Welcome to Buckinghamshire Carers Partnership Newsletter

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In our continued efforts to work together to improve our offer for unpaid carers in Buckinghamshire, this newsletter has been created to share the great work happening across the Carers Partnership and provide opportunity for professionals and partners to join us on our journey.

Each quarter we will share success stories, and details around progress we're making against the live action plan owned by the Carers Partnership Board, to support our All-Age Carers Strategy 2025-2030 found here.

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If you would like to add an article to a future newsletter please contact BuckinghamshireCarersPartnership@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Spotlight on Achievements 2025-2026

Executive Summary & Annual Report

Congratulations and thank you to all who have been involved in activity throughout the past year to improve our offer for local residents providing care.

Collectively, we have made great progress to identify and better support those with caring responsibilities, as reflecting in our executive summary.

To view the full report, including case studies, carer feedback and spotlights on projects, please see below

Voice of Carers

"Wow - you have no idea how welcome this message is! As a family we have struggled with our daughter's mental health journey for so long. We have not been invited to be part of her care before, rather we have been expected to provide a safe environment whenever she somes home. It is so positive to be invited to engage and receive support - thank you!"

Carer, OHFT Carers Handbook

"I don't feel isolated. I feel empowered. Thank you for being there'.

Carer, Mobilise

'There service has been inccredible, always ready to give you the help and support you need'.

Carer, Carers Bucks

'The carers passport is so good because I can visit for extended periods of time and continue to support my wife, and the staff all know me. The team have even trained me in using soem of the specialist equipment, to make it even easier for me to provide support.'

Carer of inpatient, Buckinghamshire Neurological Rehabilitation Unit (BNRU)

Young Carers Matter Campaign

Over 100,000 impressions on social media

Did you know that there is at least one child in every classroom across England who provides unpaid care for a parent, sibling, family member or friend?

These young people deserve not only support and recognition, but also a fair chance for their future. Far too many young carers go unnoticed, and as a result, miss our on the same opportunities as their peers.

Throughout March and April, the Council led a campaign to shine a spotlight on young carers, raising awareness and helping professionals across Buckinghamshire to better understand, identity young carers and connect them to local support.

The campaign included:

- Youth Space Campaign page

- Key messages across frontline services in health, social care and voluntary organisations
- Press release, social media posts, call to prayer messaging, Spotify Ad
- Targeted information shared with all schools across Buckinghamshire, via schools web, email, in person liaison groups
- CPD training delivered collaboratively with Carers Bucks and the Virtual School
- Professionals Toolkit shared with frontline services on supporting young carers
- Printed materials including posters, checklists and leaflets
- Drop in stall raising awareness and promoting young carers for Young Carers Action Day
- Digital Screen promotion thought GP surgeries and Libraries
- Internal staff articles across Buckinghamshire Council, and re-promotion through partners

This supportive effort will continue throughout this year, working together to ensure no young carer is left without help.

Fair Futures for Young Carers

In support of this years Young Carers Action Day, Carers Bucks hosted an event on 11 March to celebrate Young Carers. The event brought together 147 attendees, including young carers in school groups, professionals, and partners, reflecting a shared commitment to improving awareness and support for young people providing care.

Alongside partner stalls and wellbeing activities, Carers Bucks shared a Young Carers Film, coproduced with members of the young carer forum. The video reflects young carers sharing their lived experience, highlighting the realities of balancing caring responsibilities alongside everyday life.

Partners and professionals also had the opportunity to pledge support to young carers and the event to ensure better recognition across services.

Looking Ahead at 2026-2027

Building on last years success, the Carers Partnership has collaboratively developed and published the action plan for the year ahead.

This Years Key Themes

- **Recognition & Awareness**

  'I will feel recognised by services and professionals as a carer and have a positive experience of support'

- **Pathways to Health & Social Care**

  'I am recognised by professionals across the system and supported effectively to access support'

- **Carer Friendly Communities**

  'I will feel seen and supported, and feel able to priorities by own physical, mental health and wellbeing'

- **Fair Futures for Young Carers**

  'I will feel recognised and supported, which helps me achieve my goals and live a life outside of my caring role'

Immediate steps have included establishing cross partnership task and finish groups to work together on the two priorities below;

- Developing a Carer Friendly Bucks local offer
- Plan and deliver the second carers conference

Want to get involved? Please drop us a line by email

All-Age Carers Support Service Contract Update

Following a competitive tender process, Buckinghamshire Council will award the contract to deliver the new All-Age Carers Support Service to Mobilise Care Ltd.

Mobilise currently provide a digital carers support offer in Buckinghamshire, and through the new contract will be expanding this provision by both increasing the scale and reach of their digital service, as well as ensuring that for every for of digital support, there will be a non-digital equivalent available for carers in Buckinghamshire.

We would like to thank Carers Bucks for their outstanding contribution to unpaid carers across Buckinghamshire for more than 20 years and for their valued partnership in shaping support for carers across the county.

Wherever possible, staff expertise will transition into the new service, and we look forward to Mobilise sharing their plans with the Carers Partnership Board in due course.

What is available for Carers Locally?

Buckinghamshire's Home Library Service and Carers Library Cards

Provides free monthly delivery of books and library items to residents unable to visit the library due to age, illness, disability, or full-time caring responsibilities, reducing isolation and supporting the wellbeing of vulnerable residents. The Carers Library card, means no overdue fines and a longer 4-week loan period. Professionals can refer eligible clients or encourage them to apply by:

Phone 01494 475573

Email homelibraryservice@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Online Information about the Home Library and Library Buddy Services | Buckinghamshire Council

If you have anything you would like to promote please get in contact

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Local Carers Week Celebrations

Mobilise 8-14 June 2026

During Carers Week (8–14 June), Mobilise ran a series of online "Cuppa" sessions to support and connect carers. The programme included short daily Mini: LIVE sessions and relaxed drop-ins, offering practical advice, peer support, and a chance to meet others in a friendly, flexible environment.

Carers Bucks 8-12 June 2026

Carers Week was celebrated through the CareFest programme, which included events such as wellbeing walks, library sessions, and coffee mornings to recognise and support unpaid carers. The week also showcased inspiring work from Young Carers and promoted local support services available to carers across Buckinghamshire.

Carers Week Cuppa Timetable 2026

CareFest 2026

National Updates

Carers Week 8-14 June 2026

This year Carers UK are encouraging everyone to help build carer friendly communities. In Bucks, we identified the need for this last year, with our aspiration to be a Carer Friendly Buckinghamshire outlined in the All Age Carers Strategy 2025 - 2030. This national recognition reflects that we in Buckinghamshire are on the right track.

Language used to describe the role of caring

Carers Trust have shared recent research on re-framing the narrative around Carers, aiming to move towards describing the 'activity of caring'. in place of 'being a carer'.

In Buckinghamshire we will be working with colleagues to embed this approach, to make a positive change for our local residents.

Celebrations

Congratulations to St Mary's CE Primary School (Aylesbury) Young Carers Group on winning the School or College Community Contribution Award at the Proud of Bucks Awards.

The Young Carers Group supports pupils with caring responsibilities, providing a safe and inclusive environment where they are recognised and valued. Aligned with the school's values of resilience, respect and integrity, the group promotes wellbeing, peer connection and positive community engagement.

Alongside their education and caring roles, members contribute regularly to the local community through activities such as litter picking and creating positivity stones across Fairford Leys. These efforts enhance local spaces and raise awareness of the experiences of young carers.

How can I get involved?

If you are a professional and want to know more about awareness training packages available, share good news stories or get involved in local projects please get in touch via the email below.

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