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Caring Together Warwickshire Bulletin

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Welcome to this issue of the **Caring Together Warwickshire** Bulletin.

Bulletins will be distributed regularly and will showcase updates, events and opportunities specific to all partners who support people with caring responsibilities. This includes, social care, health and community sectors as well as carers themselves.

We encourage all partners to contribute to this bulletin by sending in your news stories and how your service supports Warwickshire's caring residents' health and wellbeing.

We want to hear feedback from those who look after someone as well as partners on what they would like to see in this bulletin going forward.

For general information on support available for adult caring for adults, young and young adult carers and parent carers of children with SEND please visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/carers.

If you have a suggestion or comment then please email Ranbir Johal, Commissioning Support Officer at Warwickshire County Council at ranbirjohal@warwickshire.gov.uk

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EVENTS

Carers Week (5 – 11 June 2023)

This year Carers Week is 5 – 11 June 2023 and the theme is recognising and supporting carers in the community.

The campaign is brought to life by thousands of individuals and organisations who come together to provide support for carers, run activities, highlight the vital role carers play in our communities and draw attention to just how important caring is.

We would encourage all Warwickshire partners to show support for carers and get involved with Carers Week. We would appreciate if you would let us know of any such plans or relevant news stories by contacting jayaulum@warwickshire.gov.uk (Jay Aulum – Communications Officer).

For more details please click [here](#).

Dementia Action Week (15 – 21 May 2023)

Warwickshire County Council is proud to support Dementia Action Week, taking place between 15 – 21 May 2023. Dementia Action Week is an opportunity to raise awareness of dementia and the support available for people living with dementia and their carers.

In Warwickshire, over 8,000 people are living with dementia, although many more people are affected by dementia, including those who are caring for people living with dementia.

There are a range of support services available for those living with dementia and their carers. The key services are:

Dementia Connect in Warwickshire (funded by Warwickshire County Council, delivered by Alzheimer's Society)

Dementia Connect in Warwickshire can support anyone living with dementia or anyone caring for someone with dementia. They provide personalised advice and practical and emotional support, helping you and your loved ones at all stages of dementia. Anyone affected by dementia is encouraged to contact the service to ensure they are supported.

- Dementia Connect phone number: 0333 150 3456
- Dementia Connect website:
<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/dementiaconnect>

Caring Together Warwickshire

Providing care to someone who could not cope without you can be hard. Caring Together Warwickshire provides emotional and practical support to help you if you care for someone and can help you maintain your own health and wellbeing. Support is also available for urgent and planned cover should you need to leave the person you care for. This service is available for all carers including those caring for a person with dementia.

- Caring Together Warwickshire website:
<https://www.caringtogetherwarwickshire.org.uk/>
- Caring Together Warwickshire telephone number: 0800 197 5544

Carers Trust Heart of England Carer Awards 2023

Carers Trust Heart of England will be hosting a Carers Award Ceremony on the 8th June 2023 to recognise those with caring responsibilities as well as partners for their support of carers. We would appreciate it if partners could share this information with carers so that they can nominate Warwickshire carers for the awards.

Please note nominations will close on 22nd May 2023.

CARERS TRUST

Heart of England

CARER AWARDS 2023

CELEBRATING EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE ACROSS
COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE

The Janet Jones-Legg Award for Young Carers

This award recognises a young person under the age of 18 who supports others and who makes a positive difference to someone's life

The Young Adult Carer Award

This award recognises a young adult who has positively impacted someone's life because of the care they provide

Carers Trust Heart of England Carer of the Year

This award recognises an adult who has made a positive difference in supporting others in their caring role

Carer Friendly Employer of the Year

This award recognises a local business or organisation who supports their employees or customers in their caring role. This can include an individual who has made a difference by going the extra mile on behalf of the business/organisation

Carer Friendly School or College of the Year

This award recognises a School or College who have gone the extra mile in supporting students in their caring role

General Practitioner Award

Recognising a GP surgery, Consultant, District Nurse, Health Care team or individual who has made a positive impact to a carer

VOTE NOW AT WWW.CARERSTRUSTHOFE.ORG.UK!

NOMINATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 22 MAY, 10AM

UPDATES

Warwickshire local welfare scheme

Help for residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of support.

The discretionary scheme provides:

- Emergency support towards food, energy or other essentials
- Help to people whose needs are more long-term and who are vulnerable.
- Signposting to other agencies and organisations who can offer further support.

More information (including eligibility, how to apply, and contact details), please click [here](#).

Online training for people caring for someone with dementia

There are free online courses if you care for someone with dementia. They can help you cope with caring, find out more about dementia, and prepare for the future.

There are also many other [free online courses](#) for carers which are suitable for all carers (regardless of the illness or condition of the person you care for).

OPPORTUNITIES

Commitment to Carers Programme bi-monthly lunch & learn webinars

These online lunch and learn webinars aim to bring together carers and professionals from the country in an informal atmosphere to collaborate, learn, and drive the NHS long-term plan. The webinars will be held at 1.30pm – 2.30pm on the following dates:

- 23 May 2023
- 26 July 2023
- 20 September 2023
- 21 November 2023

To register please email england.nhsthinkcarer@nhs.net

NEWS

Charges for PPE from the Government PPE Portal

Currently the government PPE Portal provide free of charge PPE for most social care demand – including direct payment recipients and carers. Across the year 2023/2024 they are going to introduce charging for items. These charges came into effect from **17th April 2023** for some products. Those who have a government portal account should be informed via email and the aim is to give 6 weeks notices for any changes. Currently, most sizes of gloves (excluding XL) will be charged for from 17th April 2023. The information available on the Portal itself will be updated weekly (there is a PPE Portal Transition page with information on prices and FAQs for users) to reflect changes. It is advisable that organisations should start making alternative arrangements for accessing PPE.

In a notification received by the council it said "Although we endeavour to keep changeover dates from free to charged for as accurate as possible, there may be times when we have to extend or reduce these times, depending on how demand changes." For more information login into your PPE Portal account <https://www.ppe->

portal.nhs.uk/customer/account/login/ or alternatively please call Portal's customer service team on 0800 876 6802 from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday for enquiries or concerns with the portal or to register an account. If you don't have an account or for general information you can click on this link - <https://www.supplychain.nhs.uk/resilience/ppe-transition/#free-ppe-stock-out>.

SPOTLIGHT

Caring Together Warwickshire Conference held on 22 March 2023

On 22 March 2023, Warwickshire County Council and the Carers Trust Heart of England held the Caring Together Warwickshire Conference at The Benn Hall in Rugby. This was an opportunity for providers, partners, carers and other stakeholders to get together to share information and ideas on recognising Warwickshire's all age carers and how best to support them. The conference included information stands, guest speakers and roundtable discussions as well as the opportunity for carers and partners to network and share ideas.

The conference attendees included carers as well as a good mix of professionals from health, voluntary and community sector as well as social care. The outcomes and feedback from this conference will help to inform the All-Age Carers Action plan to support carers in Warwickshire.

The conference was filmed. The video can be seen [here](#).

A report summarising the conference has been also been produced and can be seen [here](#).

Arts and Dementia Warwickshire

Fun arts workshops for people living with dementia and their carers with opportunities to chat over a cup of tea!

Participation in the arts can help with improving mental well-being, reducing isolation and loneliness, improving brain cognition and physical co-ordination and also making new friends!

Most activities are FREE. Activities include arts & crafts, memories alive, escape arts, reminiscence with museum objects, and a virtual choir.
How to book

You can be referred to us by a health professional or you can self-refer. To book, please go to www.artsuplift.co.uk/arts-for-dementia-warwickshire/.

For more information (including venues, dates and times) please call 07946 585978 or email jenny@artsuplift.co.uk.

Facebook page - @ArtsandDementiaWarwickshire

GET INVOLVED

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Caring Together Warwickshire website

We now have a brand new name for the All-Age Carers Service, **Caring Together Warwickshire**.

The Caring Together Warwickshire service (provided by Carers Trust Heart of England) has set up a website,

<https://www.caringtogetherwarwickshire.org.uk>.

Here you can find updates about the service and information and support for all carer age groups. This is a work in progress and will have new features as the website develops.

If you wish to be involved in the development of this website, please contact us at peoplestrategyandcommissioning@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Submitting Information for Inclusion in Bulletin

If you would like to submit any information for inclusion in future bulletins, please submit it to ranbirjohal@warwickshire.gov.uk. Please ensure the word limit not exceed 250 words.

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