

Carers Week Programme 7th – 13th June 2021 Outdoor activities





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Competition time!

Two lucky winner will receive a years membership to the Dorothy Clive Gardens

To enter the competition please write 2 sentences about 'What made you identify as a carer?' Email your entries to shropshire.carers@shropshire.gov.uk

Sun 6th	Mon 7 th	Tues 8th	Wed 9th	Thurs 10th	Fri 11th	Sat 12th	Sun 13th
11am –5pm Hodnet Hall Gardens TF9 3NN	10am – 12pm Cardingmill Valley SY6 6JG 10.30am – 12.30pm Babbinswood Nature Trail and Bushcraft SY11 4PF 11am – 2pm Grange Wood POSTCODE 11.30am – 2pm Onny Meadows SY7 9RS	10.30am – 1.30pm Alderford Lake SY13 3JQ 11am – 3pm Acton Scott SY6 6NQ	10am Powis Castle SY21 8RF 11am – 2pm Severn Valley Country Park WV15 6NG 2pm – 5pm Fordhall Farm TF9 3PS 5.30pm –	10am Powis Castle SY21 8RF 10am – 1.30pm Convent of Poor Clare SY12 0PA	2pm – 4pm Cavalier Centre TF13 6PE 2pm – 5pm Get Crafty	10.30am – 1.30am Whittington Castle SY11 4DF	11.30am onwards Picnic in the park DY14 8PE
	2pm – 4pm Stiperstones SY5 ONL		7.30pm Greenacres Farm SY4 2JA		Wem Senior Club SY4 5ER		



Carers Week Programme 7th – 13th June 2021 Virtual activities





You do not need to book places on the virtual activities. Please click on the links to the activities found in the description on the following pages.

Mon 7 th	Tues 8th	Wed 9th	Thurs 10th	Fri 11th	Sat 12th	Sun 13th
11am Healthy Mindset Habits 1pm – 1.30pm Carers Wellbeing How breathing can help control your thoughts	1pm – 1.30pm Carers Wellbeing How to get a better nights sleep 6pm – 7pm Carers Surgery 7pm Quiz 7pm – 7.30pm Carers Wellbeing How to get a better nights sleep 8.15pm Welcome Cuppa	11am – 12pm Garden Birds Talk 1pm – 1.30pm Carers Wellbeing How to manage your mind 2pm – 3pm Story telling 4pm Confidence Coaching	11am Welcome Cuppa 1pm – 1.30pm Carers Wellbeing How to manage difficult emotions 1pm – 2pm Carers Surgery 7pm – 7.30pm Carers Wellbeing How to managed difficult emotions 7pm – 8.30pm Carers Wellbeing Sound and Healing meditation	1pm – 1.30pm Carers Wellbeing How to relax in stressful times 2pm - 2.40pm Anything or Nothing – Light hearted chat 4pm Funtastic Friday. 7pm – 7.30pm Carers Wellbeing How to relax in stressful times	9.30am – 10.30am Carers Surgery 1pm – 1.30pm Carers Wellbeing Mindfulness for Carers 2.30pm – 4pm Carers Wellbeing Sound and Healing meditation 4.30pm Lovely Land craft boxes	1pm – 1.30pm Carers Wellbeing Breathing and relaxation exercises
7pm – 7.30pm Carers Wellbeing How breathing can help control your thoughts		7pm – 7.30pm Carers Wellbeing How to managed your mind 7pm -7.40pm Cup of Joy 7pm – 8pm Story telling				

Sunday 6th Outdoor Activities

11am - 5pm Hodnet Hall Gardens - TF9 3NN

Over 60 acres of brilliantly coloured flowers, magnificent forest trees, sweeping lawns and a chain of ornamental pools which run tranquilly along the cultivated garden valley to provide a natural habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife. No matter what the season, visitors will always find something fresh and interesting to ensure an enjoyable day's outing.

Monday 7th Outdoor activities

Join Cath Landles on one, or both, of the following guided walks on Monday 7th June 2021 in the heart of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB):

10am - 12pm Cardingmill Valley, Church Stretton. Meet outside the National Trust Pavilion tearoom. Postcode for Sat Nav SY6 6JG. Info and directions at https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/carding-mill-valley-and-the-long-mynd

2pm - 4pm Stiperstones National Nature Reserve (all ability trail). Meet at the main car park at The Knolls. Postcode SY5 ONL. Nikki Smart (seasonal warden for the National Nature Reserve) will also join us. Info and directions at Shropshire's National Nature Reserves

Parking will be free at both sites.

Cath is the Community & Landscape Officer with the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership. She will point out and share information about these two beautiful sites, including wildlife, habitats, farming, how the land is managed, history and the surrounding countryside. It will be easy walking on both walks and they will be short, gentle and suitable for all. We will have plenty of stops, to suit the group, so do bring a flask and cake!

What you need to wear and bring – Wear suitable outdoors clothes to suit the weather. Please remember, it's always colder in the hills, even on a sunny day! Strong footwear essential, e.g. walking boots, wellies, strong trainers or stout shoes. We'll have plenty of stops, always a good opportunity for a drink and piece of cake (3) If it's hot weather, don't forget your sun cream, hat/sunglasses and water. And binoculars, if you have a pair.

There are toilets at Cardingmill Valley but none at the Stiperstones National Nature Reserve, the nearest ones are at The Bog Visitor Centre but you will need to check nearer the time to see if they have reopened after Covid. Info at http://www.bogcentre.co.uk/ or http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/site/the-bog-mine-and-visitor-centre/

Monday 7th Outdoor activities

10.30am - 12.30pm. Babbinswood Nature Trail and BushcraftBerghill Lane, Oswestry SY11 4PF.

Join naturalist and ecologist, Tom Moulsdale, on a guided nature trail and discover nature's best kept secrets. Hot drink and cake provided after the walk. Sturdy shoes advisable, toilets and parking on site.

11am - 2pm Grange Wood

To celebrate Carers Week 2021 Chris and Gaynor Hogarth have extended an invitation to carers in Shropshire to spend some time in their 6 acres of woodland at Grange Woods near Sherrifhales. Exposure to forests and trees boosts the immune system, lowers blood pressure, reduces stress, improves mood, increases energy levels and improves sleep. The natural woodland is quiet, tranquil and relaxing and there is the opportunity for carers to try forest bathing, archery, natural crafts and bushcraft. Drinks will be provided but carers are asked to bring their own reusable cups and their own packed lunch. Toilet facilities comprise a compostable toilet as there is no running water and hand sanitizer is available throughout the site. Bench seating is available but if carers feel more comfortable bringing their own chair's they are welcome to do so. Undulating ground, not suitable for people with mobility issues. Sturdy footwear and weather appropriate clothing is recommended. Parking will be limited to 10 cars maximum.

11:30am – 2pm Onney Meadows Trail Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms. SY7 9RS - meet outside the back into the meadow area.

An opportunity for a guided walk through the Onny Meadows (approx. 1 mile), dogs are welcome outside. There are walks for differing abilities and a shorter accessible walk, if you would like to do your own thing, you are welcome but please come and have a cuppa afterwards.

If walking isn't for you, just relax with a drink and take in the views and wildlife.

The café is open for you to purchase your own lunch but refreshments are provided (hot drinks and homemade biscuits) and a gazebo will be up if its damp! Waterproofs and sturdy footwear advisable. Accessible toilets and shop available.

Monday 7th Virtual Activities

11am Healthy Mindset Habits

Mindset Monday, find out more about our Monday sessions and how our host Claire uses NLP (Neurolinguistic Programming Tools) to impact our lives as carers and more. Hosted by Mobilise, please CLICK HERE to join

1pm - 1.30pm & 7pm - 7.30pm

How breathing can help control your thoughts

When we feel anxious and/or stressed one of the things we forget to do is breathe slowly. We tend to breathe rapidly, increase heartbeat and thoughts. In today's exercises we will look at how breathing can help slow down your heartbeat, slow down your thoughts and help you focus on the present. Learn simple techniques to help you when you need it most and where else you might get help.

1 - 1.30pm: Please **CLICK HERE** to join (*Meeting ID: 810 2930 7727*)

7 – 7.30pm:Please **CLICK HERE** to join (*Meeting ID: 826 0710 2293*)

Tuesday 8th Outdoor Activities

10.30-1.30pm Alderford Lake Tilstock Road, Whitchurch. SY13 3JQ

A great opportunity to meet outside, enjoy the space and gather your thoughts around the lake. The lake walk is fairly flat and approx. 1 mile. There are several benches and picnic areas for refreshments around the lake. The entrance is gravel, please wear sturdy shoes. Bring your own picnic.

11am - 3pm Acton Scott Historic Working Farm Church Stretton SY6 6QN (as seen on BBC 2's "Victorian farm")

Enjoy beautiful outdoor spaces, but know if the weather isn't so good there is indoor space too! Get close to nature, go back in time and meet the animals – piglets will have joined the Acton Scott family by June. Note – some areas are not so accessible due to the nature of the original buildings.

This is a bespoke event, for Shropshire Carers only. It is free to attend and hot drinks will be supplied but bring your own lunch. Sturdy footwear and waterproofs are a must! Rangers will be on hand all day to accompany you around the farm. Accessible toilets, 6 wheelchairs available and 1 x mobility scooter (these need to be pre-booked)

Tuesday 8th Virtual Activities

1pm – 1.30pm & 7pm – 7.30pm Carers Wellbeing - How Carers can get a better nights sleep

Some nights there are so many thoughts going through your mind that you find it impossible to go to sleep and then worry why you cannot sleep. In today's exercise we look at what might prevent your from going to sleep including diet and what can do to help yourself and where else you might get help.

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6-7pm Carer Surgery

Phone in with questions and for advice. Call Margarete Davies on 01743 341995. Advice sessions will be up to 15 minutes on a first come first serve basis.

7pm Start - Quiz

Join Julie Apted for a stimulating and enjoyable quiz.

The quiz will be hosted on Microsoft Teams, should you need instruction on how to join please email; shropshire.carers@shropshire.gov.uk

Please **CLICK HERE** to join

8.15pm Welcome Cuppa

Relaxed conversation for carers at the end of our busy days. We're in good hands as our host Jacqui always brings a little uplift.

Hosted by Mobilise, please **CLICK HERE** to join

Wednesday 9th Outdoor Activities

10am Powis Castle Gardens - SY21 8RF

Come and explore a paradise in Wales, with beautiful colours, amazing scents and picturesque spaces to relax. Dating back 300years, these world-class gardens are steeped in history. Nowhere else will you experience such a theatrical mix of dramatic terraces, sophisticated flower borders, fantastical topiary and superb views across the deer park, Severn Valley and in the distance, the pointed profiles of Long Mountain and the Breidden Hills.

Courtyard Café open 10-5 and Garden Coffee Shop open 11-4, serving light refreshments or bring a flask or a picnic with you, to enjoy in the gardens Free admission to the gardens for carers on these dates. Booking only though Shropshire Carers Team. Normal admission charges apply for accompanying family and friends who are not NT members.

11am - 2pm - Severn Valley Country Park Guided Walk - WV15 6NG

A walk through the beautiful country park and wildflower meadow and opportunity to try your hand at pond dipping. Guided walk for approx. 1 hour, then picnic and pond dipping. Car Park is free. Bring your own picnic. Please wear suitable outdoor clothes for the weather on the day and sturdy shoes are a must.

2pm - 4pm Ford Hall Farm - TF9 3PS

Come and join us for a guided walk around Ford hall Organic Farm with Charlotte, who will give an inspiring behind the scenes story about this historic farm. The walk will take you past some of the livestock, through forests and up gentle slopes, there are no stiles, a few steps with a rail, duration 50 mins-60 mins. Or let your creative side enjoy an afternoon of crafting with Meg in the community room. Hot drinks and cake provided.

5.30pm -7.30pm Greenacres Farm - SY4 2JA

Orienteering fun around the farm followed by a burger/sausage and bun afterwards. Join us for an evening of fun exploring Greenacres farm, light refreshments provided.

Wednesday 9th Virtual Activities

11am - 12pm - Garden Birds Talk

Join Diane Monteith for a informative and enjoyable chat about the birds you may find in your garden.

Please CLICK HERE to join - Meeting ID: 863 8434 4345, Passcode: 143570

1pm – 1.30pm & 7pm – 7.30pm Carers Wellbeing - How to manage your mind

Wouldn't it be great if you could manage your mind and your thoughts so that they do not control you? In today's exercise we will look at thoughts and what you can do to help you control them. Change your destructive thought patterns into constructive ones.

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- **7 7.30pm**: Please **CLICK HERE** to join (*Meeting ID: 826 0710 2293*)

Wednesday 9th Virtual Activities continued

2pm - 3pm & 7-8pm Story teller

Join award winning storyteller Jake Evans for an hour of entertainment as he takes your imagination on a wild journey from the comfort of your own home. Jake has been performing professionally since winning the 'National Young Storyteller of the Year' in 2014. His repertoire includes folk tales, myths, legends, historical true tales as well as his own personal adventures from around the world. www.jakeevansstoryteller.com

The Story Telling session will be hosted on Microsoft Teams, should you need instruction on how to join please email; shropshire.carers@shropshire.gov.uk

2pm – 3pm Please **CLICK HERE** to join this Story Telling

7pm – 8pm Please CLICK HERE to join this Story Telling

4pm Confidence Coaching

Welcome to the world of group coaching for carers. Suzanne (a certified coach) will host and explain a little about what coaching is. You can join in with your first group coaching experience and see how you can move forwards.

Hosted by Mobilised, Please **CLICK HERE** to join

7pm - 7.40pm Cup of Joy

Join Stu, who is himself a carer, for: "A Cuppa Joy" A bit of light-hearted fun and positivity to brighten your day. Bring a notepad and pen.

Please **CLICK HERE** to join this activity (*Meeting ID: 834 8432 5021*)

Thursday 10th Outdoor Activities

10am Powis Castle Gardens - SY21 8RF

Come and explore a paradise in Wales, with beautiful colours, amazing scents and picturesque spaces to relax. Dating back 300years, these world-class gardens are steeped in history. Courtyard Café open 10-5 and Garden Coffee Shop open 11-4, serving light refreshments or bring a flask or a picnic with you, to enjoy in the gardens Free admission to the gardens for carers on these dates. Booking only though Shropshire Carers Team. Normal admission charges apply for accompanying family and friends who are not NT members

10.30am - 1.30pm Convent of Poor Clare's, Monastery of Our Lady and St. Joseph. Ellesmere - SY12 OPA

Situated in the beautiful foothills just outside Ellesmere, close to The Mere. We offer the opportunity to come and relax in this quiet and peaceful location. You are welcome to bring any items you made during lockdown to show and tell. Have a go at needle felting, pebble painting, decorating jars with string.

There will also be a small plant stall where you can swap plants and shrubs. Coffee/tea will be available – bring your own picnic. Parking on the LHS as you enter the grounds.

Thursday 10th Virtual Activities

1pm - 1.30pm & 7pm - 7.30pm- How Carers can manage difficult emotions

We all face situations that can bring up a whole host of emotions. In today's exercise we look at what we can do to help us look at the emotions we feel, why we feel that way and how we can help ourselves understand how dealing with them is much better for our health than burying them deep.

1 - 1.30pm: Please **CLICK HERE** to join <u>-</u> Meeting ID: 810 2930 7727

7 – 7.30pm: Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to join <u>- Meeting ID: 826 0710 2293</u>

11am Welcome Cuppa

Our big conversation cuppa for carers week. We'll be talking a bout how we can feel "Valued and Visible". Hosted by Suzanne Hosted by Mobilise, please CLICK HERE to join

1pm - 2pm Carer Surgery

Phone in with questions and for advice. Call Margarete Davies on 01743 341995. Advice sessions will be up to 15 minutes on a first come first serve basis.

7pm - 8.30pm Sound Healing Meditation – with Trixi Field.

This workshop will be a guided meditation through the chakras incorporating gentle vocal toning using a beautiful Indian scale together with a colour visualisation. It'll be in two sessions: Part 1 (7.00 - 7.40 pm) will be an introduction, a short voice warm-up, and a focus on the colour visualisation.

Part 2 (7.45-8.15) we will put the vocal toning and the visualisation together.

Don't worry if you don't think you can sing – this is not at all important. What is more, no-one else will hear you!

7 – 7.40pm, Part 1 – Please CLICK HERE to join part 1 - Meeting ID: 760 7450 2141, Passcode: y7kxrC

7.45 – 8.15pm, Part 2 – Please **CLICK HERE** to join part 2 - **Meeting ID: 721 8896 1388, Passcode: Hhqkh2**

Friday 11th Outdoor Activities

2pm - 4pm Cavalier Centre, Much Wenlock the home of Perry Riding for the disabled - TF13 6PE

The simple act of petting animals releases an automatic relaxation response. it lowers anxiety and helps people relax, provides comfort, can reduce loneliness and increase mental stimulation. It can provide an escape or happy distraction. ... Carers are invited to visit the centre and take the opportunity to meet the ponies and enjoy a therapeutic session of yoga and hand massage. Drinks are available but people should bring their own picnic lunch. Please wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing.

Friday 11th Outdoor Activities continued

2pm - 5pm Get crafty at Wem Senior Club - SY4 5ER

Crafting get together at Wem Senior Club, Chapel Street, Wem, SY4 5ER. Parking is close by – on street, or in the nearby car parks. Come and join us for a quiet get together in the sheltered rear garden of this comfortable and welcoming club – accessed by the side gate. An opportunity to try crafting, sit and share stories, and meet the Carers Support Practitioner/s. There will also be an opportunity to bring and swap plants and shrubs. Light refreshment will be served, please advise of any allergies.

Friday 11th Virtual Activities

1pm - 1.30pm & 7pm - 7.30pm How Carers can relax in stressful times

We will all go through stressful times at various times in our lives, death of loved ones, work, house, divorces, caring for someone, even going on holiday can cause stress. In today's exercise we will look at what we can do to help ourselves relax during these times.

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7 – 7.30pm: Please **CLICK HERE** to join (*Meeting ID: 826 0710 2293*)

2pm - 2.40pm Valerie Woodmansey Anything or Nothing

Join Valerie Woodmansey who heads up the "Bishops Castle Befriending Circle "

Please CLICK HERE to join - Meeting ID: 713 8323 6251 & Passcode: 123456

4pm Funtastic Friday

Wrapping up the week with the most popular of all our cuppas - Funtastic Friday. Join us for a "Generation Game" style challenge that we can all join in with and a quick quiz – no prizes, just guaranteed giggles and smiles to end our w eek. Hosted by Suzanne

Hosted by Mobilise, Please **CLICK HERE** to join

Saturday 12th Outdoor Activities

10.30am - 1pm - Whittington Castle, Castle Street. Whittington, Nr Oswestry - SY11 4DF.

Come and join us at Whittington Castle on the border of Wales and England, close to the historic fort of Old Oswestry. Please arrive promptly for your 10.30am tour of the castle followed by a delicious cake and drink (advise of any allergies at booking).

Parking on site. Level paths and grassy trails around the castle and moat.

Saturday 12th Virtual Activities

9.30am - 10.30am Carer Surgery

Phone in with questions and for advice. Call Margarete Davies on 01743 341995. Advice sessions will be up to 15 minutes on a first come first serve basis.

1pm - 1.30pm Carers Wellbeing - Mindfulness for Carers

Mindfulness can help you deal with all sorts of situations in a focused, calm and productive way without you getting yourself stressed, anxious and upset. In today's exercise we will look at what mindfulness exercises we can do to help ourselves when under pressure.

1 - 1.30pm: Please **CLICK HERE** to join (*Meeting ID: 810 2930 7727*)

2.30pm - 4pm Sound Healing Meditation - with Trixi Field.

This workshop will be a guided meditation through the chakras incorporating gentle vocal toning using a beautiful Indian scale together with a colour visualisation. It'll be in two sessions: Part 1 (2.30 – 3.10pm) will be an introduction, a short voice warm-up, and a focus on the colour visualisation.

Part 2 (3.15 -3.45) we will put the vocal toning and the visualisation together.

Don't worry if you don't think you can sing – this is not at all important. What is more, no-one else will hear you!.

2.30 – 3.10pm Part 1 - Please CLICK HERE to join Meeting ID: 730 5423 6122, Passcode: 8BePMR

3.15 - 3.45pm Part 2 - Please CLICK HERE to join Meeting ID: 747 6888 6276, Passcode: 08m4hj

4.30pm Nature Printing Session - Booking is essential for this activity. The link will be sent once your booking is confirmed.

Join Clare from Lovelyland in a pre-recorded Nature Printing workshop.

You will be sent a Nature Printing kit in the post which contains everything you need to create your own Nature Bunting. Clare will take you through the printing process using items you find inspiring from nature. You can take a walk in a green space you love or collect items from your garden to have ready.

Items you can use: Leaves, Sticks and twigs, Flowers and petals, Stones, Pine-cones and catkins.

Sunday 13th Outdoor Activities

11.30am onwards Picnic in a park – DY14 8PE

Join us for a 'bring your own picnic in the park'. We will be at Cleobury Mortimer carer Community Picnic, Playing Field, Love Lane, Cleobury Mortimer. DY14 8PE Bring a picnic, deckchair and the sunshine. Find us by the Carers Week sign



Sunday 13th Virtual Activities

1pm - 1.30pm Breathing and relaxation exercises for Carers

By using some very simple breathing and relaxation exercises we can change how we feel about a certain situation that is causing us to feel stressed our anxious. We will explore various techniques and what else is available to help you through difficult situations.

1 - 1.30pm: Please **CLICK HERE** to join (*Meeting ID: 810 2930 7727*)

To book your place on any of the outdoor activities and the Nature Printing session please either;

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To all that have given their time to present activities and talks,



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Trixi Field trixifieldmusic.webstarts.com Here's a link to music by Trixi: www.voutube.com/watch?v=rfxlQDksmdw



Enjoyed the relaxation and healing activities? Why not attend one or all the activities being hosted at the Centre for Integral Health. All session are FREE for Carers.

For more information on any of the events please contact the Centre for Integral Health

Join us for this FREE series of wellbeing events aimed at carers of all ages and abilities. If you cannot make it on the night don't worry sign up and watch on demand. To book your place please following the link: https://bookwhen.com/integralhealth/e/ev-sca1-20210512180000

12th May 2021 – Find your personal Meditation with Ben Calder

19th May 2021 – Making Self Care easier with Franziska Cecchetti-Pretsch

26th May 2021 – Serious Laughter Yoga with Sara Kay

2nd June – An Introduction to Mindfulness with June Meagher

9th June - Your daily Breath with Andrea Proffitt

16th June – Pilates with Wendy Joelson & Mirren Kemp-Walker

23rd June – Breaking Free with Marcus Mathews

30th June – Food and Energy with Maria Franklin

7th July – Sound healing with Andrea Proffitt

14th July – Qigong with Ben Calder

Organised by the Centre for Integral Health funded by Reaching Wider: North & Mid Wales Partnership (RWNMWP).

