

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## WHAT HAPPENED

This month we were very excited to have our community fun day. We are extremely grateful to everyone who donated their time and prizes to help us make it a success. We hope to have more fun days and events soon so keep an eye out on our social media and website for more information.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

We are working on some exciting things at the moment, including new venues to hold sessions and events, a new vehicle for Fifi's Vision and more experience days to help reduce isolation and increase confidence and independence.

We are working with a variety of establishments to help provide experience for volunteers to work with our families and children and We have plans for more respite opportunities for parents.



**SEND support group  
for parent-carers and  
families of children  
with additional needs**

No diagnosis, EHCP or documents needed.  
No age, gender, religious, sexuality or  
disability restrictions



The Southeast Communities Rail Partnership has a vibrant and evolving Education Service on the North Downs Line running several different programmes.

Our 'Try a Train' experience provides an ideal opportunity for those who lack confidence travelling by train to visit our stations and to experience a train journey.

It also promote sustainable and healthy travel.

See recent feedback on our website:



By the end of the trip your group will have experienced a complete journey that will encourage further travel with confidence, without any anxieties or concerns. Groups sizes are kept small, usually 5 to 12 participants, including any carers.

The Try a Train programme consists of two parts:



**Workshop at your or online (1.5 hrs)** planning your journey using timetables, maps and Using Passenger Assist. Stay when you travel (including the British Transport Police's telephone number 61016 and how to use Help Points).



**Station visit and trip (4 hrs)** - we meet your group at your local station. We will show them around the station facilities, show them how to buy a ticket using the ticket machines and demonstrate how to use the Help Points. We will then travel to your local station, stop for coffee and return back to your station.



## FUTURE PLANS

We will be having our train experience day at the end of October.

We will also be providing halloween activities at our Friday group that week too. We are also planning our next parent-carer respite day and Christmas activities.

We will continue to run our weekly sessions with the hope of new ones being added.

## THANKYOU

We would like to say a huge thankyou to all of our donors. This month Magenta self storage down Darwin Close, Reading, have amazingly donated storage space to us to use for our group equipment. As we do not have a permanent location this is a huge help to us to be able to keep everything safe and secure. We cannot thank them enough for their kindness and support.

