

# autism west midlands

### SHROPSHIRE OUTREACH SERVICE

## **About us**Autism West Midlands

There are more than half a million autistic people living in the UK, an invisible and misunderstood disability. 60,000 live in the West Midlands.

We are the leading charity in the West Midlands for people on the autism spectrum. We use our expertise to enrich the lives of autistic people and those who love and care for them. Our passionate, expert staff and volunteers work across all age groups and abilities, providing direct support.

#### **Our Values**

#### We are **Passionate**

People with autism and their families are the heart of our charity. The needs, goals and aspirations of each person are at the centre of our support.

### We are Friendly & Approachable

We listen and we care. We are responsive. We have fun.

#### We are Adventurous

We embrace change, continually seeking improvement. We have a culture where ideas are valued and work is stimulating.

#### We are

#### Fair, Transparent & Open

We tell the truth. We are honest, straightforward and clear.

#### We are **Supportive**

We respect each other.
We help eah other out.
We celebrate each
other's success.

#### knowledgeable

We are specialists in what we do.
We are intellectually curious
We put research into practice.

# **About our**Shropshire Outreach Service

Shropshire Outreach service provides low level, person-cantered support to adults on the autism spectrum within the Shropshire and Telford area.

Our support aims to build individuals confidence and promote their independence. We do this by providing consistent, regular, one -to one support sessions with knowledgeable and experienced Outreach workers.



# We offer support in the following areas:



Everyday is different, we take the time to build and maintain positive rapport with individuals and their families. Together we create individual support plans to support identified needs. We work at the pace of the individual whilst ensuring their voice is heard ensuring they are treated with respect and as an equal.

The people we support will have assessed support needs that are managed by a direct payment or ISF (Individual Service Fund) package via their local authority.

Support sessions are between 4-6 hours a day.

#### **About our** Referral Process



Once support has commenced AWM are committed to ensuring the highest quality support is provided. We provide regular face to face progress meetings with the individual to ensure the support is meeting their needs and they are happy.

#### Contact us

If you wish to refer someone to or would like to discuss the service further, please contact:

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#### **Meet the Team**



**Gemma Evans**Shropshire Outreach
Manager



**Juliet Baxter**Outreach Worker



Marie Manning
Outreach Worker



Julie Finch
Relief Outreach
Worker



**Eva Williams**Outreach Worker

# Read some of our Positive Outcome Examples



J and his outreach worker have worked hard to build his confidence using public transport. J now travels independently on the train to meet his outreach worker at Shrewsbury for his support session and is busy working on his next location.

T enjoys a visit to Starbucks before he goes to his voluntary work in a local charity shop. T sorts, labels, and prices up CD/DVD donations which are then sold in the shop, T does this with support of his outreach worker.



T and D have a joint session to build on their social skills and maintain their friendship. Both enjoy visiting charity shops, bowling, Nerdy café, eating out and discussing their favourite character- SpongeBob!

E has grown in confidence, he is now accessing the community and visiting shops and cafes with the support of his outreach workers.



Since having support to build on her executive functioning skills, L now has an organised house and can plan and organise activities with her two children. This has had a positive impact on L and all her family.





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