



West
Berkshire
Mencap

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HAPPY RETIREMENT

On 1st August 2025 we said goodbye to Deputy CEO Tony Ferguson staff, clients and Trustees enjoyed a BBQ leaving lunch in the grounds of Heffernan House in Newbury.

Tony first became involved with West Berkshire Mencap in 2002 when he joined the Board as a Trustee.

Tony was responsible for setting up our Supported Living Service (YCS), and Heffernan House, Stella Maris House and most recently Jacobs Well House.

Tony was involved in a wide range of other projects including a successful £300,000 lottery bid (with CFP) for Growing4All at Cottismore.

Tony, who was our Company Secretary, also managed our Accounts team.

Thank you Tony for all you have done for us at West Berkshire Mencap.

TONY FERGUSON RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS AT WEST BERKSHIRE MENCAP



The finance team Kerry Fourie and Juliet Tibbels with Tony



Christmas Artisan

GIFTS & CRAFT SALE

QUALITY STALLS AND REFRESHMENTS

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
10AM TO 4PM

NEWBURY RUGBY CLUB

West Berkshire Mencap

JOIN US AT OUR CHRISTMAS SALE

AT NEWBURY RUGBY CLUB, FABULOUS STALLS AND REFRESHMENTS OR MAYBE BOOK INTO ONE OF OUR FESTIVE WORKSHOPS!

Book online at wbmencap.org

Christmas Napkin PRINTING WORKSHOP

Join Anna from The Indian Block Print Co. to learn festive block printing and create your own set of festive napkins. Perfect for beginners and ages 12+.

Learn all the tips and tricks for block printing

Date: 16 Nov 2025 Time: 12-2 pm Cost: £30 (materials included)
Location: Langdon Suite, Newbury Rugby Club

Spaces are limited book at wbmencap.org

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Christmas Cracker WORKSHOP

Why not spend an hour with Gill? Create a heartfelt, rustic cracker decorated with festive gnomes - perfect for someone special! Each includes personalised photo tags, paper hat, rocket balloon, corny joke, and a personalised keyring.

We will be in touch to request your photos ready for the workshop. Please bring paper scissors with you. Happy Christmas

Date: 16 Nov 2025 Time: 2:15-3:15 pm Cost: £20 (materials included)
Location: Langdon Suite, Newbury Rugby Club

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3rd Year

MENCAP GOLF DAY 25TH SEPTEMBER DONNINGTON GROVE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF CLUB NEWBURY



The sun shone for our third annual charity golf day where teams assembled to register and enjoy delicious bacon sandwiches whilst meeting friends and teammates. We had a shotgun start at 9am where each team teed off followed by 18 holes of competitive golf which took the best part of four hours and everyone was ready for a drink at the bar.



A SELECTION OF TEAM AND ACTION SHOTS AROUND THE COURSE TO GIVE A FEEL FOR THE DAY

We finished off the day with a delicious buffet lunch and prize giving. The winning team won Champagne magnums and one of our coveted bird box trophies made in house at our Adult day services work project. Second prize was our wonderful coasters and magnums of red wine and third prize won magnums of rose.



A big thank you to Tom Fleming and his team for their support planning the event and help on the day including Simon the chef who put on a delicious buffet for us all. Thanks to the competitors who supported us many have been to all three and hopefully you will join us next year too on May 15th.

We had wonderful support in the community donating prizes for the raffle, silent auction and on course competitions. The quality of the prizes helped us to raise over £6,000 on the day which will go directly to the charity to purchase the new wheelchair lift for the Shepherds hut.



SAVE THE DATE
FOR NEXT YEAR 15TH MAY 2026

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A GARDEN TO ENJOY

Commercial property business CBRE gave their time and energy on 14th August to renovate the outdoor space at Stella Maris our supported living accommodation in central Newbury.

What was an unattractive unusable space has been transformed into a pretty dining area, decked seating area, and shed to store equipment tidily.

overgrown
wasteland



piled up cleaning
equipment



tired overgrown
borders



Marek Trzeciak, Stuart Fox, Simon Tolma and Richard Grimsdale-Yates



CBRE volunteers Lottie Stacey and Jo Solly



Rob Stevens, Accent Services volunteer

CBRE VOLOUTEERS CREATE A RELAXING OUTDOOR SPACE FOR MENCAP SUPPORTED LIVING RESIDENTS AND STAFF



CBRE
volunteers

"THANK YOU VERY MUCH"



Michelle Greenfield (head of supported living), Suzie Empson (Events West Berkshire Mencap), Rob Warne (CBRE) and Karen Ausmus (West Berks Mencap)



Rob Stevens, Richard Bench and Lee Pritchard

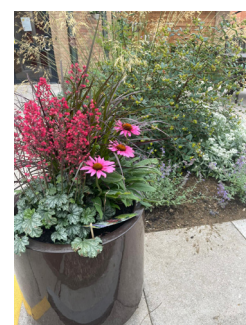
Beverly Shillingham spearheaded the project and said that every staff member is given 2 days a year to volunteer in a worthwhile activity. The team have enjoyed and feel satisfaction from working on this project. Some of our suppliers donated plants time and money to help make it a success



Staff enjoying the new
decked seating area



Revitalised
dining area



Renewed
borders

Shaw House CHRISTMAS SALE

7th December 11-3pm

WEST BERKSHIRE MENCAP CARDS, GIFTWRAP,
GIFTS, WREATHS AND TOY TOMBOLA



WREATH MAKING AT CHILDREY VILLAGE HALL

2nd December

AFTERNOON AND EVENING
SESSIONS AVAILABLE

Festive refreshments

£40 All materials
included



SCAN TO BOOK

Join us for our Annual Charity Race Day at Newbury Races on 27 Feb 2026

Private racegoers restaurant with fantastic
views of the course from the balcony
Delicious 3 course lunch
Unlimited quality wines throughout the day
Afternoon Tea

£170 per person

Please reserve tables by emailing
raceday@wbmenap.org or scan me

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15th May
2026

SAVE THE DATE

West Berkshire Mencap

Annual Golf Day

at Donnington Grove
Championship Golf Course,

£100 per player

Price includes breakfast, lunch
and prize giving

To register a team contact the event planner
suzie.empson@wbmenap.org



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Newbury SEND Parent - Carer Café

Come and join us at our carers café sessions at the Mencap
Centre. Meet other SEND carers and parents to share friendship
and support one another. Hot drinks and cakes available with
crafts activities and lots of friendly chat.



Autumn Term

11.00-12.30pm

2025

17th Oct 7th Nov
21st Nov 5th Dec



Dance Club

for children with additional needs

All Abilities Welcome

Ages 5-18



23rd October

13th November

27th November

11th December

MESSING ABOUT ON THE WATER

Chair of West Berkshire Mencap Graeme Leech with the
help of BRUCE BOATS took some of our Adult Service
users for a super sunny day out on the Kennet and
Avon Canal. What a treat!!



ADULT DAY SERVICES FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

Teams of 6, 70 quizzers, great questions,
and a delicious fish and chip supper -
the perfect ingredients for a fun night
out at the West Berkshire Mencap centre
where £765 was raised for the charity.

Well done to the ADS team for putting
together such an enjoyable event and to
our quizmaster Mike for putting together
an entertaining set of questions.



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