

A message from our Chief Executive Officer

(it's a mammoth message, but please do read)

Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you and well done to everyone who responded to the County Council's consultation on Short Breaks funding and potential cuts to our budget in June last year- **apparently the Council received the best response EVER!**

Your valuable feedback was listened to.

The good news: We now have a **5 year Short Breaks contract with Oxfordshire County Council**, which is a huge relief!

The bad news: Our budget has been cut by £31,000 per year which, although not great, is much better than we feared!

Here's an update, and the impact on what we provide:

The good news	The bad news	The To Do List!
Family support work We now receive only 68% of the costs for our two family support workers, Becky and Sam . But don't worry! We are committed to carry on regardless, and will need to raise £34,000 every year to sustain this service. Please see below for how you could help.	We no longer have secure funding to run our Challenging Behaviour and Physical Intervention training for parents/carers. But don't worry! We are committed to keep running them, and will fundraise and/or need to increase the fee. Please see below for how you could help.	Basically - we need to get busy with fundraising. You too can help by donating whatever you can or fundraising for us. Please see below for how you could help
Holiday Activities We will now be running Summer and Easter Activities ONLY	Unfortunately, we can no longer provide Half Term Activities . Other providers will be running activities in Half Terms and details can be found on the FIS directory: https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/home.page	If an ideal project and funding came along we will always consider projects. So do keep the ideas and fundraising coming!
Youth Groups We are delighted that our Saturday Youth Group and STUFF Youth Group will continue to be funded by Short Breaks for the next 5 years.	We also run 2 other youth groups - Friday and Wednesday Youth Groups . These are funded separately and we need to continuously fundraise.	More of the 'F' word Fundraising!!

Overall it's positive – the new five year contract with Oxfordshire County Council gives us much needed stability to keep going strong, and to **GROW!** In our recent Annual Evaluation you told us you want **MORE** - more **family support workers**, more **training**, and more **activities**.

We're also initiating our vision for a *Centre for Autism* – a place for information, support, friendships, and ideas!

We need your help and ideas!

Please support us by volunteering, donating, or fundraising. Every little helps and any support would be a great help.

Here's how donations could help

- £10** allows us to process a new Referral Form and welcome a new parent to our service
- £16** supports a child to attend one youth group session
- £32** provides an advice surgery with Becky or Sam
- £92** allows one parent to attend our *Challenging Behaviour and Autism* course
- £140** allows one parent to attend our *Managing Physically Challenging Behaviour* course.
- £635** supports one child to attend a youth group for a year

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Fundraising inspiration

- **No cost, No catch - raise FREE donations for us every time you shop!!**
The easiest way to fundraise for us, using simple and safe **Easy fundraising**, just follow the link for details and sign up <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/afso/>
- **Set up regular giving via a Standing Order from your bank.**
Please contact us for details. Email gita@afso.org.uk or reply to this message.
- **Make a donation via our JustGiving page** www.justgiving.com/childrenintouch
You can leave a message when you donate.
- **Ask your local pub/shop/business if they would display a collection tin** We can provide the tin, contact us for details.
- **Ask your employer to raise funds for us** – we are happy to help with this. Nominate us as Charity of the Year, or organise an event such as a quiz night, sweepstake, cake sale, team building challenge.
- **Organise an event** e.g. quiz night, cake sale, golf day, disco, barn dance, an auction
- **Participate or organise a challenge**
Like our fabulous fundraisers: Robyn cut her long hair, Christine and Kathy skydived, Daniel ran The Oxford Half Marathon, John walked The Ridgeway non stop, Eva wrote a book!
- **Organise a school or work mufti day, fete, or fun day**
- **Leave a Legacy gift in your will.** Feel free to contact us for help.
- **Sell on eBay, at a car boot, or auction for us.**
- **Collect donations instead of gifts/flowers at special occasions**
e.g. birthdays, weddings, or funerals

Contact us for a **Fundraising Pack** or to **discuss your ideas**

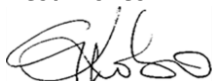
Volunteer your time and skills

- **Office filing and odd jobs** Help us at our office, based at Thomley in Worminghall village (postcode HP18 9JZ). This could be a few hours weekly, fortnightly or once a month. You will need your own transport to get to us but we can pay reasonable car travel expenses.
- **Computer work at home – Creating leaflets and** If you are good with Word, Excel, or Publisher help us create and update documents in the comfort of your home! One-off jobs or regular small jobs available
- **Create our weekly e-Bulletins using Outlook or MailChimp** We are looking for someone to create our weekly eBulletins - we will provide the information and you create the email, formatting and links etc. This will be an easy and informative job for someone who's confident in creating emails. We want to try and send the bulletins weekly, but occasional time off would be fine.
- **Help at events** Help us to set up equipment at events and training sessions, and/or helping with Information stalls etc.

We are feeling positive and look forward to continuing to support families in Oxfordshire – with a little help from our friends and supporters!

We are happy to hear your comments and suggestions. Please do contact me on email: gita@afso.org.uk or call **07929 379125** or feel free to chat with our staff.

Best wishes



Gita Lobo
Chief Executive Officer

World Autism Awareness Day



This year we carried on our concept of a Brain Dancing Festival – with the aim to celebrate autism, creativity, and neurodiversity.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our event in Oxford city centre, as well as the public joining in. Thank you to the many parents, young people and friends who helped on the day – we could not have done it without you! Here's some of what we got up to:



Fundraising

We raised a record breaking
£1,239

from tin shaking, face painting and Henna tattoos. A HUGE thank you to **ALL** our tin shakers. Particular thanks to **Anne & Chris Cappelli** and **Jacqueline & James Palmer** who came early to help set up as well as tin shake.



Busking

A line up of music and singing kept our feet tapping! Thanks to our singers and musicians:

Louise McCarthy
Abigail Skeltcher
George Auty
Thomas Auty
Callum Harris
Grace & Jamie Stewart
and band
Papa Nui & Dave Noble

Henna and Face Painting

Thank you to **Emily Harrison**, and **Jess** for creative Henna tattoos, and **Ayleila Parry & Jordan** for face painting and glitter tattoos – adding colour and sparkle to the day!



African Drumming

The rhythm & beats of African drumming drew in the crowds and created a fantastic vibe and much fun for children, families and the public. Special thanks to **Daniel Sowah** and **Jonas Torrance** for leading the workshop.

Thank you to **everyone** who helped & participated. Special thanks to **New Road Baptist Church** for the use of space, **Wacky Wardrobe** for costumes, **Jamie Stewart** for the PA System, and Stephanie Harrison for assistance.

We look forward to **Brain Dancing Festival 2018**
We already have a few ideas but will be asking for your ideas and participation!
Watch this space or contact us!

Fundraising Well done & Thank You

Coop Community Scheme

We were delighted to receive a fantastic **£2,151** from the Coop Community Scheme. We were one of the first charities to benefit from the scheme and hope to apply again! Thank you to all the Coop members who selected us to receive Coop donations.

Waitrose donated **£280** The Witney branch raised £280 through the customer token scheme – thank you to whoever nominated us! If you shop in Waitrose **please complete a form in your store** and nominate us.

Thank you!

Paul Carlon, a local illustrator donated **£250**

A budding illustrator, Paul received donations for commissioned artwork and has kindly donated the money to Autism Family Support Oxfordshire! We love this creative and generous idea.

Eva Oliver has written a book and raised **£191** so far!

Eva, parent of a daughter with autism, has written *What Lies Under the Roots* - a thoughtful book full of anecdotes, memories and humour about autism and more. Eva says “*this book is written to raise funds for Autism Family Support Oxfordshire (AFSO), in recognition of the support they provide to families like ours*”. To download the book and donate go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/what-lies-under-the-roots>

Thank you!

To all the wonderful people who have supported us, and those who donate regularly by Standing Order. Your support is much appreciated



No cost, No catch – raise FREE donations for us every time you shop!

The easiest way to fundraise for us is using simple and safe **Easy fundraising**. Whenever you buy anything online, and in some High Street stores, you could be collecting free donations for Autism Family Support Oxfordshire! There are over 3,000 shops and sites ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

- 1.** Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/afso/> and join for free.
- 2.** Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and then start shopping.
- 3.** After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Summer Activities

for **8-17 year olds** with **Asperger's Syndrome / High Functioning Autism**

This Summer includes your favourite activities as well as some **NEW activities!**

There are new **City Mazes** to be solved, including a **Harry Potter** based one! and lots of opportunities to **get wet** – canoeing, water fights and an opportunity to try new skills. This year laser storm at Carterton, has a new twist with a visit to nearby **Crocodiles!** There are old favourites such as gaming at The Mish along with an evening to **Party @ The Mish**. For those who want some **outdoor** adventure we have 2 days at The Earth Trust, with a **survival day** and a **wild life day**, in addition to our regular visit to Farmer Gows. If you like to be creative we have 2 days making **animation**, and are introducing some craft activities to our Mish gaming days. For those who love speed we have **indoor go-karting** too.

It looks like it will be a fun summer and we really look forward to seeing you there!

 **NOTE: we are now only able to accept applications for young people aged 8-17 years old at the time of the activity.** This is a new requirement due to funding restrictions, and we apologise for any disappointment. We are considering planning occasional activities for young adults – if this is of interest to you, please contact us to express an interest, and suggest some activity ideas. Email: info@afso.org.uk

Activities are fully staffed.

Please Note:

- Our staff:child ratio is approx **1:4**. ***If your child requires more support please contact us*** before booking. Children must be dropped off and collected from the stated venues.
- We have **strict** age restrictions - participants **must be** the correct age at the time of the event.
- The stated arrival/drop off time is when registration will begin. Our staff become responsible for young people **after** registration – if you arrive early please supervise your child and wait to register.
- All children must have already been referred to us and live in Oxfordshire.

Bookings Please complete the **attached Application Form**.

- Receipt of applications will be acknowledged **AFTER payment and a fully completed Application Form has been received**.
- **Final confirmation of places will be sent AFTER the closing date on Monday 26th June**
- If you have queries or special arrangements regarding payment please let us know as soon as possible.
- **IMPORTANT note about MEDICATION** - If **whilst attending** our activities your child will need any medication which *may* require action/intervention/storage by our staff, e.g. Diabetes, medication for ADHD, epilepsy, please **let us know ASAP** so we can organise staff training. Attendance will not be permitted if our staff are unable to receive training in good time, or we were not made aware of medical needs.

The Closing Date for applications is **Monday 26th June 2017** – Please **BOOK EARLY** as Activities are usually fully booked! We prioritise early bookings as much as possible.

If you have any queries or need help to complete the Application Form, please contact:
Judith by Email: info@afso.org.uk ☎ 01844 338696 (Monday-Wednesday term time only)








Illness If your child is unwell prior to the activity, please do not send them to our Activities as this may impact on the health of our staff and other children, and we may have to cancel another activity. If you wouldn't send them to school, then please keep them at home and let us know.

Summer Activities Programme

Activity	Booking Fee
<p>Tuesday 25th July 2017 11am-3pm ⓘ 8-12 year olds ONLY</p> <p>Laser Storm - Fun Time, Black Bourton Road, Carterton, OX18 3EZ</p> <p>Followed by</p> <p>Crocodiles of the World - Burford Road, Brize Norton, Oxfordshire OX18 3NX</p> <p>Laser Party with lunch (chips & either sausages, nuggets or fish fingers) NOTE: Helmets are provided and MUST be worn. <i>Please make sure you wear socks or bring them with you to wear.</i></p> <p>Followed by– watch and feed the crocodiles with an opportunity to get up close. <i>Please note that the space can be hot and smelly! There will not be an opportunity for children to go to the shop.</i></p> <p>Drop off at Fun time</p> <p>Pick up is from Crocodiles of the World Car Park.</p>	<p>£15 per child - Lunch is provided as well as transport between activities.</p>
<p>Wednesday 26th July 10am-3pm ⓘ 8-12 year olds ONLY</p> <p>Earth Trust Survival day at Hill Farm, Little Wittenham, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4QZ</p> <p>Have fun building waterproof shelters learning how to light fires without matches, and maybe doing some marshmallow toasting,</p> <p>NOTE: This is an outdoor activity and may involve getting muddy and wet. Appropriate clothing and sun cream (if appropriate) must be worn.</p>	<p>£15 per child Bring a packed lunch</p>
<p>Monday 31st July 2017 11:30am-2:30pm</p> <p>Family Rowing and Picnic at The Riverside Centre, Donnington Bridge, Oxford, OX4 4AZ</p> <p>Families are invited to bring a picnic and row/canoe. Very stable boats, coaches, life jackets & instruction provided. There may also be a climbing wall for those who want to have a go.</p> <p>Note: Parents <u>MUST</u> accompany & be responsible for their children at this event - participation is optional! Bring lunch, towel, change of clothes (just in case!)</p>	<p>£8 per person participating. Bring a picnic</p>
<p>Tuesday 1st August 2017 3:45pm - 9pm ⓘ 13-17 year olds ONLY</p> <p>City Mazes Unit 5, Ozone Leisure Park, Grenoble Road, Oxford OX4 4XP</p> <p>Play a game in the City Maze and then on to eat Frankie and Benney's. (fee includes a main course from the lunch menu, together with an unlimited refill drink - Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, R Whites Lemonade or Tango Orange only) We will go on to the cinema for those who want to make an evening of it. You can be collected earlier if you don't want to stay for the cinema.</p>	<p>£30 per child (please bring money for the cinema, cinema snacks if wanted, plus CEA card if you have one)</p>
<p>Thursday 3rd August 2017, 10am - 2:30pm ⓘ 8-12 Year olds ONLY</p> <p>Video games, DVDs, games, craft & Internet at The Mish, 57f St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AG</p> <p>Bring your own game console, games, DVD to play and/or share with others. Table football, pool table, board games etc. NOTE: Certificate 15 and 18 games are prohibited! There will also be craft activities including decoupage and cardmaking and a selection of make up to try out!</p>	<p>£15 per child Bring packed lunch</p>
<p>Friday 4th August 2017 5pm-9pm ⓘ 13-17 year olds ONLY</p> <p>Party Night @ the Mish - The Mish, 57f St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AG</p> <p>Come and join us for an evening of music, food and fun, chill with friends or dance the night away. Pizza provided, feel free to bring snacks and Non-alcoholic drinks to share.</p>	<p>£20 per child</p>
<p>Monday 7th August 2017 ⓘ 8-12 Year olds ONLY</p> <p>Farmer Gow's at Fernham Road, Longcot, nr Faringdon, SN7 7PR</p> <p>Fun at Farmer Gow's interactive farm feeding chickens, pigs and goats, collecting eggs and a tractor trailer ride - all depending on weather and availability. NOTE: This is an outdoor activity and will involve getting muddy, and dirty hands. Suitable clothing and wellington boots must be worn, wellies can be provided if necessary (limited sizes).</p> <p>EITHER Drop off / collect your child at Farmer Gow's: Arrive: 10am / Collect: 1:30pm</p> <p>OR Transport is provided from/back to Wolvercote Young Peoples Centre, St Peters Road, Wolvercote, Oxford, OX2 8A: Drop off: 9am/ Collect: 2:15pm</p> <p>Please arrive on time – the bus will leave promptly!</p>	<p>£12 per child or £20 with transport</p> <p>Bring packed lunch</p>

<p>Wednesday 9th August 2017, 10am - 3pm ① 13-17 year olds ONLY Video games, DVDs, games, craft & Internet at The Mish, 57f St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AG Bring your own game console, games, DVD, to play and/or share with others. Table football, pool table, board games. ALL Certificate 18 games are prohibited; some certificate 15 games may be prohibited! There will also be craft activities including decoupage and cardmaking and a selection of make up to try out!</p>	<p>£15 per child Bring packed lunch or money for Subway</p>
<p>Thursday 10th August 2017, 10am - 2:30pm ① 8-12 Year olds ONLY Video games, DVDs, games, craft & Internet at The Mish, 57f St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AG Bring your own game console, games, DVD to play and/or share with others. Table football, pool table, board games etc. NOTE: Certificate 15 and 18 games are prohibited! There will also be craft activities including decoupage and cardmaking and a selection of make up to try out!</p>	<p>£15 per child Bring packed lunch</p>
<p>Friday 11th August 2017, 9:45am-12:45pm ① 13-17 year olds ONLY Outdoor Laser Tag at Furze Brake Woodland, Lockwood Farm, Culham No1 site, Station Road, Culham, Oxford, OX14 3DA Laser tag followed by lunch. NOTE: a cap is provided and must be worn (holds laser sensor). This is an outdoor activity in woodland, so please wear appropriate clothing.</p>	<p>£25 per child Bring packed lunch</p>
<p>Monday 14th August 2017 9:30am-5:30pm ① 13-17 year olds ONLY Adventure Plus - Main Street, Clanfield, Oxfordshire, OX18 2SN Spend the day having fun doing activities, the sessions will include climbing, archery, bushcraft, and fencing. Come along and try something new or show off your skills.</p>	<p>£25 per child Bring packed lunch</p>
<p>Tuesday 15th August 2017, 11am-1pm ① 8-12 year olds ONLY Laser Storm - Fun Time, Black Bourton Road, Carterton, OX18 3EZ Followed by Crocodiles of the World - Burford Road, Brize Norton, Oxfordshire OX18 3NX (see details above)</p>	<p>£15 per child - Lunch is provided as well as transport between activities.</p>
<p>Wednesday 16th August 2017 ① 13-17 year olds ONLY Indoor Gokarting and bowling – Rogue Racing/Bowling, The Point, Gatehouse Way, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 8D Have fun go-kart racing around an indoor track. You will be provided with race overalls to protect clothing, neck braces (optional for +15 years), gloves (optional), and crash helmets. Then it is off for some food and bowling. You can check out the menu here or go to their website www.roguebowling.co.uk EITHER Drop off / collect your child at Rogue Bowling: Arrive: 10:45am / Collect: 2pm OR Transport is provided from/back to Wolvercote Young Peoples Centre, St Peters Road, Wolvercote, Oxford, OX2 8A: Drop off: 10:15am / Collect: 2:45pm Please arrive on time – the bus will leave promptly!</p>	<p>£15 per child or £20 with transport Bring money to buy lunch at bowling</p>
<p>Friday 18th August 2017 10am-3pm ① 8-12 year olds ONLY Earth Trust Wildlife Day at Hill Farm, Little Wittenham, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4QZ A day to include looking for minibeasts, pond dipping, using camera traps and potentially small mammal traps in the hedgerows to see what lives around us on site. NOTE: This is an outdoor activity and may involve getting muddy and wet. Appropriate clothing and sun cream (if appropriate) must be worn.</p>	<p>£15 per child Bring a packed lunch</p>
<p>Monday 21st August 2017 11:30am-2:30pm Family Rowing and Picnic at The Riverside Centre, Donnington Bridge, Oxford, OX4 4AZ Families are invited to bring a picnic and row/canoe. Very stable boats, coaches, life jackets & instruction provided. There may also be a climbing wall for those who want to have a go. Note: Parents <u>MUST</u> accompany & be responsible for their children at this event - participation is optional! Bring lunch, towel, change of clothes (just in case!)</p>	<p>£8 per person participating. Bring a picnic</p>

<p>Tuesday 22nd August 2017 4:30pm-9pm  13-17 year olds ONLY Water fight and film night at Thomley Hall Centre, Menmarsh Road, Worminghall, HP18 9JZ *By Popular Demand* Please join us for a late afternoon at Thomley where we are planning on the sun shining, water fight, games and a BBQ. This will be followed by a large screen viewing of a film. You may wish to bring a towel and change of clothes! BBQ/popcorn/ice-cream provided, feel free to bring snacks and Non-alcoholic drinks to share.</p>	<p>£15 per child</p>
<p>Wednesday 23rd August 2017, 10am - 3pm  13-17 year olds ONLY Video games, DVDs, games, craft & Internet at The Mish, 57f St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AG Bring your own game console, games, DVD, to play and/or share with others. Table football, pool table, board games. ALL Certificate 18 games are prohibited; some certificate 15 games may be prohibited! There will also be craft activities including decoupage and cardmaking and a selection of make up to try out!</p>	<p>£15 per child Bring packed lunch or money for Subway</p>
<p>Thursday 24th August 2017, 10am - 2:30pm  8-12 Year olds ONLY Video games, DVDs, games, craft & Internet at The Mish, 57f St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AG Bring your own game console, games, DVD to play and/or share with others. Table football, pool table, board games etc. NOTE: Certificate 15 and 18 games are prohibited! There will also be craft activities including decoupage and cardmaking and a selection of make up to try out!</p>	<p>£15 per child Bring packed lunch</p>
<p>Friday 25th August 2017 Farmer Gow's at Fernham Road, Longcot, nr Faringdon, SN7 7PR (see details above) EITHER Drop off / collect your child at Farmer Gow's: Arrive: 10am / Collect: 1:30pm OR Transport is provided from/back to Wolvercote Young Peoples Centre, St Peters Road, Wolvercote, Oxford, OX2 8A: Drop off: 9am/ Collect: 2:15pm Please arrive on time – the bus will leave promptly!</p>	<p>£12 per child or £20 with transport Bring packed lunch</p>
<p>Tuesday 29th & 30th August 10am-2:30pm  8-12 Year olds ONLY Digital Challenge at OYAP, The Studio, 2 Crown Walk, Bicester, OX26 6HY Come and create your own short animation. Techniques can include drawings, models, people or characters and you can use a green screen or stop frame animation. Feel free to bring your favourite toy e.g. Lego, Minecraft, My Little Pony, to be the star of their own mini movie. You will need to be able to attend both days.</p>	<p>£30 for both days per child. Bring packed lunch.</p>
<p>Thursday 31st August 2017, 10am - 2:30pm  8-12 Year olds ONLY Video games, DVDs, games, craft & Internet at The Mish, 57f St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AG Bring your own game console, games, DVD to play and/or share with others. Table football, pool table, board games etc. NOTE: Certificate 15 and 18 games are prohibited! There will also be craft activities including decoupage and cardmaking and a selection of make up to try out!</p>	<p>£15 per child Bring packed lunch</p>

Possible funding for Summer Holiday Activities

Short Breaks funding *may* be available to help fund activities and could *possibly* pay fees as well as transport for those on low income/benefits. Please contact Pauline Mackinnon at the Oxfordshire Family Information Service for more information on 08452 262636, (or 01865 328580 or 01865 896197 which may be cheaper from a mobile) or Email: fis.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk There may be funding available for transport. For more information, please contact the Oxfordshire Travel Hotline on 0845 310 1111 or www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/community-transport

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complete a Referral Form first, available on our website www.afso.org.uk
or contact us on Email: info@afso.org.uk ☎ 01844 338696

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We send emails with news of services, events, support groups, information and training courses offered by us and other organisations. **Email is our preferred form of communication.**

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We also have an **adult bulletin** sent by email (only) aimed at **18 +years which includes details of courses, employment opportunities, social events etc.** If you, or they, would like to be added to this list, please email us the details.

Have your contact details CHANGED?

Please email us at
info@afso.org.uk with
details of the changes OR write
to us at the address below.

Would you prefer our Holiday Activities Newsletters sent by post?

Please let us know by emailing info@afso.org.uk OR
write to us at the address below. Please note we cannot
send regular bulletins by post, so you will miss some
information about some events.

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Other Activities in & around Oxfordshire

There are a number of other groups who run activities during school holidays and term time. Please see our **Fact File** which can be downloaded from our website www.afso.org.uk for details of many of these organisations. We have included some below. If you are on our emailing list you will also be notified when we receive information about events, courses and activities. Also check out the Oxfordshire County Council *Local Offer* website [page](#) which details what is available across the County.

OASIS - www.oasionline.org.uk Email: chair@oasionline.org.uk

Parent led support group that arranges family playdays during the school holidays for all children on the Autistic Spectrum & siblings. These are heavily subsidised but parents/carers must accompany children.

Thomley Activity Centre - Tel: 01844 338380 www.thomley.org.uk

Email: enquiries@thomley.org.uk Menmarsh Road, Worminghall HP18 9JZ.

Recreational facility on Oxon/Bucks border, for children & young people with disabilities, families & friends. Specialist equipment, workshops, art & crafts, outdoor play, bikes, swings, sensory room and activity days during the Summer holidays.

OCC website Activities Oxfordshire <http://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/youth.page?youthchannel=0> has list of activities and include activities for those with disabilities

MAX Card – apply to Oxfordshire County Council for a MAX card this allows discounts at attractions across the country for families with a child with an additional need. There are several venues within Oxfordshire that accept the cards. Please see the website for more information www.mymaxcard.co.uk or contact Michelle on T: 01235 849470 E: parents@carersvoiceoxfordshire.org

OYAP - 01869 602560 www.oyap.org.uk activities including school holidays. As a charity, OYAP Trust aims to make participation in the arts accessible to any one who expresses an interest in it. Should you find the cost of the project a barrier to taking part, we invite you to email them on admin@oyap.org.uk

Parasol - Tel: 01865 742816 Inclusive Play & Leisure in Oxford. Also provides Enablers – 1:1 staff to accompany children to other mainstream activities – contact Parasol for up-to-date details.

Barnardos - Tel: 01869 252905. Play schemes, youth groups and trips across Oxfordshire. Ages 5-18.

Lets Play Project - Tel: 01295 263694 www.letsplaybanbury.org Activities based in Banbury area for 5-19 year olds and siblings from Oxfordshire.

Yellow Submarine - Tel: 01865 236119 www.yellowsubmarine.org.uk

Day trips and activity days for 11-18 yr olds from Oxfordshire during school holidays they also have a facebook page called "ONINOX – upcoming activities for young people with SEN"

Southmoor Children's Centre - holiday group for children with additional needs at the children's centre, Laurel Drive, Southmoor, OX12 5DJ. Play activities, supported by the centre's SENCO worker, giving parents the opportunity to meet and chat. Contact Lorraine Hurdley, Tel: 01865 820751 Email: Lhurdley@spurgeons.org

OXS RAD - Tel: 01865 741 336 Email: info@oxsrad.org www.oxsrad.org

Address: Court Place Farm, Marsh Lane, Marston, Oxford OX3 0NQ. Integrated Sports & Leisure Centre. Recreational and leisure activities accessible to all. Gym, Sensory Room, Trampolining.

The Music Club - held at Crowmarsh Village Hall, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh. OX10 8ED. Children aged 0–19 years, siblings & carers. Music workshops, fun days. First Monday in the month (except bank holidays) and school holidays. They also have other events, contact them for more details. Tel: 07768 298297 / 0118 9722322 Email: info@music4disabledchildren.org.uk

www.music4disabledchildren.org.uk

Camp Mohawk - Camp Mohawk, Highfield Lane, Crazies Hill, Wargrave, RG10 8PU. Tel: 0118 9404045 Email:

info@campmohawk.org.uk www.campmohawk.org.uk "Drop in" and "Book in" Family Days available, details coming soon on their website

Special Needs Tennis - Shrivenham Tennis Club, SN6 8BL. Contact: Chris Hand, Tel: 079704817075 Email: cd.hand@yahoo.co.uk

Autism-Friendly Cinema - Dimensions offers Autism Friendly Film screenings in partnership with ODEON, Vue, Showcase and Cineworld cinemas. Details are available at their website: www.dimensions-uk.org/what-we-do/autism-care/autism-friendly-films/ where you can join their mailing list for information and dates of screenings. The Regal Picturehouse, Henley-on-Thames also has film screenings especially for people with autism and their families. Email: regal@picturehouses.co.uk Tel: 0871 704 2064

Spectrum Girls - SOCIAL GROUP FOR GIRLS WITH AS/HFA

Covering the Home Counties area. Contact Lesley on 0771 4483485 or Email: spectrumgirls@sky.com

Keen - joint organisation of Oxford University and Oxford Brookes University. They provide social, sporting and recreational activities for children and adults with special needs in the surrounding area during term time and in university holidays.

W: www.keenoxford.org/participate/sessions/ E: keen@keenoxford.org T: 01865 264 173

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