



Welcome to this issue of the Caring Together Warwickshire Bulletin. For general information on support available for carers and young carers, please visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/carers.

Warwickshire County Council Carers Webpage

Warwickshire County Council has recently redesigned its 'support for carers' webpage in order to improve its layout and to make it easier to use. Here you can find information about support services available, training available and financial assessments as well as many other topics. The new webpage can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/carers>

World Alzheimer's Month (September 2024)

September is World Alzheimer's month and throughout the month, Warwickshire County Council will be raising awareness of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and the support available to people with dementia and those who care for them.

This year's theme is 'Time to Act on Dementia, Time to Act on Alzheimer's' which will focus on raising awareness and on addressing the stigma and discrimination which still exists around dementia.

Please see at the latest news section of WCC's [Living Well with Dementia](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/living-well-with-dementia) website for more information and updates regarding World Alzheimer's Month.

The screenshot displays the Warwickshire County Council Carers Webpage. At the top, there is the Warwickshire County Council logo, a 'Subscribe for updates' button, and a search bar. Below the header, there are eight service tiles arranged in two rows of four. Each tile features an illustration and a title with a 'Learn more' link.

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Financial Assessment	Learn more
Online Support	Learn more
Carers Assessments	Learn more
Breaks for Carers	Learn more
Parent Carer	Learn more

At the bottom of the page, there are three logos: the Warwickshire County Council logo, the 'Caring Together Warwickshire' logo, and the 'Young Carers Warwickshire' logo.

Carer Awards 2024

The Carers Trust held their annual Carer Awards Ceremony on 13 June 2024. Businesses, educational settings, GPs and health practitioners, voluntary organisations and carers of all ages were all presented with prestigious awards to recognise their extraordinary work in supporting carers.

Members of the public were invited to nominate those that go over and above, and the judging panel chose the winners. The full list of winners can be seen below. Thank you to everyone for making it such a special evening!



New Act for Millions of Unpaid Carers

The Carer's Leave Act came into effect from 6 April 2024. Securing these new rights for working carers comes as a result of many years of campaigning and has opened up more possibilities for carers who are employed to stay in work and is also one of the things carers say they need to return to work.

A staggering 2.3 million carers across Great Britain could be entitled to these new rights.

More information about the Carer's Leave Act can be found [here](#). In summary, the new Act:

- Covers employees in England, Wales and Scotland.
- Employees are entitled to up to one week's unpaid leave per year if providing or arranging care for someone with a long-term care need.
- This leave can be taken flexibly (in half or full days) for planned and foreseen caring commitments.
- It is available from the first day of employment.
- It provides the same employment protections to employees as other forms of family-related leave, including protection from dismissal.



Together with Autism Conferences

Warwickshire County Council are organising 3 Together with Autism conferences. These conferences provide an opportunity for information sharing, peer networking, and learning. The conferences are targeted at anyone with an interest in autism. The locations and dates of the conferences are:

- Saturday 29 June 2024: North Leamington School, CV32 6RD (ALREADY TAKEN PLACE)
- Saturday 14 September 2024: Meadow Park School, Coventry CV3 4BD
- Saturday 9 November 2024: North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College, Hinckley Rd, Nuneaton CV11 6BH

These will be all day events taking place 9.45am – 4.00pm and will be open to members of the public and services to attend without charge. These conferences will include speakers, topical workshops and information stands to showcase local support and services for the autistic community and families.

If you would like to attend or be involved by hosting a workshop or having an information stand, please email charlottecourtney@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Carer Friendly Employer Program

It is estimated there are 100,000 unpaid carers living in Warwickshire.

More than one in seven people in any workplace are carers. On average 600 people a day leave work to care because of these pressures. If unsupported, many working carers also face being tired, stressed, and struggling to manage their own health as well.

Without the right support, 1 in 6 carers give up work or reduce their working hours to care, but many will be your most skilled and experienced staff.

The Carer Friendly Employer Award is designed to support employers towards building a positive and inclusive workplace for all staff who are or will become carers.

To find out more, please click [here](#).



Save the dates!

Together with Autism Conferences 2024

**FREE
Events**

For professionals, parents and carers of autistic children, autistic adults and for anybody wanting to better understand autism.

Great news! **act for autism** have partnered with Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care System to bring you three conferences covering all things autism.

Leamington
29th June

Coventry
14th September

Nuneaton
9th November

Come along to hear great talks, attend dynamic workshops, meet the services and talk to others about their experiences of autism.

Free to attend. Bookings will open six weeks before each event.

9.45am - 4.00pm
More details to follow

In partnership with



For queries and information: info@actforautism.co.uk

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Carers Forum Meeting (18 September 2024)

The next carers forum meeting will take place on 18 September 2024 (9.30am to 11.00am) via Microsoft Teams.

The meeting is open to providers, partners, adult carers, young carers and parent carers. It will be an opportunity to share news and updates, to network, ask questions and request guest speakers. We would encourage all invitees to attend if possible.

If invitees have any ideas for potential guest speakers at the forum, please let us know by emailing peoplestrategyandcommissioning@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Are you carer aware?

To further your understanding of what it means to be a carer, we encourage all our partners to set aside some time to take Warwickshire County Council's free online [Carer Aware](#) and [Young Carer Aware](#) courses (estimated completion time is 30-40 minutes each).

Further information and contributing to bulletin

The Caring Together Warwickshire Service (commissioned by Warwickshire County Council and provided by Carers Trust Heart of England) has a website (www.caringtogetherwarwickshire.org.uk) where you can find updates about the service, and information and support for all carer age groups.

Further information about services available for carers can be seen here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/carers>.

If you would like to submit any information for inclusion in future bulletins, please submit it to ranbirjohal@warwickshire.gov.uk.

