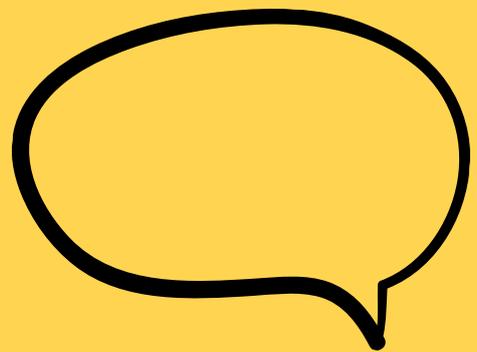


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BY WILTSHIRE'S YOUNG CARERS COUNCIL



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**Wiltshire
Young Carers
Council**

Who are we?

We are a group of young people aged 11-17 who are passionate about improving the lives of young carers.

What do we do?

We do lots of amazing projects that help make sure that young carers have a voice and are listened to!

See more about these in the magazine!

How to get involved!

Look at the back page of the magazine!

**Voice and
Participation
Service**

Wiltshire Council

Meet Tom!



I am 14, I live with my 2 parents and 2 siblings. I care for my little brother who has autism and my mother who has epilepsy. I have been a young carer ever since I was 6.

I enjoy walking in nature and photography. I also play all sorts of sports like cricket, swimming and rugby.

I am extremely proud and grateful to be a part of the YCC, as we truly make a difference in things. Our ideas are respected and always taken into consideration. We work with amazing people and work towards recognising all of the young people whose life is impacted by caring for a loved one.

I believe if you want to make a difference, the YCC is for you as we work with lots of people to strive towards improving things for young carers.

Overall it is something that will always be a part of my life and who I am today.

Young Carers Festival 2025

27th
-29th
June

Nine members of Wiltshire Young Carers Council attended a weekend full of fun at the Young Carers Festival (YCF).

At the festival there was...

Karaoke Food Trucks Rides Live Music
Bouncy Castles Archery Weightlifting Hair braiding
Kayaking Doodle Room Movie Night



I found the festival really fun and interesting.

The best part of the whole thing was the music, fireworks and art.



Voice Zone

YCF

At the YCF there was an opportunity to share what the feel is most important for young carers and their futures.

Two members of the YCC were interviewed by The Children's Society and feature in the YCF 2025 promotional video! Scan the QR code to watch it!

Whilst in the Voice Tent, members of the YCC met Mark Russell, the CEO of The Children's Society, and shared the amazing work they do in Wiltshire.



Young Carers Voice Survey 2025

What is the survey?

148 young carers aged 8-24 filled out this survey to share their views and experiences about being a young carer.

The survey asked you about your health and wellbeing, support for young carers in school and what is important to your future.

What happens next?

We will create projects focusing on your top priorities.

When you see this symbol you will find out an important finding from the survey!



Meet the Young Carer Assessors!

What we do:

We want to find out all about your caring responsibilities and how they impact you.

We usually meet you in school for a catch up and to listen to what you have to say.



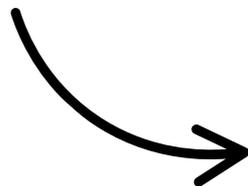
Hi, I'm Olivia!

I'm looking forward to meeting you.
I'm the new Young Carer Assessor!

A little bit about me...

I love spending time with my family and friends. I enjoy going to the gym, watching films at the cinema, and baking (and eating) cakes!

You met us in
issue 1 of the
magazine!



Children **(16+)** and parents can self-refer through

Phone: **0300 456 0108**

OR

Email: integratedfrontdoor@wiltshire.gov.uk

Young Carers in Schools Project

What is the project?

The Voice and Participation Service and the YCC are working with Wiltshire secondary schools to help them achieve the Young Carers in Schools Award.

- 10 schools are working with us.
- 10 more have registered interest in working with us!



**YOUNG
CARERS
IN SCHOOLS**



‘31% of young carers reported that they do not receive support in school for being a young carer’

What have the YCC done?

- Delivered training to 70 members of staff at a secondary school.
- Delivered training to 25 members of staff at an alternative provision.
- Interviewed Young Carers Schools Workers at Wiltshire Council.
- Created short videos to share in school assemblies.

Spotlight School:

RWBA

Congratulations to Royal
Wootton Bassett Academy for
achieving the Young Carers in
Schools Award!



A photo of Wiltshire
Council staff, RWBA
staff, and students who
contributed to positive
change for young
carers in their school!

RWBA have a weekly young carers club, young carer ambassadors, 1 to 1 support. They support students with school transitions and have yearly training and assemblies to raise awareness about young carers.

Will from the YCC said: "We're so pleased that more schools are taking notice of what Young Carers do and how it can impact on their education, taking brilliant steps forward to support us better."

Youth Action Wiltshire

After your Young Carer Assessment, you can go along to the fun activities that Youth Action Wiltshire's Young Carers Service run during school holidays and term times!

High Ropes Activity



"This is my favourite thing to do"
"This is so relaxing"
"I wish I could come here all the time"

Trip to Greatwood Charity



'52% of young carers shared that they would like to meet other young carers.'
Going to YAW activities is an amazing way to do this!

 Call us: 01380 720671 
or email

Wiltshireyoungcarers@youthactionwiltshire.org

Young Leaders

What is a Young Leader?

A young leader is a young person who volunteers to support Youth Action Wiltshire Activities.



How to become a Young Leader?

Ask your Young Carers Support Worker to put your name forward if you are interested in the Young Leader Programme. You will get a certificate at the end of your journey.

Hear from Ruby, a member of the YCC!

I have been doing young leaders for the last 3 years. I started doing young leaders to take a break from my from my caring role as it gave me a few hours out of my caring responsibilities.



Over time, young leaders has helped me with my mental health, confidence and much more.

During the last 3 years I have done several activities, including helping with craft sessions, going on woodland walks, several team games, sports days, farm days, and much more.

My favourite part about young leaders is helping the younger children overcome their fears and anxieties.

Share Your Good News!

We would love to hear about your good news stories.

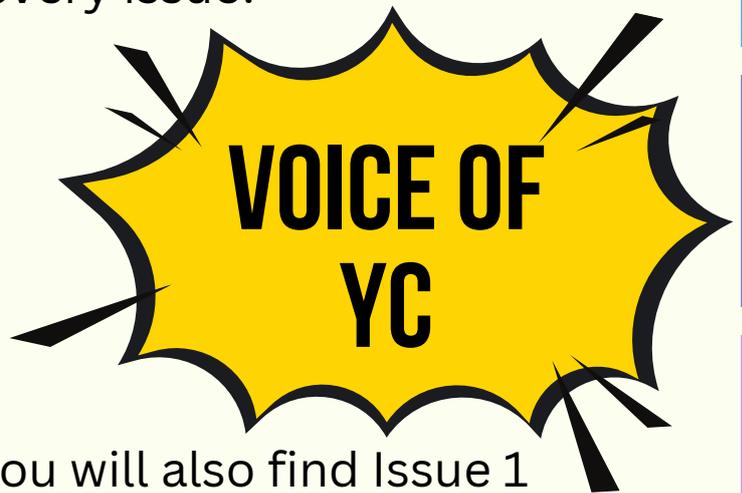
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Scan the QR code to sign up to a subscription to make sure you get every issue!



You will also find Issue 1 of the magazine on here!

Give Me a Break!



‘49% of young carers said they were ‘often’ stressed because of their caring responsibilities.’

It is so important that you take a break from caring to look after your health and wellbeing.

Here are a few things that the YCC like doing as a break!



Listening to their favourite music



Doing sports they enjoy



Getting bubble tea!

YCC Member Ruby Boxing!

Going to the gym



Going for a relaxing walk



Taken by YCC member Tom

We are the new Independent Advocates!

If you are a registered young carer aged 5-25 you can get an Independent Advocate to make sure your views are heard in any aspect of your life that you need support with.

Hi, I'm Jack!



My favourite thing is fishing, although I don't often catch any fish! I also love playing basketball. My favourite food is chicken wings.

I love working as an Independent Advocate and I'm looking forward to meeting you!

My favourite thing is being outside; I love animals and have two dogs who are really naughty!

My favourite food is pie – any type of pie sweet or savoury.

I love being an Independent Advocate, I get to meet lots of different fabulous young people and make sure their voice is heard.



Hi, I'm Alison!



'30% of young carers reported that they would like someone to speak on their behalf when they are feeling unsure or nervous.'

If you would like an Independent Advocate please email: childrensadvocacy@wiltshire.gov.uk

Interviewing Wiltshire Council Staff

As a member of the Young Carers Council, you have the opportunity to interview staff at Wiltshire Council.

Hear from Chloe - who interviewed Alison and Jack for their roles!



I did a role play exercise where I played the young person who needed an advocate and spoke with each candidate.
I then was asked to rate their response out of 4.

I was asked to be a part of the interview process at Wiltshire Council. I jumped at the opportunity as it is really important that young people get a say in who will be supporting them.

I really enjoyed being part of the interviews and I look forward to being invited on interview panels in the future.



**forward
carers**

Forward Carers

The Young Carers Council has been working with Forward Carers to help create their young carers webpages.

These are now live and have lots of helpful information for young carers and young adult carers.

Scan the QR code to take a look!



Sign up for your Young Carer ID Card

On this website you can also sign up for a Young Carer ID Card.

This is a form of ID, to show someone you are a young carer.

You can use this in some shops and online to get discounts.



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Find these 10 words found in this magazine!

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Take a photo of this and email it to
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