

# **Guildford and Waverley Autism Friendly Communities Group**

## Notes and actions from our May 2025 Meeting



### **Experience Guildford Community Safety Day - Sat 5th July**

Experience Guildford and Banham Security Group Ltd are sponsoring Guildford Community Safety Day in and around Holy Trinity Church on Guildford High Street between 10am and 2pm Saturday 5th July 2025.

We will have a host of organisations giving advice throughout the day and some amazing vehicles on the High Street including fire engines and police cars. Contact Emma by email if you'd like to have a stall.

Click here or use the QR code to visit the website.

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## **Leisure and Sports Centres**

During June and July 2025 we will be finding out more about the inclusive activities and quiet times offered by leisure centres and sports centres across Guildford and Waverley. We will report our findings at our next meeting on Tuesday 22nd July.



### **Training on Autism and Neurodivergence**

We will be developing training for services, businesses and shops across Surrey. We will discuss this at our next meeting on Tuesday 22nd July.

One idea is to develop bespoke workshops aimed at different types of services such as Leisure centres or libraries.



#### **Autistic Adult Peer Networks**

We will be inviting people on our mailing list who are autistic or neurodivergent to join us at online evening meetings to discuss further developing peer networks across Surrey. We will email a flyer in early June.



#### Instagram

The group suggested we set up an Instagram account. We have set up an Instagram account for Surrey Autism Friendly Communities. This is now live.



Click here or use the QR code to visit our Instagram.



#### **Facebook**

We have launched our **Autism Friendly Communities Surrey** facebook group which will be open to anyone keen to help make Surrey more autism friendly. Search for 'Autism Friendly Communities Surrey' in facebook - or click the wording in bold above.

### **Existing facebook groups for families**

There are a range of facebook groups across Surrey for families with autistic /neurodivergent children. You can find these by typing the group name into facebook and searching:

- Neuro Diverse Support Group
- Surrey Autism Spectrum
- Grayshott Superhero Family Support
- Surrey SEN Group

- We Shine Local Network
- Haslemere SEND Families
- Guildford and Godalming SEND Support

## **Our July Meeting**

Our July meeting will take place online on **Tuesday 22nd July 2025 from 12noon to 1.30pm**. We will send the link and agenda in early July.

## Other useful links

Thank you to everyone who has shared information with us either at the group meeting or by email. We are keeping track of all this information and will be publishing it. The latest links that have been shared with us are collated below - click on the bold titles to go to the website:

- Surrey Connect on demand bus service The service uses accessible minibuses.
- APPEER is a not for profit organisation run to benefit autistic girls and women.
- **SENturion Fitness** Empowering Neurodivergent Youth in Sport.
- Music Works In-person, private 1 to 1 award winning music lessons and group music lessons
- **BRAAIN** an information network set up by parents of children with special needs.
- Cellar Camino Cafe a caring and friendly meeting place for vulnerable people in Godalming.
- MindJam Support for young people through gaming, game design and digital skills.
- The Zone Farnborough for families with autistic/neurodivergent or additional needs children.