



NECANN COMMUNICATION

August 2026

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INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to the latest North East CANN Update.

North East Children's Additional Needs Network shares information and helps to increase the reach of your services for children and young people in the region.

Regarding updates and information, if you have material or information that you would like forwarded to the members of the Network, or any updates, please ensure that you email it to Miriam on northeast@cann-network.org, before the end of the month.

Thanks to everyone who shared the information below for our latest update, which contains information and sessions for children and young people with additional needs and their parent carers.

You can find these Communications on the CANN Network site at:

<https://www.cann-network.org/blog/>

Social Media Links and Contact Details:

Website:	www.cann-network.org
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LinkedIn:	https://www.linkedin.com/company/north-east-cann/
Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/northeastcann

NECANN MEETING DATE

Please let us know if you need any support accessing the meetings

Next Meeting

Choice Wellbeing CIC (new hub)

24th September 2026

10am - 12pm

Details to be confirmed

CO CHAIR COMMENTS

Summer Update

We hope those that attended Hadrian family fun day in June had the best day and received lots of interest.

If you didn't attend, it's worth adding a place holder event in your diary for June next year to book a place.

As we enjoy the summer months, we would like to thank all NECANN members for their continued support, collaboration, and commitment to improving outcomes for children and young people with additional needs across the North East. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer break and we look forward to reconnecting with you in September and the rest of 2026.

If you have any events coming up in August and haven't as yet send them to us and want to share far and wide please share.

Next NECANN Meeting

Thursday 25th September 2026

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Venue: Choice Wellbeing CIC, Choice HQ, 4 Cuthbert House, Tower Road, Washington, Tyne & Wear, NE37 2SH

Speakers: To be confirmed

RSVP Reminder

If you are planning to attend the September NECANN meeting, please send your RSVP by Monday 14th September 2026 to support venue planning and catering arrangements.

We Look Forward to Seeing You

Have a fantastic summer, and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 25th September.

Kind regards,
Bev, Tracey, & Kerry
NECANN Co-Chairs

NEW MEMBERS

If you know of any groups that may be interested, please get them in touch!

If you are not yet on the CANN website, you can be added by completing this form:

<https://www.cann-network.org/member-registration-form/>

INFO AND EVENTS - REGIONAL

Exclusive Accessible Cycling at the National Cycling Centre

Experience the thrill of cycling in an inclusive, supportive environment at the National Cycling Centre!

Sunday 16 August 2026

- 12:00pm – 5:00pm For young people aged 10–20 years

Designed for young people with cerebral palsy and/or wheelchair users, this event offers the opportunity to try a range of cycling activities, including track cycling, trikes, handcycles, BMX and social riding.

Have a go at:

- Track Cycling
- Tandem Cycling
- Handcycles
- Trikes
- BMX
- Social Riding

Whether you're completely new to cycling or already ride regularly, expert coaches will be on hand to help you build confidence, learn new skills and experience the joy of cycling.

Sign up here:

https://forms.monday.com/forms/4acf9de64e0e258726b770a9e9c776ab?r=euc1&utm_source=WheelPower+Members&utm_campaign=7d90bbd412-MANCHESTER_CYCLE_VELO_22-07-26&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-1a290ab33b-610153778



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The Autism Hub, South Tyneside - Free Training for Professionals

Free training for professionals 2026



As part of the commissioned service at the Autism Hub, TTHT offer free specialist webinars via zoom for professionals from Health, Education and Social care settings who are involved in supporting autistic children and their families in the **South Tyneside area only**.

Supporting young people with selective Mutism – Monday 16th March 4pm-5pm

Join us for an insightful webinar led by Julie Cota, Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, as she guides you through the nuances of Selective Mutism (sometimes known as Situational Mutism). SM is anxiety based and presents as an individual not being able to speak in certain situations, whilst being able to do so freely in others. This engaging session, is your key to understanding what Selective Mutism is, (what it isn't) and discovering effective ways to support children and young people in their daily lives.

Explaining Social Stories™ – Wednesday 10th June 4pm-5pm.

This session will be presented by Speech and Language Therapist, Emily Searle and aims to help you understand how to develop and use Social Stories™ to support children/young people.

Social Stories™ were created by Carol Gray in 1991. They are short descriptions of a particular situation, event or activity, which include specific information about what to expect in that situation and why. They are an effective tool to address issues of social misunderstanding and confusion. They inform, reassure, support and praise children who often struggle to make sense of the world around them.

Sensory processing differences – Tuesday 29th September 4pm-5.30pm.

This session will be delivered by Occupational Therapist and Sensory Integration Practitioner, Sophie Pearson. The session will give an overview of what sensory processing is, how it impacts on behaviour and how a child/young person can present when navigating sensory difficulties. The aim of the session is to gain a better understanding of sensory differences and to offer strategies and practical advice that can be used to support young people with sensory processing difficulties.

PLEASE NOTE – All of our webinars have been co-produced by our staff with support from our A Team (Autistic Advisory board) and the children and young people we work with

If you would like to book a place on any of our specialist webinars, please visit our website using the QR code or link to complete a booking form.

ttht.co.uk/hub-professional-events



“ *loved it! So informative and I loved your passion* ”



Autism Hub Community Summer picnics

'Grab your sarnies and a blanket and join the TTHT team for a community picnic and a delightful time for a much-needed wellbeing meet up & chat, with the beauty of the great outdoors.'
2 different dates to join. Please see poster for further booking.

Anyone can join us, everyone is welcome! No booking needed just come along!



Autism Hub 'In person' Workshop for families – Standing together for your child (Supporting families to advocate)

After listening to feedback from some families who shared that accessing online webinars is something they cannot do and that 'in person' events are more personal and preferred. We decided to deliver some of our online webinars as workshops. This was very well received last year so we will be delivering these throughout 2026. Our 4th workshop this year being on the topic 'Standing together for your child – supporting families to advocate'.
This workshop will be held at the Autism Hub on Wednesday 16th September 10am – 11.30am. Certificate of attendance will be issued.

Booking is required. For further details please see the poster attached.

The Toby Henderson Trust

FREE IN PERSON WORKSHOP

**STANDING TOGETHER FOR YOUR CHILD:
SUPPORTING FAMILIES TO ADVOCATE**

A supportive workshop for families, focused on explaining your child's needs, navigating conversations with professionals, family, and friends, and feeling less alone in the process.

WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2026

10AM - 11:30AM

**AT: AUTISM HUB GORDON ST,
SOUTH SHIELDS
NE33 4JP**

BOOK YOUR PLACE

If you are interested in joining, please book your place by emailing autismhub@ttht.co.uk or calling 0191 816 0550

(Please leave a voice message, missed calls can not be replied to)
Please note: This workshop is for families living in the South Tyneside area.



Autism Hub We have a NEW cuppa & cake group!

Many of our regular families had raised concerns with us that once their young person turns 18, and although here at the Autism Hub we have our amazing partners – Autism in Mind (AIM) who offer support to autistic adults, many families have shared their worry that ultimately and technically the support for the family themselves stops.

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Families have shared with us that they get so much from our services, especially our monthly peer support groups (Cuppa & Cakes) calling it their 'safe space'. We pride ourselves on listening to feedback, adapting, and expanding where we can on our offer here at the Autism Hub.

With that in mind we are thrilled to share that we have expanded our monthly cuppa and cake groups to include a NEW monthly group for families with autistic young adults 18+
Poster attached for further details.

Booking is essential.

To book a place:

Call 0191 816 0550

Email autismhub@ttht.co.uk

Or book via our website ttht.co.uk/autism-hub-events/

****Please note this group is for parent/carers only not the young adult.**

For support for autistic adults please follow the link to AIMs offer in South Tyneside

<https://autisminmind.com/aim-south-tyneside>

PARENT & CARER GROUP AT THE AUTISM HUB

NEW

CUPPA AND CAKE GROUP FOR FAMILIES WITH AUTISTIC YOUNG ADULTS 18+

This monthly group is free to attend and is for parent & carers of autistic young adults 18+ who live in South Tyneside.

It is a chance to come along and meet and chat with other families as well as our experienced family support team.

To find out more and for upcoming dates or to book a place, please get in touch via email, telephone or through our website.

AUTISM HUB
The Toby Henderson Trust
Helping to Early Start, Stay, Thrive

Gordon St, South Shields | autismhub@ttht.co.uk | www.ttht.co.uk | 0191 816 0550

The Toby Henderson Trust at The Autism Hub

Personal Care Challenges for Autistic Young People

The Toby Henderson Trust is hosting an informative online session designed for parents and carers who find daily personal care routines challenging with their child.

Presented by Specialist Occupational Therapist and Sensory Integration Practitioner **Sophie Pearson**, this session will cover common difficulties experienced by autistic children and offer practical advice to help your child feel more confident and supported in managing their care routines.

✨ Details:

- **When:** Thursday 1st October 2026 | 10:00am – 11:30am
- **Where:** Online via Zoom
- **Who it's for:** Parents and carers of autistic children and young people

📅 How to book:

- **Website:** www.ttht.co.uk
- **Email:** admin@ttht.co.uk
- **Phone:** 0300 365 3055

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Personal Care Challenges for Autistic Young People

Thursday 1st October 2026
10am–11.30am

This session will be presented by Specialist Occupational Therapist and Sensory Integration Practitioner, Sophie Pearson via Zoom. The session is aimed at parents/carers who find personal care routines a challenge with their child. We will cover common difficulties experienced by autistic children and offer helpful and practical advice that you as a parent/carer can use to support your child to feel more confident and supported in completing their own personal care routines.

Book your place

To register for this event please book via our website: www.ttht.co.uk. Alternatively, you can register your interest with our team by emailing admin@ttht.co.uk or by calling 0300 365 3055.

Scan here to view this event on our website

👉 Pre, During & Post Autism Diagnosis Parent Support Group 👉

The Toby Henderson Trust is hosting monthly support group sessions for all parents and carers, regardless of where you live. It's a welcoming space to connect with other families, share experiences, and receive practical advice around key topics.

📍 **Location:** Gosforth Civic Theatre, Regent Farm Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3HD

📅 Upcoming Sessions (1:30pm – 3:00pm):

- **Tuesday 1st September:** *Self Care and crafts before the return to school* (open to parents, children, and young people)
- **Tuesday 6th October:** *Sleep Issues* (parents only)
- **Tuesday 3rd November:** *Toileting Issues* (parents only)
- **Tuesday 8th December:** *Preparing for Christmas* (parents only)

📅 **Booking Info:** Places must be booked in advance to attend.

- **Email:** admin@ttht.co.uk
- **Phone:** 0300 365 3055

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Pre, During & Post Autism Diagnosis Parent Support Group

Open to all parents and carers, regardless of where you live, this monthly group will offer the chance to connect with other families. Each session will focus on a key theme, providing information, and practical advice.

Our upcoming groups in 2026...

- Tuesday 1st September at 1.30pm -3pm**
Self Care and crafts before the return to school for parents, children and young people
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Preparing for Christmas - parents only

Groups are held at Gosforth Civic Theatre, Regent Farm Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3HD.

Places need to be booked to attend. We would love to see you! If you'd like to join us, please email us at: admin@ttht.co.uk or call us on **0300 365 3055**.

Supporting Young People with Selective Mutism: A Monthly Group for Parents & Carers

The Toby Henderson Trust is launching a new monthly parent group hosted by Speech and Language Therapist, Emily. This supportive session is focused on children and young people who are diagnosed autistic, or potentially autistic, and experience Selective Mutism (also known as Situational Mutism).

It's a welcoming space to learn more about Selective Mutism, share practical strategies, and connect with families who truly understand the journey.

✨ Details:

- **When:** Starting Monday 21st September | 10:00am – 11:00am
- **Where:** Toby House, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 7AD
- **Who it's for:** Parents and carers supporting children/young people with Selective Mutism

📅 To book your place:

- **Email:** admin@ttht.co.uk
- **Phone:** 0300 365 3055

The Toby Henderson Trust

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SELECTIVE MUTISM

A Monthly Group for Parents & Carers
Starting on Monday 21st September
10am - 11am at Toby House

Join us for a supportive parent group hosted by our Speech and Language Therapist, Emily, focused on children and young people who are diagnosed autistic, or potentially autistic, and who experience Selective Mutism (sometimes known as Situational Mutism).

Selective Mutism is anxiety-based and presents as a child or young person being unable to speak in certain situations, whilst being able to communicate freely in others.

This welcoming session is an opportunity to learn more about Selective Mutism, share strategies and experiences with other parents, and connect with families who truly understand the challenges and successes that can come with supporting a child with SM.

To book, contact us on via email: admin@ttht.co.uk or call us on 0300 365 3055.

Groups will be held at Toby House, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 7AD.

Dads United – The Toby Henderson Trust

A dedicated community for Dads, Stepdads, and male carers of autistic children (or children who may be autistic).

Facilitated by trustees James Turner and Kevin Guthrie, this is a relaxed space to meet like-minded people, have a laugh, talk about anything, and spend time with others who understand the journey. No pressure, no judgement—just good company!

✨ Details:

- **When:** Thursday 10th September 2026 | 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- **Where:** Newcastle Greyhound Stadium, NE6 2XJ
- **Who it's for:** Dads, Stepdads, and male carers

📅 To book your place:

- **Email:** admin@ttht.co.uk
- **Phone:** 0300 365 3055



Tic Disorders and Tourette Syndrome Webinar

The Toby Henderson Trust is hosting a brand new webinar exploring Tic Disorders and Tourette Syndrome. Hosted by Clinical Lead and Practitioner Psychologist **Toni Brown**, this session aims to dispel common myths, share reliable information, and offer support for anyone navigating a confirmed diagnosis or exploring potential symptoms.

✨ Details:

- **When:** Thursday 24th September 2026 | 12:30pm – 2:00pm
- **Where:** Online via Zoom
- **Who it's for:** Individuals, parents, and carers looking for information and support around tic disorders and Tourette Syndrome

📅 To book your place:

- **Website:** www.ttht.co.uk
- **Email:** admin@ttht.co.uk
- **Phone:** 0300 365 3055

TIC DISORDERS AND TOURETTE SYNDROME

THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
12.30PM-2PM VIA ZOOM

Do you or someone you care about experience sudden involuntary sounds and or movements?

If you feel you or your loved one might have a tic disorder, or maybe you already have a confirmed diagnosis, you will know that it can be a difficult, sometimes lonely time and there are often lots of myths or misinformation around.

We know that autistic people often experience lots of other conditions, and tic disorders can sometimes be one of those.

This webinar will be hosted by Toni Brown, our Clinical Lead and Practitioner Psychologist. It is our first on this topic, and aims to provide information and support for anyone that may be interested. We hope to use feedback from this pilot to shape any future webinars on this topic.

BOOK YOUR PLACE

If you are interested in joining, please book your place on our website by visiting the events page: www.ttht.co.uk. Alternatively, you can register your interest with our team by emailing admin@ttht.co.uk or calling us on 0300 365 3055.

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Family Sign Language at Newcastle Deaf Centre



SVP DEAF CENTRE
NEWCASTLE

2 SUMMERHILL GROVE, NE4 6EE
0191 232 4104



EXCITING SUMMER SESSIONS!
Family Sign Language
at Newcastle Deaf Centre



Learn, play & connect together this summer!

0-5 YEARS
(Early Morning Sessions)

- BSL sign classes for little ones
- Join in with the whole family
- Story time & fun play sessions



5-12 YEARS

- BSL classes for Deaf & hard of hearing children
- Siblings welcome to join



WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Refreshments
- Fun sports activities
- Meet Deaf role models
- Visits & trips (Hearing Dogs visit, farm trip, park trip)
- Toys & resources

Location

Newcastle Deaf Centre



BOOKING & ENQUIRIES

- familysignlanguagewithleah@gmail.com
- MeganN@svp.org.uk



BSL Interpreter Provided

Working together with



and our amazing partners:
National Deaf Children's Society
REGISTERED ASSOCIATION



Hearing Dogs for Deaf People



SVP DEAF CENTRE
NEWCASTLE 2 SUMMERHILL GROVE, NE4 6EE
0191 232 4104



FAMILY SIGN LANGUAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fun, engaging BSL classes for Deaf and hard of hearing children and their families!

National
Deaf Children's
Society
REGISTERED ASSOCIATION

STARTING
AUGUST
2026!



Led by a
Deaf tutor
with BSL
interpreter
support



Fun activities
including
music, games,
signed stories
and themes!



Meet new
friends and
socialise in
a supportive
environment



Each group
is organised
by age – see
below for
details

FRIDAY

7TH
AUGUST

10AM – 12PM

0 – 5 YEARS

1PM – 3PM

6 – 12 YEARS

TOPIC:

WHO AND FAMILY

Let's learn signs about
people and our families!
Fun activities, songs
and stories.



FRIDAY

14TH
AUGUST



10AM – 12PM

0 – 5 YEARS

1PM – 3PM

6 – 12 YEARS

THEME:

**TEDDY BEAR
PICNIC AND FOOD**

Bring your teddy and
join us for a picnic!
We'll explore signs for food
and enjoy fun activities
together.



FRIDAY

21ST
AUGUST



10AM – 12PM

0 – 5 YEARS

1PM – 3PM

6 – 12 YEARS

THEME:

**EMOTIONS –
LET'S MAKE A
MOOD BOARD!**

We'll learn signs for feelings
and create our own
mood boards!



FRIDAY

28TH
AUGUST



10AM – 12PM

0 – 5 YEARS

1PM – 3PM

6 – 12 YEARS

THEME:

**HOBBIES AND
TRANSPORT THEME**

Let's learn signs for our
favourite hobbies and
different ways to travel!



TO BOOK A PLACE, PLEASE SEND ME THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:



CHILD'S NAME



DATE OF BIRTH



ANY DIETARY
REQUIREMENTS



THE AREA
YOU ARE FROM

WE CAN'T
WAIT TO
SEE YOU!





BSL Search

Taster Programme

Basic Introduction to British Sign language



Develop by a Deaf Tutor



**Starts: 7th September 2026
5pm - 6pm**



6 week course



£100



To book a place:



Hello@bslsearch.co.uk



www.bslsearch.co.uk/courses.php



The poster features a vibrant design with a blue sky, a yellow sun, and colorful bunting flags at the top. The Teesside Deaf Children's Group logo, consisting of three stylized figures in red, green, and blue, is positioned above the text 'TEESSIDE DEAF CHILDREN'S GROUP'. The main title 'SUMMER MEET UP!' is written in large, bold, red and blue letters. Below this, a green banner displays 'MONDAY 3RD AUGUST', and 'TWEDDLE FARM' is written in large red letters. A red circular badge on the right contains the text 'A FUN DAY OUT FOR DEAF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES - EVERYONE WELCOME!'. The bottom section includes icons for a clock, a picnic basket, and a family, with corresponding text: 'MEET AT THE ENTRANCE AT 10AM', 'BRING A PACKED LUNCH, SUNCREAM, HATS & WATER!', and 'LOTS TO SEE AND DO!'. Two tables provide pricing information for online bookings and gate payments. The online booking table lists various admission types with their respective prices, while the gate prices table lists the same types at higher rates. A red barn and a black and white cow are illustrated at the bottom left and right respectively. A red banner at the bottom center features the Facebook logo and the group's name.

TEESSIDE DEAF CHILDREN'S GROUP

SUMMER MEET UP!

MONDAY 3RD AUGUST

TWEDDLE FARM

A FUN DAY OUT FOR DEAF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES - **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

 **MEET AT THE ENTRANCE AT 10AM**

 **BRING A PACKED LUNCH, SUNCREAM, HATS & WATER!**

 **LOTS TO SEE AND DO!**

BOOK ONLINE & SAVE!

CHEAPER PRICES WHEN YOU BOOK ON OUR WEBSITE

 ADULT FARM ADMISSION	from £11.95
 CHILD (AGED 2 - 16) FARM ADMISSION	from £10.95
 CONCESSION FARM ADMISSION	from £9.95
 FAMILY OF 4 FARM ADMISSION (2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN OR 1 ADULT 3 CHILDREN)	from £42.00
 CARER FARM ADMISSION (ID REQUIRED)	from £8.95
 BABIES AND 1 YEAR OLDS	from £0.00

GATE PRICES

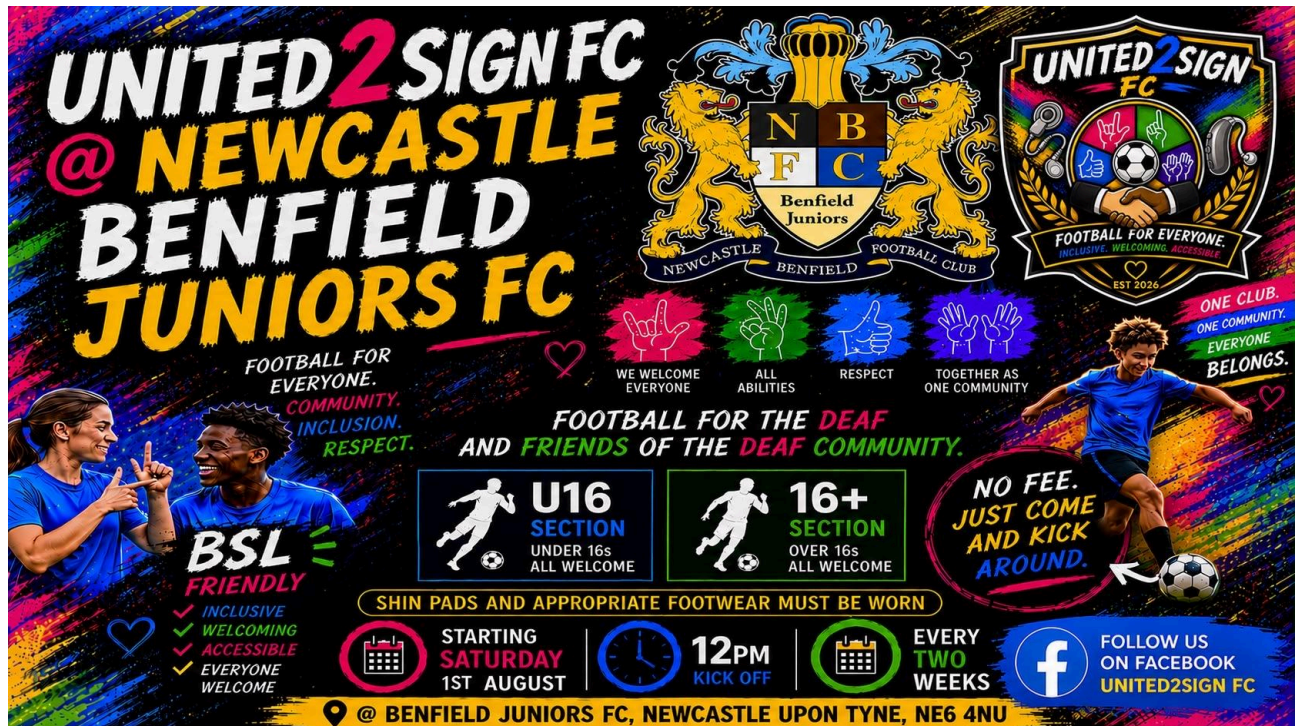
PRICES ARE HIGHER WHEN PAYING ON THE GATE

 ADULT FARM ADMISSION	from £13.95
 CHILD (AGED 2 - 16) FARM ADMISSION	from £12.95
 CONCESSION FARM ADMISSION	from £10.95
 FAMILY OF 4 FARM ADMISSION (2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN OR 1 ADULT 3 CHILDREN)	from £48.00
 CARER FARM ADMISSION (ID REQUIRED)	from £10.95
 BABIES AND 1 YEAR OLDS	£0.00

 WWW.TWEDDLEFARM.CO.UK

 **TEESSIDE DEAF CHILDREN'S GROUP**

United 2 Sign Football Club



UNITED 2 SIGN FC
@ NEWCASTLE BENFIELD JUNIORS FC

FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE.
COMMUNITY. INCLUSION. RESPECT.

BSL FRIENDLY
✓ INCLUSIVE
✓ WELCOMING
✓ ACCESSIBLE
✓ EVERYONE WELCOME

Benfield Juniors
NEWCASTLE BENFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

UNITED 2 SIGN FC
EST 2026
FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE.
INCLUSIVE. WELCOMING. ACCESSIBLE.

ONE CLUB. ONE COMMUNITY. EVERYONE BELONGS.

FOOTBALL FOR THE DEAF AND FRIENDS OF THE DEAF COMMUNITY.

U16 SECTION
UNDER 16s
ALL WELCOME

16+ SECTION
OVER 16s
ALL WELCOME

NO FEE. JUST COME AND KICK AROUND.

SHIN PADS AND APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR MUST BE WORN

STARTING SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

12PM KICK OFF

EVERY TWO WEEKS

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK UNITED2SIGN FC

@ BENFIELD JUNIORS FC, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NE6 4NU

Sports for D/deaf and hard of hearing children

Sports for D/deaf and hard of hearing children



From
Mondays 7th
September

5pm – 7pm



Gateshead Leisure
Centre

Football

Tennis

Basketball

Multi Sports

AGES
6-10
11-16

For more Info and to Register
email
INFO@GFC-FOUNDATION.ORG.UK

Little Connections Playgroup

Free playgroup for Deaf and Hard of hearing children and their families



Community Hub South,
Wynyard Rd,
Hartlepool,
TS25 3LQ



9.30am-11.00am



Friday 17th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Friday 12th June 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

Friday 14th August 2026

Friday 21st August 2026

Friday 11th September 2026

Friday 9th October 2026



For children aged 0-4 with deafness or hearing loss & their parents/carers.

If your child is in school, please feel free to still attend for a chat.

FREE juice & snack for every child!



Any questions?
E: hello@deafemp.com
Text 07425 566084

Join the fun!

No booking required

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult



Coffee and connect

Would you like to connect with other families, share experiences and tips, and give your child the chance to meet others like them?



Join us

For a friendly chat with your local community connector. Meet other parents, learn some basic BSL and give your child the opportunity to play with other deaf children.



When?

16th September
10.00am to 12.00pm



Where?

Swalwell Community Centre, 74 Clavering Road,
Gateshead, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE16 3EX.

We'd love to see you there! Contact your local community connector for any further information.

leah.walker@ndcs.org.uk



[ndcs.org.uk](https://www.ndcs.org.uk)

The National Deaf Children's Society is a registered charity in England and Wales no.1016532 and in Scotland no. SC040779. G0231

SEND Summer Activities Guide!

Looking for accessible, inclusive, and fun activities to keep the family entertained over the summer holidays?

The team over at North Tyneside Parent Carer Forum have put together a fantastic **SEND Summer Guide** packed full of brilliant ideas. While this guide is primarily put together for families living in North Tyneside, a great deal of the activities and events listed are open to everyone, no matter where you are based!

It is always wonderful to see such comprehensive resources being shared to support our community. You can browse the full guide and find something perfect for your summer calendar right here:

 **View the Guide:** <https://ntpcf.co.uk/send-friendly-summer>



LENDING LIBRARY

At The Lemington Centre

**Launching Tuesday 18 August
12pm to 2pm**



**A free toy and resource lending service for families
who have a child with a visual impairment.**

Contact usefulvision@hwn.org.uk to book



The Special Lioness Upcoming Events



Big Summer Events & Special Days Out

- **WetWheels Boat Trips** 
 - **Dates:** Friday 31st July 2026 & Sunday 30th August 2026
 - **Times:** 10:30am, 1:30pm, and 4:00pm slots available
- **Toys are Back in Town** 
 - **Date:** Sunday 23rd August 2026
 - **Time:** Starts at 11:30am
- **Disney Magic Family Ball** 
 - **Date:** Saturday 3rd October 2026
 - **Time:** 3:00pm – 6:00pm

- **Summer Fun Day** 🎪

- **Date:** TBC

How to Book

All event listings link directly to: <https://www.thespeciallions.com/events>

Foundation of Light Family Fun Day!

North East CANN is delighted to share this fantastic event from our network partners at the Foundation of Light, who are celebrating their 25th anniversary with a jam-packed Family Fun Day! Bring the family along for a day filled with activities for all ages, including football kickabouts, family fitness, cricket, table tennis, face painting, bouncy castles, and so much more

 **When:** Thursday 13th August 2026

 **Time:** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm (Bookable time slots available)

 **Where:** The Beacon of Light, Stadium Park, Sunderland, SR5 1SN

 **Tickets:** £2.50 donation per person (Under 3s go free). Discounted family tickets cover 2 adults & 2 children.

Please note: Tickets must be booked in advance online as there are no sales on the door. It's set to be a brilliant day out celebrating 25 years of amazing work in the community!

👉 Book your tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/foundation-of-light-family-fun-day-tickets-1990074010938?aff=odtdtcreator>



The banner features a dark blue background with white and red text. On the left, it reads 'FOUNDATION OF LIGHT FUNDAY THURSDAY 13 AUGUST BEACON OF LIGHT | 10AM-3.30PM'. To the right is a large '25 YEARS' logo and the Foundation of Light crest with the tagline 'THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET'. Below the text are two photographs: the left one shows a large indoor sports hall filled with people and various activities, while the right one shows two young children, a girl in a striped dress and a boy in a red jacket, smiling and holding up their tickets.

Caudwell Children Family Fun Open Day

Caudwell Children is opening the doors of their award-winning Caudwell International Children's Centre for a FREE Family Fun Open Day!

This inclusive family event offers fun activities, attractions, food, and entertainment, as well as a chance to meet their expert clinical team and learn about the life-changing support available for disabled and neurodivergent children.

Event Details

- Date: Friday 14th August 2026
- Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
 - Quiet Hour: 10:00 am – 11:00 am (Limited tickets available)
 - General Admission: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Location: Caudwell International Children's Centre, Innovation Way, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, ST5 5NT
- Cost: FREE (Booking required)
- Organiser: Caudwell Children

What to Expect

- Fun Family Activities: Attractions and entertainment suitable for the whole family.
- Explore the Centre: Tour the purpose-built centre and discover their range of support services.
- Meet the Team: Connect with Caudwell Children's staff and in-house clinical team.
- New for 2026 – Quiet Hour: A dedicated quiet hour from 10:00 am to 11:00 am providing a calmer environment for those who experience sensory overwhelm. Numbers are strictly limited for this slot, so early booking is recommended. (Quiet Hour ticket holders are welcome to stay for the rest of the day).

How to Book

Tickets are free, but every attendee requires a ticket to help manage visitor numbers.

👉 [Book Tickets on Eventrac](#)

The Sunshine Fund Ponteland Duck Race

Looking for a fantastic day out with the family this September? 🎡🍌🎪

Head down to **Ponteland Park** on **Sunday 6th September** for a wonderful day filled with fun, food, and entertainment for all ages—with **FREE entry!**

There is so much happening throughout the afternoon: 🍷 **Food & Drink Stalls** featuring delicious local bites 🛒 **Market Stalls** packed with local suppliers 🎡 **Fairground Rides** & local attractions 🚤 **Business Boat Race** 🎨 **Kids' 'Duckorating' Competition** 🎟️ **Raffle & Prizes** to be won!

Plus, **The Sunshine Fund** is proudly hosting the famous **Ponteland Duck Race** throughout the afternoon! 🦆💧

There will be 5 races with cash prizes for 1st (£50), 2nd (£25), and 3rd (£10) place winners in each slot. You can grab your racing ducks for £2 each (or £10 for a duck in every race) either on the day or in advance online to secure your spot. You don't even have to be there on the day to win!

 **When:** Sunday 6th September

 **Where:** Ponteland Park, West Road, NE20 9TQ

 **Entry:** FREE (Ducks £2 each)

 **Get your ducks in advance or find out more:** <https://www.thesunshinefund.org/duckrace>

Interested in entering the Business Boat Race or running a market stall? Email quack@thesunshinefund.org to get involved!

Hackcessible 2026

Hi,

Hackcessible is the UK's First Student-Led Assistive Technology Make-a-Thon, and has been run by University of Sheffield staff and students for more than 7 years. Our aim is to promote innovation for accessibility and bring together students, charities, and industry partners to co-design real world solutions for individuals with disabilities.

We'd love for you to collaborate with us by either providing a challenger or mentor, sponsoring our events, donating materials or connecting with our students through networking opportunities. Please read below for more details! Alongside our main Hackcessible programme, we are also interested in exploring opportunities to work with schools or organisations. We would like to introduce young people to assistive technology, engineering and inclusive design, and show them how engineering can be used to solve real-world problems and improve people's lives. We are currently exploring the possibility of running school visits or interactive activities and would be interested in speaking with schools or organisations that may be keen to collaborate with us. If this is something your school or organisation may be interested in, please get in touch and we would be happy to discuss what might be possible.

About Hackcessible

Inspired by the At-Hack event at MIT and the BBC program 'Big Life Fix', Hackcessible was founded in 2018 by University of Sheffield staff. What slowly started as a staff-led project soon became a student-led project with 12 teams and more than 100 participants, aiming to create as many solutions for accessibility as possible.

Hackcessible brings together students from a wide range of disciplines to design and develop innovative solutions that improve accessibility. Each year, teams of 6-8 students collaborate with mentors and industry partners to support a 'challenger', an individual from the community looking for a practical solution to a specific accessibility need.

The project runs for several months each year and is divided into two key phases:

1. Design Phase

Teams work closely with their challenger and mentor to conceptualise and develop a tailored solution. Weekly 2 hour workshops are given to teams to aid them through this process.

2. Manufacturing Phase

Over two days in the iForge, which is the UK's first student-led makerspace here at the University of Sheffield, teams build a working prototype, which is then presented during the final showcase. In addition to this, Hackcessible aims to make a global impact. In 2024, Hackcessible India was founded and this competition brought together 40 schools from across India to co-create designs that foster accessibility. More recently, students from the Aga Khan University and Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya, ran their own version of Hackcessible, with projects such as a custom phone experience that helps meet various communication needs and assists those with sensory overload.

Past Project Example:

Ruqaya's Challenge

At the time of the challenge, Ruqaya was a blind 5 year old girl who wanted some help learning how to read. Ruqaya's team built the LunarTouch, which helped Ruqaya to learn the alphabet using moon letters.

It works with the moon letters being protruded out of the tiles, and with a radio frequency identification tag (RFID) underneath the tiles. These are then read by the readers inside the block. As the readers detect the RFID and recognise the tile, they produce an audio feedback of the phonetic sound of the letter.

The device worked so well that Ruqaya was able to identify her friends during circle time at school. The team who developed it got the Summer Creator Grant from Emerge, which is an enterprising community here at the University of Sheffield, which allowed them to continue working on the project, as they looked into using braille.

To see more examples of past projects, please see the following booklet: [Hackcessible 2026 - Join Us!](#)

Why Work With Us?

Impact: Your work creates genuine impact. From community initiatives to innovative solutions, you'll contribute to something bigger than yourself — and see the results of your efforts in the real world!

Visibility: As a sponsor, your logo will be prominently displayed on our online content, team

apparel, and promotional materials. You'll gain exposure, not only within the university, but also among the wider scientific and engineering community around the world.

Student awareness: Our team members will be going into future graduate jobs, joining companies such as your own or others. By supporting us, you enable these future professionals to learn valuable skills and become advocates for your products or services in their future careers.

Valuable Connections: Engage with challenges, mentors, charities and like-minded organisations through mentoring, workshops, events and the final showcase. These connections can lead to future collaborations, recruitment opportunities and knowledge sharing.

How Can You Help?

Provide Challengers: A 'challenger' is an individual / carer / family member / friend of an individual with an unmet need that relates to a disability that they may have. Our students will address the challenge by designing and creating a customised prototype to meet the unmet needs.

If you are interested in being / providing a challenger, please complete the following google form: <https://forms.gle/UvNZh95seatRjtfJ6>

Provide Mentors: A mentor is an individual who will support and empower teams throughout the project. They will assist by providing feedback, encouraging effective teamwork and help teams stay realistic with their project scope and timeline.

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Financial Sponsorship: Your financial support will directly fund our project as a whole, helping us cover essential expenses, as well as funding the individual teams' projects.

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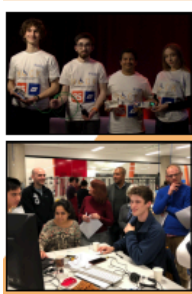
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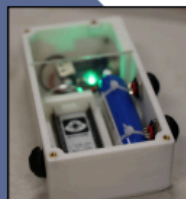
Please let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to hearing from you!
Kind regards,

Dhruti & Latisha
Hackaccessible Lead & Secretary
hackaccessible@sheffield.ac.uk



HACKACCESSIBLE **2026**

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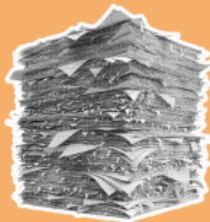


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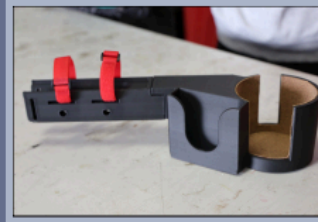
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2025 - DAVID'S CHALLENGE

David found it difficult to carry food, drinks and other items on his electric wheelchair. David's team designed and built a custom-fit, adaptable and easily detachable wheelchair attachment for David to carry personal items.



OUR PAST PROJECTS

Highlights & Impact from Previous Winning Projects

2024 - FRANK'S CHALLENGE

Frank, an avid cook, is completely blind. He found plating food in an aesthetically pleasing way, a challenge. Therefore, Frank's team created 3D printed template moulds lined with braille, customised to the plates Frank has at home, to assist him with this.

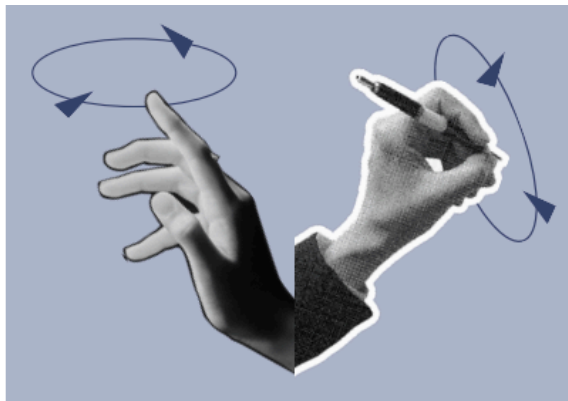


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WHY WORK WITH US?

Support Our Mission

We are an ambitious, student-led project team tackling real-world challenges and we need partners who believe in the next generation of problem-solvers.



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Support Our Mission

It's not just time or a donation — it's a strategic investment in talent, visibility, and impact. Your help can make a difference and would be greatly appreciated.

IMPACT

Your work creates genuine impact, and enables students to develop practical solutions that directly improves lives. From community initiatives to innovative solutions, you'll contribute to something bigger than yourself — and see the results of your efforts in the real world!

VISIBILITY

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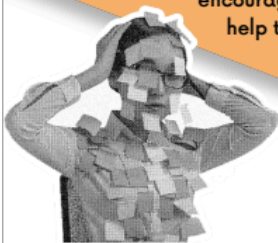
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Ready to co-design, create and support? We would love for you to collaborate with us!

If you have any questions, please get in touch by emailing
hackcessible@sheffield.ac.uk

The SEND Club UNITED 2026 networking conference

We're pleased to share details for **The SEND Club UNITED 2026** networking conference, run by **The SEND Club CIC** in partnership with Newcastle United Foundation!

More than a club—uniting the heart of the SEND community. ❤️

 **Date:** Saturday 7th November 2026

 **Time:** 12:30pm – 4:30pm

 **Host:** The SEND Club CIC & Newcastle United Foundation

 **More info:** www.thesendclub.co.uk

More details coming soon—keep an eye on their website for updates and announcements!

#SENDCommunity #Inclusion #Support #Community #SENDClubUNITED #Networking

SAVE THE DATE

The SEND *Club* UNITED

2026

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UNITING THE HEART OF THE SEND COMMUNITY.

SATURDAY 7 TH NOVEMBER 2026	12:30PM – 4:30PM
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thesendclub.co.uk



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FOUNDATION

INCLUSION ❤ SUPPORT ❤ COMMUNITY

Free PAPYRUS Courses

Papyrus has received funding through the Tees Million to be able to offer fully funded (free) places on sessions of our SP-EAK and SP-OT training to those living in/working in Stockton-on-Tees!

SP-OT is a 90-minute session, CPD-accredited, and covers:

- 💜 Explore societal views on suicide and the stigma around suicide
- 💚 Looking at language around suicide and how language can be helpful and unhelpful when discussing suicide and supporting someone with thoughts of suicide
- 💛 How to signpost effectively and how local and national services can be used to support someone with thoughts of suicide

SPEAK is a 3.5 hour session, CPD-accredited and covers:

- 💜 Explore the attitudes, myths and stigma that surround suicide and understand why they matter
- 💚 Recognise the signs that someone may be experiencing thoughts of suicide
- 💜 Start an open, safe and sensitive conversation about suicide with someone who is struggling
- 💛 Listen effectively to someone talking about suicide and understand why that's so important
- ❤️ Support someone to create a personalised safety plan to help them stay safe

The link to the collection is here:

[Stockton on Tees \(Tees Million\) | Eventbrite](#)



PAPYRUS

tees **million**

SPEAK
SPOT

FUNDED SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Papyrus has received funding from Tees Million to be to offer fully funded suicide prevention training to those living and/or working in Stockton-on-Tees.

SPOT OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ To understand the prevalence and impact of suicide
- ✓ To explore the language, and the challenges, when talking openly about suicide
- ✓ To recognise the 'signs' that may indicate someone is having thoughts of suicide
- ✓ To consider how we can all contribute to a suicide safer community

15th SEPTEMBER 9:30-11:00

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- ✓ To consider the attitudes, myths and stigma that surround suicide
- ✓ To recognise and explore the 'signs' that may indicate someone is having thoughts of suicide
- ✓ To encourage an open, safe and sensitive conversation about suicide with a person having thoughts of suicide
- ✓ To support a safety plan with someone thinking of suicide.

27th AUGUST 9:30-13:00
15th OCTOBER 13:00-16:30



**TO SIGN UP,
SCAN QR CODE
OR [CLICK HERE](#)**

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Inclusive, accessible, and fun activities over the summer holidays with Smile Through Sport

Smile Through Sport is offering an amazing lineup of summer activities for children, young people, and adults with SEND running from **20th July through 30th August 2026**.

Whether you're looking for frame running, wheelchair sports, boccia, adapted cycling, or outdoor games in National Trust settings, there's something for everyone!

☀️ Junior Programme Highlights (Ages 4+)

North East CANN
www.cann-network.org
northeast@cann-network.org

- **Outdoor Games:** Gibside & Crook Hall / Souter Lighthouse (*FREE*)
- **Multi-Sport:** Cramlington, Sunderland, Hexham & Newcastle
- **Athletics & Frame Running:** Gateshead International Stadium
- **Wheelchair Basketball & Tennis:** Birtley Leisure Centre
- **Fun Sessions (Soft Play & Sensory Room):** Cedars Academy, Gateshead

☀️ **Adult Programme Highlights (Ages 18+)**

- **Adapted Cycling:** Newburn Activity Centre, Newcastle
- **Outdoor Games:** Gibside National Trust & Souter Lighthouse
- **Multi-Sport:** Wallsend, Hexham & Newcastle
- **Boccia:** Cramlington & North Tyneside

📱 **How to Book:**

Spaces must be booked in advance! Visit their website or contact the team directly:

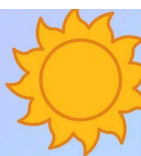
👉 **Website:** www.smilethroughsport.com/whats-on/

☎️ **Phone:** 07934 227 276

✉️ **Email:** info@smilethroughsport.com



SEND Adult Summer Holiday Programme 2026



20th July - 30th August

Monday

Adapted Cycling - Newcastle
10.30am - 12nn
18 years and over
Newburn Activity Centre, Newcastle,
NE15 8ND
£4pp

Multi Sport - Wallsend
1.30pm - 2.30pm
18 years and over
Wallsend Boys Club, Wallsend,
NE28 8SX
£3pp

Outdoor Games - Gibside National Trust
12.30-2pm
18 years and over
Gibside National Trust, Gateshead,
NE16 6BG
£4pp

Boccia - Cramlington
4pm - 5.45pm
18 years and over
Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington,
NE23 6YB
£4pp

Multi Sport - Hexham
1pm - 2pm
18 years and over
Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham,
NE46 3PD
£4pp
Excludes 18th Aug

Tuesday

Multi Sport - Newcastle
10.30am - 11.30am
18 years and over
Walker Activity Dome, Newcastle,
NE6 3BR
£4pp
Excludes 29th July, 12th & 26th Aug

Wednesday

Outdoor Games - Souter Lighthouse National Trust
12.30pm - 2pm
18 years and over
Souter Lighthouse, Sunderland, SR6 7NH
£4pp
Excludes 22nd July & 12th Aug

Boccia - North Tyneside
1pm - 2pm
18 years and over
The Meadows, North Shields,
NE29 6BA
£4pp

Thursday

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SEND Junior Summer Holiday Programme 2026



20th July - 30th August

Monday

Outdoor Games - Gibside National Trust
10.30am - 12nn
6 years and over
Gibside National Trust, Gateshead,
NE16 6BG
FREE

Multi Sport - Cramlington
2pm - 3.30pm
8 years and over
Cramlington Community Centre,
Cramlington, NE23 1DT
£5pp



Multi Sport - Sunderland
10am - 12nn
8 years and over
Nissan Leisure Centre, Sunderland,
SR5 3HZ
£5pp
Excludes 21st July

Tuesday

Multi Sport - Hexham
2pm - 4pm
8 years and over
Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham,
NE46 3PD
£5pp
Excludes 18th August

Outdoor Games - Crook Hall / Souter Lighthouse National Trust
11am - 12.30pm
6 years and over
Crook Hall Gardens, Durham, DH1 5SZ
Souter Lighthouse, Sunderland, SR6 7NH
FREE
Crook Hall 22nd July & 12th Aug only
Souter 29th July, 5th, 19th & 26th Aug only

Wednesday

Athletics & Frame Running - Gateshead
1.30-3.30pm
8 years and over
Gateshead International Stadium,
Gateshead, NE10 0EF
£5pp



Fun Session - Gateshead
10am - 12nn
4-10 year olds
Cedars Academy, Low Fell, Gateshead
NE9 6QD
£5pp

Thursday

Wheelchair Basketball & Tennis - Gateshead
1pm - 3pm
8 years and over
Birtley Leisure Centre, Birtley, DH3 2TB
£5pp

Multi Sport - Newcastle
10am - 12nn
8 years and over
Walker Activity Dome, Newcastle,
NE6 3BR
£5pp
Excludes 31st July

Friday

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Session descriptors



Outdoor Games:

throwing, catching, hitting, target games, activities and challenges

Multi-Sport Sessions:

a variety of different sports, games and activities



Athletics & Frame Running:

running, jumping and throwing activities.

Frame runners for those who require additional mobility support to walk, jog or run.

Fun Sessions:

access to the sensory room soft play, movement room and the outdoor playarea, in a safe and secure setting.



Wheelchair Basketball & Tennis:

experience the sports using specialist sport wheelchairs.

Summer Activities with The Sensory Place!

The Sensory Place has a fantastic lineup of summer holiday activities planned all the way through Weeks 2 to 6! From alpaca visits and forest school to trips, gymnastics, surfing, and exclusive swimming hires, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Check out the weekly highlights below:



Week 2 (27th July – 2nd August): Includes Wilby Roc Forest School, Beyond Van Gogh, HAF Circus Skills, Beamish trip, Deerness Gymnastics, and Anvil Alpaca visits!



Week 3 (3rd – 9th August): Featuring Alnwick Gardens/Lilidori trip, Bubbleologist session, Pygmy Goat experience, Train Master, exclusive swimming, and Battlekarts.



Week 4 (10th – 16th August): Pond dipping at Washington Wildfowl Park, stables management, horse riding, HAF Resin Art, and soft play.



Week 5 (17th – 21st August): Includes York Maze, surfing at South Shields, Disney Moana workshop, Arcade Warehouse, and King Buffet meal.



Week 6 (24th – 29th August): Out There Adventure Forest School, summer disco, Washington Wildfowl den building, HAF Supertramps, and more!



To book or for more information, send an email to: Hello@thesensoryplace.net

WEEK 2 SUMMER



27 MONDAY
10AM - 12NOON | Wiliby Roc - Forest School

27 MONDAY
10.30AM - 12.30PM | Anvil Alpaca - Fleece to Felt

27 MONDAY
1PM - 3PM | Beyond Van Gogh

27 MONDAY
2PM - 3.30PM | Roaring Rainforest - Sensory Session

28 TUESDAY
11AM - 12NOON | Washington Wildfowl Park - Pond Dipping

28 TUESDAY
10AM - 12NOON | Basketball & Kurling Session with Smile Through Sport

28 TUESDAY
1.15PM - 2.45PM | Soft Play @ Fuzzy Ed's

29 WEDNESDAY
FROM 9.30AM | Horse Riding @ Washington Riding Centre

29 WEDNESDAY
2PM - 4PM | HAF Circus Skills

30 THURSDAY
10AM - 12NOON | Noo Noo Forest School

30 THURSDAY
10AM - 11AM | Gateway Wheelers - Rectory Park

WEEK 2 SUMMER



30 THURSDAY
1.30PM - 4PM | HAF Art Session Pop Art @ Washington

30 THURSDAY
2PM - 4PM | Anvil Alpaca - Camp Paca

31 FRIDAY
9.50AM - 4PM | Beamish - Trip

1 SATURDAY
5PM - 6.30PM | Deerness Gymnastics

2 SUNDAY
10AM - 11.30AM | Soft Play @ Fuzzy Ed's

2 SUNDAY
2PM - 4PM | Anvil Alpaca - Camp Paca

WEEK 3 SUMMER



3 MONDAY
10AM - 12NOON | Litter Picking @ Seaham

3 MONDAY
10AM - 1PM | Pygmy Goat Experience

3 MONDAY
2PM - 3PM | Cheerleading

3 MONDAY
4PM - 6PM | Infinite Air

4 TUESDAY
9.50AM - 4PM | Alnwick Gardens/Lilidori Trip

4 TUESDAY
10AM - 12NOON | Cricket & Volleyball Session with Smile Through Sport

4 TUESDAY
2PM - 3PM | Big Science - Unicorn Noodles

5 WEDNESDAY
10AM - 12NOON | Noo Noo Forest School

5 WEDNESDAY
1.30PM - 4PM | HAF Art Session Tote Bag @ Washington

6 THURSDAY
10AM - 11AM | Gateway Wheelers - Rectory Park

6 THURSDAY
| Bubbleologist Session

7 FRIDAY
10AM - 11.30AM | Popstars Workshop

WEEK 3 SUMMER



7 FRIDAY
12NOON - 1.30PM | Members only meal - Sambuca

7 FRIDAY
1PM - 2.30PM | The Urban Factory

7 FRIDAY
2PM - 3PM | Indoor Rockpooling - Sunderland

8 SATURDAY
1.15PM - 2.15PM | Train Master - Fulwell

8 SATURDAY
3.45PM - 4.45PM | Swimming Session - Exclusive Hire, Washington

9 SUNDAY
10AM - 12NOON | Anvil Alpaca - Camp Paca

9 SUNDAY
2PM - 4PM | Anvil Alpaca - Camp Paca

9 SUNDAY
4.15PM - 5.30PM | Battlekarts

WEEK 4 SUMMER



- 10 MONDAY**
9.50AM - 4PM | Washington Wildfowl Park - Pond Dipping
- 10 MONDAY**
12.30PM - 2.30PM | Stables management workshop
- 11 TUESDAY**
10AM - 12NOON | Tennis & Boccia Session with Smile Through Sport
- 11 TUESDAY**
10AM - 12.30PM | FF Out There Adventure - Forest School
- 11 TUESDAY**
12.30PM - 3.30PM | FF Out There Adventure - Forest School
- 11 TUESDAY**
1.30PM - 4PM | HAF Art Session Resin @ Washington
- 12 WEDNESDAY**
FROM 9.30AM | Horse Riding @ Washington Riding Centre
- 12 WEDNESDAY**
1.15PM - 2.45PM | Soft Play @ Fuzzy Ed's
- 13 THURSDAY**
10AM - 11AM | Gateway Wheelers - Rectory Park
- 16 SUNDAY**
4.15PM - 5.45PM | Deerness Gymnastics

WEEK 5 SUMMER



- 17 MONDAY**
10AM - 4PM | Members Only - York Maze
- 18 TUESDAY**
10AM - 12NOON | Athletics & Golf Session with Smile Through Sport
- 18 TUESDAY**
10AM - 12NOON | Surfing - South Shields
- 18 TUESDAY**
11AM - 12NOON | Adapted Inclusive Yoga for Children
- 19 WEDNESDAY**
FROM 9.30AM | Horse Riding @ Washington Riding Centre
- 19 WEDNESDAY**
1PM - 3PM | Noo Noo Forest School
- 20 THURSDAY**
10AM - 11.30AM | Disney Moana Workshop
- 20 THURSDAY**
10AM - 11AM | Gateway Wheelers - Rectory Park
- 20 THURSDAY**
12PM - 2PM | Members exclusive meal - King Buffet Durham
- 20 THURSDAY**
12.30PM - 2.30PM | Stables management workshop
- 21 FRIDAY**
1PM - 2.30PM | The Urban Factory
- 21 FRIDAY**
1PM - 3PM | Arcade Warehouse
- 21 FRIDAY**
2PM - 4PM | Anvil Alpaca - Fleece to Felt

WEEK 6 SUMMER



- 24 MONDAY**
10AM - 12.30PM | Out There Adventure - Forest School
- 24 MONDAY**
1PM - 3.30PM | Out There Adventure - Forest School
- 25 TUESDAY**
10AM - 12NOON | Basketball & Boccia Session with Smile Through Sport
- 25 TUESDAY**
10AM - 1PM | Pygmy Goat Experience
- 26 WEDNESDAY**
10AM - 12NOON | Surfing - South Shields
- 26 WEDNESDAY**
2PM - 3PM | Summer Disco
- 27 THURSDAY**
9.50AM - 4PM | Washington Wildfowl Park - Den Building
- 27 THURSDAY**
10AM - 11AM | Gateway Wheelers - Rectory Park
- 28 FRIDAY**
10AM - 12NOON | HAF Supertramps
- 29 SATURDAY**
3.45PM - 4.45PM | Swimming Session - Exclusive Hire, Washington

Play, Connect, Create with Worley's World!

Join **Worley's World** for their fantastic **Play, Connect, Create** family sessions! Designed for children and their grown-ups to explore emotions, build connection, and have fun together through creative play and hands-on activities.



Session Dates & Times:

- **Thursday 13th August 2026** | 10:00am – 11:30am
- **Thursday 20th August 2026** | 10:00am – 11:30am
- **Thursday 27th August 2026** | 10:00am – 11:30am



What to expect:

- Creative art and multi-sensory play activities
- Emotional co-regulation tools for families in a supportive, relaxed environment
- Fun for big kids raising little kids!



Book your place:

<https://www.worleysworld.co.uk/event-details/play-connect-create-2026-08-13-10-00>



Focusing on Feeling with Your Neurodivergent Child



Presented by **Celebrate Difference Ltd**, this fun, interactive family session introduces the Worley's World regulation framework through storytelling, shared language, and play.

Rather than focusing strictly on behaviour, the session encourages parents and carers to become curious about what thoughts, feelings, and body signals are communicating. You'll meet "Brian the Brain," explore energy zones, and start building your own "Kingdom of Calm" to take home!



Event Details:

- **When:** Friday 21st August 2026 | 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- **Where:** The HUB, 1 Sherburn Terrace, Consett, DH8 6ND
- **Cost:** Free
- **Who it's for:** Targeted at families with neurodivergent children aged 5–11 (children are welcome to attend with you!)



Book your free tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/focusing-on-feeling-with-your-neurodivergent-child-tickets-1993523722117>

For more ideas on mindful strategies and self-awareness tools to help handle regulation difficulties within the family, watch this [Mindfulness for Neurodiverse Children webinar](#). This video provides helpful context on how routines and mindful attention support emotional regulation for neurodivergent young people.