

Making Swindon a Fairer and Better Place Bulletin

Advice and Financial First Aid Team at Citizens Advice Swindon In the Community

The AFFA Team from Citizens Advice Swindon are really busy in the town. You will find advisors for residents to chat to and share questions.

(Please note the added dates at the end of the month in Pinehurst and at The Hub in the Town Centre)

Friday 20th Wroughton Library, SN4 9LW 9.30am-11.30am

Saturday 21st St Mary's Church Hall, SN2 2PF 10am-4pm

Monday 23rd Highworth Library, SN6 7AJ 10am-12pm

Tuesday 24th Freshbrook Church, SN5 8NU 1.30pm-3pm

Friday 27th Pinetrees Community Centre, SN2 1RF 10am-12pm

Friday 27th The Hub, SN1 1BA 10am-1pm

SEETEC PLUS Cost of Living Event

Friday 27th September- 10am – 1pm at Swindon Hub, 36, The Parade

Please find attached details of an upcoming event organised by SEETEC PLUS who offer support for those looking to get into work. This event, which looks to highlight support with health and financial wellbeing as well as finding work or training.

Thanks to those who have already offered to provide support for this; if you would like to get involved contact Nikka Pomponi at Nikka.Pomponi@seetecpluss.co.uk for more information.

Get Connect Swindon Roadshow

Central Library

Monday 14th October

11am-3pm

In order to mark Get Connected Week (14th-18th October) Central Library have kindly offered to host an opportunity for residents to find support, advice and guidance to help them get online, get to know their digital devices and grow in confidence so that they can access the benefits of being digitally connected.

If you would like to find out more or would like to get involved, please contact me at mtidey@swindon.gov.uk

CAP Money Coaching

Money coaching is a FREE service designed to empower you with the knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to better manage your finances. Anyone can benefit – from seasoned budgeting experts to those struggling to get to grips with their spending.

It runs over 4 sessions.

Money coaching has been designed and developed by CAP. We've drawn on our more than 25 years of experience helping tens of thousands of people take control of their finances to bring you a money management course that really works.

Preview: Monday 30th September

Start: Monday 7th, 14th and 21st October

All sessions start: 11am at Gorse Hill Baptist Church, SN2 1AA

To find out more and to book a place on the course, contact Charles on

01793 530753 or text **07470 628641** or email stoneccsf@icloud.com

NB booking is essential

CAP Job Club

Tuesday 1st October - Tuesday 19th November 2024

1pm - 3pm (including free lunch)

@The Bridge Centre, 8, Sheep Street, Highworth, SN6 7AA

Open to any job seeker to give them the tools and confidence they need to step into employment. Friendly community, coaching and

specific sessions on : motivation, strengths, job searching, employers, CVs, interviews etc..

This course is especially good for those who would like to improve their confidence levels in looking for work, identifying their skills, applying for the right jobs and doing an interview. Whether you last worked recently or a long time ago we can help maximise your CV and understand your areas of strengths.

For more information or questions contact Jackie on

jackiekerr@capjobclubs.org

If you know anyone who is starting to look for work but needs some confidence and support in this process then please pass on this information to them.

There is also a link here that you can either forward to them or use to help them sign up. [Sign up link](#)

17th October 2024, 4.00-5.30pm - The Children's Kitchen Online

Sessions: Child Led Food Exploration - The Children's Kitchen

approach focuses on child led, open ended food exploration using fresh produce. We will share ways to embed this with young children and ideas for how to put it into practice while still considering food waste and being mindful of cost. You can sign up to attend or receive a copy of the recording [here](#).

24th October 2024, 4.00-5.00pm – An Introduction

Quiz for Crosslight

Saturday 21st September at 7pm

Pattern Church

Please see attached details of a fun quiz night raising funds to support Crosslight Advice who support residents in Swindon with the challenges they face with their finances.

Tickets are £10 per person for teams of 6.

You can sign up at <https://www.crosslightadvice.org/quiz4crosslight>

Swindon Annual Recovery Festival

Town Gardens, Quarry Road, Old Town, Swindon SN1 4EN

Saturday 28th September 2024

2pm-6pm

The SBC Public Health Substance Use Treatment Commissioning Team is working in partnership with Change Grow Live (locally commissioned Treatment services), as well as other local Partners to bring you this annual event. This family-friendly event aims to:

1. raise awareness of substance misuse issues that affect individuals, their significant others, and also the community at large.
2. celebrate recovery and encourage more people to make positive and sustainable changes in the lives.
3. promote the local treatment offer for those in need of treatment and support engagement activities

This is an inclusive family event in collaboration with Partners with activities including:

- Delivering alcohol brief advice and support
- Health and well-being information and advice
- Disco in the Park
- Refreshments for purchase
- Alcohol intoxication simulators
- Entertainment (inc. games, face painting, and bouncy castle weather permitting etc)
- Open mic session & Recovery Talks
- Branded giveaways
- Free candy floss for the first 100!