



Our Way self advocacy



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NEWSLETTER



Craft Sessions

Thanks to Heidi from SM Lawson Solicitors and Orlovs Attic we have held some very successful free craft sessions. Members have enjoyed making keyrings, jewellery, card holders and baskets. We plan on selling what is made to raise funds for Our Way Self Advocacy at a craft fair on **Saturday 8th June at St Georges Social Club**, and then again in November at an indoor craft fair. Heidi has kindly donated her time, expertise and all of the equipment needed for the sessions. Massive Thank you to not only Heidi but to all the members that are participating in the sessions!

Come and support us at St George's Social Club on Saturday 8th June 12noon-4pm

What's been happening

Young People's Group

Young people visited Nineveh Ridge Care Farm in the Easter Holidays where we met donkeys, ponies, cows, goats, guineapigs, chickens and had an Easter Egg Hunt. The young people have enjoyed lots of cooking activities in their Monday club sessions as-well as contributing to our Hate and Mate crime Keeping Safe booklet



Housing

Although we are not currently running our housing project we are still supporting some of our members with their housing needs.

We supported Tammy and Nathan back in 2020 to move into their first flat together, where they have been very happy, built up a wealth of independence, and added to their family with their two cats.

Following the news that their landlord was going to be selling their flat we have supported them through the process of finding new accommodation.

Tammy and Nathan moved into their new flat in March where we wish them all the best.



Safe Places

Over the past few months Our Way Safe Places ambassadors have been out and about promoting and updating Worcestershire Safe Places going to Redditch, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, and Evesham.

Thank you to North Worcestershire Hate Crime Partnership Network for their funding and support with this project



Our Way Football

Our Way Cookley made their mark on the 3 Counties League after playing tournaments in Hereford and Worcester they finished second in their league. In between tournaments they have enjoyed meeting up with Cookley for some competitive but friendly matches



Football training takes place at the Wyre Forest Leisure Centre in Kidderminster every Sunday 10.30am to 11.30am. (See events page for more info)

A warm welcome to our new Fundraising Co-ordinator!

We would like to welcome Jackie to the Our Way Staff Team!

Thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund we have been able to secure funding for a Fundraising Co-Ordinator. Jackie joined us at the beginning of April, and spent her first few weeks with us participating in the groups and sessions to meet as many of our members as she could.

Jackie said: *'It's been amazing to meet so many new people and I'm looking forward to the journey ahead, as-well as lots of fun times and memories'*



West Midlands Self Advocacy Network

In February Our Way hosted the West Midlands Self Advocacy Network conference sharing our research on what makes an inclusive and engaging community. Our current project is about bus travel and the use of concessionary bus passes.



Men's and Ladies Groups

At the start of the year Kate from Worcestershire Sexual Health joined both groups. We looked at the Worcestershire Sexual Health web site and shared our opinions by taking part in their current survey.

In March the Ladies group had an inspiring visit to Webbs garden centre, picking up gardening tips and ideas. Followed by a chocolate easter egg baking session in April, the cakes were delicious.

The men's group enjoyed a spring walk around Bewdley followed by a chat and lunch at the Real Ale Pub



Gardening Project

With thanks to some of our supporters, we have received donations which we have put towards our gardening project for the spring.

We would like to express our gratitude for these donations which help to keep our beautiful garden flourishing!

We still continue to support residents from Berrington Court, maintaining their wonderful gardens.



Hate & Mate Crime Workshops

We have now completed our Hate and Mate crime Keeping safe booklet focus groups and are getting ready to send off your stories to the printers so that we can get the booklet published.

We are very grateful for everyone's input and to Worcestershire Community Foundation and the Police and Crime Commissioner for funding the booklet.



Our Way Events

Our Way members have shared lots of fun and made lots of memories at Bowling, Gloucester Docks, Webbs Garden Centre and Dudley Zoo. We visited the British Motor Museum and played Laser Tag as-well as building our very own catapult!! We have been on some lovely walks around Blackstone Park, Habberley Valley, Riffle Range, Springfield Park, and Brinton Park. All of our trips and events are ideas that have come from our Members so please make sure you let us know if you have any suggestions so that we can get them on our list for the next Newsletter!



Events

Please pay for events when booking, before the day, with as much notice as possible to secure your place, as our events fill up quickly.

We welcome online payments wherever possible.

When booking online, please make a reference to the event you are attending.

Our Bank Details are:

Our Way Self Advocacy. Sort Code: 40-52-40. Account Number: 00015411

Date	Time	Event	Where	Cost
Friday 3rd May	10:30am-12:30	Keep Fit with Luan	Youth House	£ 3
Tuesday 7th May	11am-1pm	Ladies Group 	TBC	TBC
Friday 10th May	10:30am-12:30	Games in the Park	Brinton's Park Meeting at the bandstand at the park <i>Sutton Road, Kidderminster DY11 6QR</i>	Free
Friday 17th May	10:30am-12:30	Walk 	Springfield Park Meeting at the carpark <i>Usmere Road, Kidderminster DY10 2PS</i>	Free
Monday 20th May	7pm-10pm	DY10 Nightclub 	Nu-Bar <i>Access through the back via carpark</i>	£ 5 (on the door)
Tuesday 21st May	11am-1pm	Craft Session	Youth House	Free
Friday 24th May	10am-4pm	Evesham Country Park	Evesham Meeting at Youth House for transport (For transport please contact us to book your place on the bus. Limited spaces)	£ 5 Bring spending/ lunch money

Date	Time	Event	Where	Cost
Tuesday 28th May	11am-1pm	Men's Group 	TBC	TBC
Friday 31st May	10:30am-12noon	Canal Walk 	Brinton's Park Meeting at the Bandstand in the park <i>Sutton Road, Kidderminster DY11 6QR</i>	Free
Tuesday 4th June	11am-1pm	Ladies Group 	Youth House	£ 3
Friday 7th June	10am-4pm	Bridgenorth Market	Bridgenorth (For transport please contact us to book your place on the bus. Limited spaces) <i>Meeting at Youth House</i>	£ 5 Bring lunch/spending money
Saturday 8th June	12noon-4pm	Fundraising Crafts Sale for Our Way	St George's Social Club Please feel free to come along to support us <i>Radford Avenue, Kidderminster</i>	Free Bring lunch/spending money
Friday 14th June	10am-5pm	Western Super Mare	Meet at Youth House (For transport please contact us to book your place on the bus. Limited spaces)	£ 10 Bring spending money
Tuesday 18th June	11am-1pm	Craft Session	Youth House	Free
Wednesday 19th June	7pm-10pm	Summer Ball!	Venue 45 <i>Please contact the office to get your name down on the list</i> <i>4-5 Oxford Street, Kidderminster DY10 1BB</i>	£ 15
Friday 21st June	2pm-4pm	Pirates of the Stourbridge Theatre	Meet at Youth House (Please contact us to book your place on the bus. Limited spaces)	£ 12

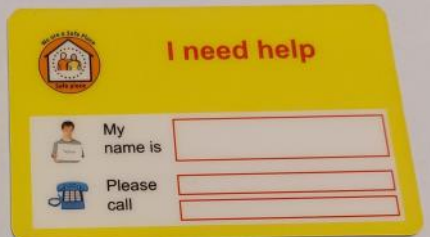
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Tuesday 25th June	11am-1pm	Men's Group 	Youth House	£ 3
Friday 28th June	10:30am-12noon	Stourport Fair	Stourport Meeting there Severn Meadows Carpark, Stourport-On-Severn DY13 8UJ	Free Bring spending money
Tuesday 2nd July	11am-1pm	Ladies Group 	TBC	TBC
Friday 5th Jully	10:30am-12:30	Keep Fit with Luan	Youth House	£ 3
Friday 12th July	10:30am-12noon	Walk 	Habberley Valley Meeting there <i>Habberley Rd Kidderminster DY11 5RJ</i>	Free
Tuesday 16th July	11am-1pm	Craft Session	Youth House	Free
Friday 19th July	11:30am-2pm	BBQ	Youth House	£ 5
Friday 26th July	10:30am-12noon	Walk 	Burlish Top Meeting there The Kingsway, Stourport On Severn DY13 8NA	Free
Tuesday 30th July	11am-1pm	Men's Group 	TBC	TBC

Weekly Sessions

Day	Time	Event	Where	Cost
Mondays	5pm - 6:30pm	Young People's Group	Youth House <i>Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster DY10 1PF</i>	£ 1
Please note: No group on 6th and 27th May				
Wednesdays	5pm-6:30pm	Advocacy Group	Youth House <i>Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster DY10 1PF</i>	£ 3
Thursdays	10:00am-10:45am	Zumba	Youth House <i>Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster DY10 1PF</i>	£ 3
Thursdays	11:00am-1pm	Coffee Morning	Youth House <i>Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster DY10 1PF</i>	Free
Sundays	10:30am-11:30am	Football	Wyre Forest Leisure Centre <i>Silverwood's Way, Stourport Road, Kidderminster DY11 7DT</i>	£ 3
Please note: No Football on 5th & 26th May & 2nd June. Our last session will be on 21st July before breaking up for the summer, and returning on 15th September.				

Our Way members and friends have been visiting Worcestershire towns to update and recruit Safe Places.

We have Safe Places cards available at the office. Please contact us if you would like one. This will show your emergency contact details.



Contact details

If you would like to take part in any of the sessions/activities or would like more information about them, please ring one of the numbers below.

Please note, trips need to be paid for upon booking.

We will refund monies for cancelations if we are able to fill the space.

Unfortunately you will still need to pay for your place even if you do not attend and we have not managed to fill your space.

Many Thanks for your understanding

If you need any help or advice, please ring one of the following numbers:



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