

Short Breaks Newsletter



October 2023



Short Breaks Passes for Local Attractions

As you may know, we are currently working in collaboration with our local attractions to offer day passes for children with disabilities and their families within Telford and Wrekin. We have passes for all Ironbridge Museums, Hoo Zoo & Dinosaur World, Monkey Forest, Attingham Park, and the offer will continue to grow.

Over the summer holidays, we rented the passes out a grand total of 46 times!

One of our families emailed us expressing how much they enjoyed their day out at Monkey Forest:

'Thank you to the Children with Disabilities Team for accessing the Monkey Forest day passes for our family. Our children have a range of additional needs and this attraction was enjoyable for all 3 of them. It was lovely to be out in nature, a great family day out that I would highly recommend. We really appreciated that we were able to access these passes and it is a great resource to other families living with disabilities.'

Your child is eligible to use these passes if they:

- Are known to the Children with Disabilities Team or are an iCan2 member
- Are aged 17 or under
- Are a resident of Telford and Wrekin

The passes can be booked for any day of the week. If you would like to book or require further information, please email shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk

Get Involved at Your Local Library this Half Term

Telford and Wrekin Council's Library Services have put together a jam packed timetable of activities during October half term that may be of interest to you:

Arts & Crafts Session—Diwali Theme (ages 4-11)

31st October 2-3pm at Newport Library

1st November 2-3pm at Southwater Library

2nd November 2-3pm at Wellington Library

Book launch by author, Pete White (ages 3-7)

3rd November 11-1pm at Southwater Library

Under the Little Read Moon Performance by The English Touring Opera Company (ages 6mo-2y)

2nd November 10.15-10.45am at Wellington Library

Green Spaces are Go Walk

Details will be added to the website linked below shortly.

The activities are not SEND specific, but if you have queries regarding accessibility, please email libraryenquiries@telford.gov.uk

All activities are free to attend, you just need to book a place on www.ticketsource.co.uk/telford-wrekin-libraires

Working Together at Our Short Breaks Forum

The Short Breaks Forum provides an opportunity for local families to meet with Telford and Wrekin Council representatives to discuss and exchange views, information and options to meet the social care needs of children with disabilities.

The next meeting is on 23rd October 1-3pm at PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU. You are more than welcome to come along and have a cuppa.

Community Based Activity Spotlight

Telford and Wrekin Council's Social Inclusion Team are teaming up with Guide Dogs to create an exciting group for toddlers with a visual impairment.

The group will be held every Tuesday, 9.30-12pm, as of 10th October at Stepping Stones, Brunel Road, Telford, TF3 2BF.

Each week there will be interactive activities based around the theme of a popular children's book. There is a sensory room on site that you will have exclusive use of throughout the session.

If you are interested in attending, you can simply turn up, or email shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk for more information.

Contact Us

If you have any queries about anything on the newsletter or any activities or events you would like to be added to the newsletter calendar to spread the word and increase attendance, please email shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk

You can view all parts of our SEND Local Offer, including a copy of our SEND Activities booklet on our website: www.telfordsend.org.uk. You can find us on Facebook - Telford and Wrekin's Short Breaks.



Activities Locations and Booking Information

PODS Charity—For more PODS activities or to book, visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS. For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org

Funky Friday Inclusive Disco—£4 each. The Navy Club, Bellman's Yard. Newport, TF10 7AJ.

Airea 51 SEN Session—Airea 51, Stafford Park 12, Telford, TF3 3BJ. To book, visit the Airea 51 website.

Youth Club 2021—104-106 Southgate, Telford, TF7 4HG. To book, call 01952898052.

Pirates and Princesses—Unit 17, Cedar Court, Halesfield 17, TF7 4PF. To book, call 01952582382.

Challenging Perceptions—Park Lane Centre, Woodside, TF7 5QZ. To book, call 01952683700.

For details on Telford and Wrekin Leisure Services sessions, visit the Council website or contact the venues directly.

Wrekin Swimming Club—Wellington Leisure Centre. Search Wrekin Special Swimming Club on Facebook or call 07530465472.

Sailability—Telford Sailing Club, off Teece Drive, Telford, TF2 9SQ. To book, email telford.sailability@gmail.com

Bright Star Boxing—Unit 1 Old Smithfield Industrial Estate, Aston Street, Shifnal, TF11 8DT. To book, call 07966416267.

Shining Stars—The Linden Centre, Oak Road, Overdale, TF3 5BT. To book, email shiningstars2017@hotmail.com

Local Offer
for Special Educational Needs and Disability

Discover everything you need to know about education, health and care services in your local area for children and young people with SEND 0-25yrs at www.telfordsend.org.uk



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What's on October 2023

						Sunday 1st
						SEND Swimming Abraham Darby 12:15-1:30pm Pirates and Princesses SEN 9-10.30am
Monday 2nd	Tuesday 3rd	Wednesday 4th	Thursday 5th	Friday 6th	Saturday 7th	Sunday 8th
Soft Play at the Ice Rink Junior 4-5.30pm Senior 6-8pm	Pirates and Princesses SEN 4-6pm Airea 51 SEND Session 6-7pm CP Youth Wellbeing Group 4-5pm	PODS Lego Club 4-5pm Airea 51 SEND Session 6-7pm	PODS Games Session 4-5pm SNAC Activities 10.30-1.30pm	CP Under 5's Parent & Toddlers 10-11am Ice Rink Session 10-12pm 5-6pm	Silhouette Dance SEND Session 1.15-1.45pm	SEND Swimming Abraham Darby 12:15-1:30pm Pirates and Princesses SEN 9-10.30am Wrekin Swimming 5-6pm
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