessed.				
Wiltshire Bridging projects	Bridging projects provide youth work opportunities for disabled young people with the		Leisure, learning, social	Generic	See website below for contact details for different areas: www.sparksite.co.uk	

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	<p>support of peer mentors. These projects are designed to meet individual needs while enabling young people (aged 13-19 years) to be included, involved, interested and inspired. Bridging projects can also provide a 'bridge' to enable disabled young people to take part in other youth work opportunities</p> <p>The programmes are planned with the disabled young people and peer mentors. Youth work opportunities help young people to: learn new skills and</p>					

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	develop their interests and skills; build relationships; identify and accept their responsibilities; and make choices and decisions in their lives.					
Wiltshire Parent Carers Council	Wiltshire Parent Carers Council (WPCC) is a voluntary organisation, managed and run by parent carers for parent carers. They offer a consultation and participation service which enables parent carers to have a 'voice' about services and support their children and families receive.		Consultation and participation service	Generic	WPCC Upavon Community Centre Watson Close Upavon Wiltshire SN9 6AF Tel: 01672 569300 Email: admin@wiltsPCC.co.uk Website: www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk	Parents and carers

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Spring Board	Spring Board is based in the north of the county and supports pre-school children with additional needs. They also act as a centre for parents of the children, giving information, support and helping to co-ordinate all the agencies who may be involved with a family.	Four days per week.	Playgroup and parent support		Spring Board Kings Rise Children Centre Lodge Road Pewsham Chippenham SN15 3SY Tel: 01249 657145 Email: help@springboardchippenham.co.uk	Pre-school children with additional needs and parents