

West Berkshire Mencap is a local group originally known as Newbury Mencap and founded in 1954. It operates from purpose built premises in Newbury. Assisted by members of staff and volunteers, a wide range of facilities are provided for people of all ages with a learning disability, their families and carers.

Mission Statement

West Berkshire Mencap exists to provide information, support and services for adults and children with a learning disability, their families and carers who live in West Berkshire.

A JOINT PROJECT BETWEEN NEWBURY DAY CENTRE,
NEWBURY COLLEGE AND WEST BERKSHIRE MENCAP

LINK UP

Link Up is a sheltered work skills project for people with learning disabilities who want to learn about employment in a real work environment.

The project is based at New Greenham Park, just a few miles from Newbury town centre.

The three organisations involved in the project each provide specific skills, essential to the project.

The members of the project carry out varied tasks in a live work setting, mostly based around packaging items for posting. A small subsistence allowance is paid whilst on the project.

Kitchen facilities are available for members use together with a dining area and lounge for break times. Hours of work are 9.30 to 3.30 daily. There is a cost for attending this project and there is a daily rate. Each applicant will be interviewed and assessed before being offered a placement. Reviews are carried out regularly during a member's time at Link Up.

There is a regular bus service to New Greenham Park and clients are helped and encouraged to use this facility.

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A thriving group based in purpose built premises in Newbury, dedicated to providing services, fundraising and campaigning on behalf of people with learning disabilities, their families and carers.



Office open Monday to Friday 9.30 to 17.00

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Family Adviser Service

The Family Adviser service provides support, advice and information to people with a learning disability, their families and professionals working with them. The West Berkshire Family Adviser Service also offers a variety of support services for parents and carers as well as providing individual support.

The Family Adviser Service provides additional support to families, when necessary. We also have access to the Mencap National Information Service, a computerised database providing both local and national information on disability issues.

Bubble Club

A parent and toddler group for children 0 to 5 years with a learning disability and their siblings. The Bubble Club is held one morning a week during term time at the West Berkshire Mencap Centre. This is run by Childrens Services.

Saturday Clubs

There are two special clubs for children, with autistic spectrum, and their families. They provide respite for the parents and carers.

Outdoor Playground

Fully enclosed with specially adapted equipment including swings, climbing nets, and roundabout.

After School Clubs

Run 5 days a week, after school. Children are brought from school directly to the Mencap Centre, have their tea and enjoy some play time. We have a group of helpers drawn from local schools who help with the childrens needs.

Holiday Playschemes

The West Berkshire Playscheme is a 1 to 1 caring environment that operates at Easter and during the summer holidays (specific periods each year). This is suitable for children and young adults from 3 to 17 years with a learning disability. This is run by Childrens Services

Sensory Garden & Sensory Suite

Our latest addition is the Sensory Garden and in conjunction with our Sensory Suite will provide another facility to help those with learning disabilities.

Residential Services

Royal Mencap Society has residential homes, especially for adults, in the local area. Also available for short term respite care is our bungalow, Baily Thomas House in Pinchington Lane in Newbury.

Gateway

The Gateway Club meets regularly during the year, one evening a week. Various activities are planned for each week varying from Discos to Bingo, Karaoke to BBQ's. Outings to places of interest are also organized and normally take place at the weekend during the summer months.

The Gateway Award scheme is similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The award is based on each individual's achievement. It has been developed to encourage members to progress within their own capabilities. This is run one evening a week coinciding with term times.

Leisure Plus

This scheme has been developed to provide sports and leisure activities for adults with learning disabilities. Links with other associations and groups are encouraged to widen and improve leisure pursuits for our members.

Friends

Friends of West Berkshire Mencap was started in Spring 2002. The aim is to raise funds for West Berkshire Mencap in an enjoyable way. Events are held during the year and have included a Race Day at Newbury, Gourmet Dinner, Wine Tasting, Pudding Evening and Garden Party.