

# Parents' Network

eBulletin for parents in Solihull

June 2018

**This eBulletin contains important information for parents. There is also a separate section with items for parents who have a child with additional needs or a disability**

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## Summer Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the school summer holidays. The theme for 2018 is Mischief Makers and it will run from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of July to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of September.

Sign up at any Solihull library from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of July, and read six books over the holiday to earn stickers, bookmark, certificate and a medal. It is free to join and open to all children aged 4 to 11.

[Click here for more information about your local library](#)

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## Solihull's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – now published!

Back in January Solihull Council asked for comments on its draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).

Comments have been taken into account and have helped create the recently published PNA 2018-2021, which will help ensure residents have good access to local pharmacy (chemist) services.

The document looks at the current provision of pharmaceutical services across Solihull and whether they meet the current and future needs of residents, identifying any potential gaps in services.

NHS England will use the PNA when making decisions regarding applications for new or changes to, existing pharmaceutical services. It will also be used by NHS England, Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Council to help make decisions about commissioning local pharmaceutical services.

[Click here to read the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment](#)

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## Chelmsley Wood Reading Den

Chelmsley Wood Reading Den is a space that has been created with the particular needs of fostered and adopted children and young people in mind. It provides free access to specialist books, stories and resources to help parents, carers and children think and talk about their thoughts, feelings and experiences.

The Den is located in Chelmsley Wood Library, and is a partnership between Solihull Libraries, Arts and Information Service and Solar, the emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children and young people in Solihull (Solar is a partnership between Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, Barnardo's and Autism West Midlands).

Research shows that reading can help children make connections, learn about communication and building relationships, learn independently, understand differences and start conversations.

Books can be found and reserved online, while the Den will also offer DVDs encouraging conversations and reflection and CDs promoting relaxation and sleep.

[Click here for more information](#)

[Click here for a full list of the items you can borrow](#)

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## Draft Knowle, Dorridge and Bentley Heath Neighbourhood Plan

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council want to hear your views on the draft neighbourhood plan that has been prepared by the Knowle Dorridge and Bentley Heath (KDBH) Neighbourhood Forum.

The Plan covers the period from 2018 to 2033 and sets out a vision for the future of the neighbourhood area as well as policies on areas such as housing, traffic and transport and employment.

[Click here to view the draft plan and supporting documents](#)

Alternatively the draft plan and supporting documents can be viewed at Knowle Library on Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10.00am to 5.00pm, Thursday 10.00am to 6.00pm and Saturday 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Representations should be submitted to the Council by email to [psp@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:psp@solihull.gov.uk) by no later than 5:00pm on Friday 15 June 2018.

Further information about the KDBH Neighbourhood Forum and the Neighbourhood Plan can be found at <https://www.kdbh-np.org>

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## Family Information Service web pages

Our web pages have lots of useful information for parents and carers all in one place. There's a wide range of helpful topics including childcare, child safety and bullying, children with additional needs, children's centres, education, employment and volunteering, family relationships, money and housing, parenting support and things to do.

You can also find out about local and national services and get information specific to the age of your child. Visit our website at [www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo) or for information around services for children and young people with additional needs and/or disabilities please visit our local offer website <http://socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer/>

### Opt in/out of Parents' Network

If you know someone who would like to join the Parents' Network, ask them to email their details to [parentsnetwork@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:parentsnetwork@solihull.gov.uk) or visit [www.solihull.gov.uk/parentsnetwork](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/parentsnetwork)

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## This section of the eBulletin is for parents who have a child with additional needs or a disability.

The Autism Show is a national event for Autism which offers information, help and advice on Autism.

There will be a range of talks, clinics and workshops to choose from as well as the opportunity to view specialist products and services. The event offers the opportunity to learn new strategies and approaches, hear from Autism professionals, access one to one advice, listen to Autistic adults and interact with innovative features.

The event takes place 22nd - 23rd of June at the NEC. Tickets are available on the door or at a discounted rate if purchased in advance.

[Click here to view information and to book tickets](#)

### Solihull Carers Week

Carers week will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> - 17th of June and aims to reach more carers, raise awareness of support available to them and to create carer friendly communities.

A timetable of events begins with a carers walk at Packwood House on Sunday 10th of June and contains a range of events for adult carers and for young carers in Solihull.

[Click here for more information about events taking place](#)

[Click here to view information about 5k walk for unpaid carers in Solihull](#)

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