

STRENGTHENING MINDS

SITTINGBOURNE COMMUNITY
'ROUND UP'
FEBRUARY 2021

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Are you fed up of everything going on
around you?

Are your children harder to manage?

Do you just need someone to talk to?



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2020

Let's talk about it!

A series of friendly coffee mornings on a
Tuesday, from the comfort of your own home!

Understand the impacts of stress
on you and your children.

Talk to others who feel the same way
and find ways to bounce back from
these challenging times.

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www.swalespacechampions.co.uk



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OR DVDS AND RECEIVE ANOTHER IN RETURN?**



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FOR ELDERLY, SOCIALLY ISOLATED RESIDENTS IN SWALE

**One of our friendly volunteers will come and pick up your
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**Don't have anything to exchange? No need to worry,
we have a small selection of items you could choose from.**

**If you are interested, please contact LOUISE at SwaleCVS for a
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Registered Charity Number 1179734

The Befriending Service is **NOT** able to:

- Provide services which are the responsibility of the statutory sector.
- Carry out any personal care, housework or other domestic tasks.
- Undertake caring responsibilities.
- Provide emergency or acute support and cannot offer services to people with specific mental health needs.

Swale Community and Voluntary Services operates an equal opportunities policy in all of our activities and services

For more information:

Telephone: 01795 473828

Email:




louise.johnson@swalecvs.co.uk



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Organisation	Services	Contact
Community Link Service  Porchlight <small>Changing attitudes • Changing lives</small>	Support and help to get appropriate help for issues that are affecting your wellbeing: One to one support by phone or video call. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support on the things most important to you. • The most commonly supported issues are income, debt, housing, or isolation. • We also support with accessing appropriate support for mental or emotional health. • We can advocate or liaise with agencies on your behalf • We can link with activities or support in your local community. • Can support with accessing mobile phones and using digital applications to connect with people • Services will continue to be largely delivered remotely where we can, and as long as this can effectively support clients. 	Live Well Kent 0800 567 7966 info@livewellkent.org.uk
Swale Your Way Wellbeing Services  	Support and activities to promote good mental health and wellbeing Emotional support via telephone Regular support with timeframes agreed with client Member Facebook page conversations and video calls Social media connections with other clients monitored by staff Advice around <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • current government recommendations to stay alert and reduce potential for infection • looking after wellbeing • creating coping strategies for those dealing with mental distress • coping with the impact of isolation • benefit entitlements, debt or housing issues • Timetable of online groups including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mindfulness • Coffee and catch up • Meditation • Upcycling projects • Virtual walking group • Creative writing • Online Peer Support Training 	07515 099191 donna-ashworth@together-uk.org



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Community Inclusion Service 	Support and Advice on where to get help and access digital community groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One to one telephone support or WhatsApp video calls. • Tailoring support to their individual needs. • linking to other online groups and resource in the community, including exercise groups via zoom by community providers • Support to access these online courses. • Digital Coffee Morning • Digital Group Quiz • Digital Managing anxiety workshop (6 week course) • Other activities designed around the need of the client group. • Can support with accessing mobile phones and using digital applications to connect with people • Services will continue to be largely delivered remotely where we can, and as long as this can effectively support clients. 	Live Well Kent 0800 567 7966 info@livewellkent.org.uk
Community Housing Service 	Support for people with housing and mental health issues One to one telephone/ video support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing advice individually tailored to meet your need. • Liaising with local authorities • Liaising with housing associations and private landlords • Advocacy and guidance on specialist matters • Support to access appropriate legal advice if required • Services will continue to be largely delivered remotely where we can, and as long as this can effectively support clients. 	Live Well Kent 0800 567 7966 info@livewellkent.org.uk
Invicta Health Care 	Primary Care Mental Health Specialist service for patients in primary care with mental health needs including depression, anxiety and mood disorders Referrals can be made by GPs and other organisations including Live Well Kent, NHS talking therapies and Community Mental Health teams. Staff are trained to help understand, cope with and overcome mental health and emotional problems and offer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a full mental health assessment • treatment plan • short term follow up • referrals to Community Mental Health teams, NHS talking therapies or Live Well Kent 	invictahealth.mentalhealthreferrals@nhs.net 0800 242 5199 (option 1)



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Shaw Trust Employment Services Swale 	Support into employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One to one telephone support for employment • Groups run virtually through Microsoft teams include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interview skills groups - Job action groups - Work preparation skills - Virtual mindfulness - Courses for coping with uncertain times - Peer support groups 	Natasha.murphy@shaw-trust.org.uk Michael.foster@shaw-trust.org.uk
Megan CIC - Personality Disorder Peer Support 	Personality disorder peer support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Online Peer Support Group for People with Personality Disorders – every Thursday • Online peer support through social media • Peer support through the Megan CIC Facebook page • Digital meet and chat group 	enquiries@megancic.org.uk 01634 402077
Rethink Asian Mental Health Helpline 	A free and confidential Asian Mental Health helpline offering caring, non judgemental and empathetic support covering mental health and domestic abuse issues. You can speak to us in Asian languages (Gujarati, Punjabi, Hindu, and Urdu) or in English. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mondays and Wednesdays 4pm to 7pm • Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm to 3pm 	0808 800 2073
SpeakUp CIC Night Owls 	Night Owls – Support for people who are finding it difficult to sleep It is a closed moderated Facebook group for people who are awake at night and want to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • post in a safe place • see if anyone else is awake and up for a chat Night Owls site is especially valued during this difficult period	Maggie Gallant Maggie@speakupcic.co.uk Kay Byatt Kay@speakupcic.co.uk 07543 977670



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● Get in touch

You can refer yourself, refer someone else or ask somebody to refer you by filling in the form on this leaflet, contacting our free helpline on **0800 567 7699** or emailing **info@livewellkent.org.uk**



Live Well Kent is delivered on behalf of **Kent County Council** and the **NHS** by two charities:

Porchlight works across Kent to address people's housing, social, economic and health issues. Registered charity no. 267116

Shaw Trust is a national charity helping people to achieve their ambitions and gain greater independence. Registered charity no. England and Wales: 287785, Scotland: SC03985

For more information, please visit
livewellkent.org.uk

If you require this leaflet in a different
format, call **01227 760078**

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Community wellbeing



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● In your area

To learn more, contact the services directly or call Live Well Kent on **0800 567 76 99**.

Help finding the right support

We can meet you to discuss issues related to mental health, finance, housing, employment and more.

Run by Porchlight's community link team

porchlight.org.uk or 0800 567 7699

Mental health support

Help to improve your mental and physical wellbeing with group activities and one-to-one support from people who have similar experiences.

Run by Together Swale Your Way

together-uk.org or 0751 509 9191

Help into employment

Looking for work but feel as though your mental health has become a barrier? Get personal support, help with job hunting, interview skills training, and help when you do find a job.

Run by Shaw Trust

shaw-trust.org.uk or 0300 790 0532

Personality disorder support

If you have a diagnosed personality disorder or experience personality difficulties, this support group can help. It's run by people who have experienced (and may still experience) the condition themselves.

Run by Megan CIC

megancic.org.uk or 01634 402077

Feeling lonely or cut off

Sometimes meeting others can make life a little easier. This service will help you reconnect with people.

Run by Porchlight's community inclusion team

porchlight.org.uk or 0800 567 7699

Housing issues

Support if you have housing needs related to your mental health.

Run by Porchlight's community housing team

porchlight.org.uk or 0800 567 7699

Support in the night time

Have trouble sleeping and want to chat with someone? Night Owls is a private online support group where you can share what's on your mind. It's moderated by SpeakUpCIC staff and volunteers who use SpeakUpCIC's services.

Run by SpeakUpCIC

To join, email kay@speakupcic.co.uk or call 01843 448384 (during daytime hours)

Culturally sensitive mental health and domestic violence help for Asian communities

Free and confidential helpline for people in Asian communities. Staff speak Asian languages (Gujarati, Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu) and English.

Run by Rethink Sahayak

Call 0808 800 2073

Primary Care Mental Health Specialist (support for people with serious mental health issues)

Your GP or the Community Mental Health Team can refer you to us for support with your mental health.

Run by Invicta Health

invictahealth.co.uk or 0800 242 5199 (option 1)

Therapy and Counselling

If you are struggling emotionally, you can access free NHS talking therapy or counselling.

Insight Healthcare 0300 555 5555

Faversham Counselling 01795 591019



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TIMETABLE OF VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT

Mindfulness Monday	Talking Tuesday	Wellbeing Wednesday	Thrifty Thursday	Feel-Good Friday
	Virtual Coffee & Catch up via Face-book Rooms 11-12.30 With:- 	Led Meditation Via Face-book Rooms 10-11 With:- Donna		Virtual Walk & Talk Via Face-time Groups 11.30-12.30 With:- Donna
An Introduction into Mindfulness Workshop Via Face-book Rooms 2-4 With:- Michael	Creative Writing via Face-book Rooms 1-2.30 With:- Michael		Upcycling projects Sent fortnightly by post, Live video demonstration via Face book With:- Jenny	Fun Quiz Via Face-time Rooms 7.30-8.30 With:- Mike

Once you have completed a referral to Swale Your Way, you can join the closed Facebook page where virtual groups are held.

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skills

Boost your chances of finding
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opportunities



For more information
Contact Anna Glascott
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Mon

Tues

Weds

Thurs

Fri

Sat

Sun

1
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Virtual Family Quiz
4pm - 5.30pm
6pm - 7.30pm

2
**Positive Behaviour
& Emotional
Well-Being
Programme**
3.30pm - 4.30pm

3
**Raising Self-Esteem
Programme**
3.30pm - 4.30pm

4
**Megan CIC:
Personality
Disorder Peer
Support Group -
via Facebook**

5
**Virtual Keep Fit
with Joe Wicks**
4pm - 5.30pm
6pm - 7.30pm

6

7

8
**Paper Craft -
Chinese New Year**
4pm - 5.30pm
6pm - 7.30pm

9
**Positive Behaviour
& Emotional
Well-Being
Programme**
3.30pm - 4.30pm

10
**Community Hub
Foodbank**
11.30am - 1.30pm

11
**Personal
Development
Programme**
3.30pm - 4.30pm

12
**Family
Cooking: Passport
around the world:
Chinese New Year**
4pm - 5.30pm
6pm - 7.30pm

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**Swale Your Way:
An Intro to
Mindfulness**
2pm - 4pm

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**Positive Behaviour
& Emotional
Well-Being
Programme**
3.30pm - 4.30pm

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**Raising Self-Esteem
Programme**
3.30pm - 4.30pm

18
**Personal
Development
Programme**
3.30pm - 4.30pm

19
**Swale Your Way:
Virtual Walk &
Talk**
11.30am - 12.30pm

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**Emotional
Wellbeing: Art**
4pm - 5.30pm
6pm - 7.30pm

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**Positive Behaviour
& Emotional
Well-Being
Programme**
3.30pm - 4.30pm

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**Community Hub
Foodbank**
11.30am - 1.30pm

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**Personal
Development
Programme**
3.30pm - 4.30pm

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**Family
Cooking: American
Smoothies**
4pm - 5.30pm
6pm - 7.30pm

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To access any of these activities please contact:
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If you would like to add to our next
round up, please contact:

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