

Name of service/organisation:

# The Huddersfield Support Group for Autism

**Description:**

Support for parents and carers of persons with autism: Regular meetings and events, access to a library of information, books and pamphlets, ongoing consultation with local service providers. We have over 300 members and offer a range of services, including weekly, annual and occasional activities. For more information about our services, please contact us for a support pack (see further information below).

**Client group intended for:**

Parents, carers and young people with autism

**Website:** [www.autismhuddersfield.co.uk](http://www.autismhuddersfield.co.uk)

**Main Contacts:**

Email: [info@autismhuddersfield.co.uk](mailto:info@autismhuddersfield.co.uk) or directly contact one of the Committee members below:

**President: Kate Falkingham**

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Monthly Meetings Kate, Mick, Phil or website

**Events:** Please check out our website for up to date information. Examples include:

Saturday afternoon swimming club for children with a qualified swimming teacher in a private pool session at Huddersfield's Galpharm Stadium. The session lasts one hour starting at 4.00 pm.



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The HSGA Summer Playscheme aims to provide each autistic child with one week of high quality play activities - from swimming, bowling and farm visits to T-shirt making. The playscheme usually runs in the first two weeks of the school summer holiday.

Trips to the Seaside, play-gyms, Magna and Chester Zoo. Since 1997 we have run various very popular annual coach trips.

### **Further Information:**

The HSGA have created a support pack which provides a resource for parents / carers on diagnosis to enable them to make contact with people who 'have been there before them', lists possible sources of help and provides a picture of services for people with autism. This is based on the National Autistic Society's pack with additional local information about schools and local support contacts. For more information please contact HSGA at one of the contact numbers above to receive a support pack or visit their website.



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