

# NEWSLETTER

## **Supporting People With Learning Difficulties**



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## Bromley Well

## Supporting People with Learning Difficulties

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We support people who have a learning disability or learning difficulty through one-to-one appointments, assisting in meetings and contacting organisations. Our approach is to run a person-centred service giving information, guidance and support. The Learning Difficulty Pathway has recently offered support with welfare benefits, grant applications and day-to-day finances at our weekly correspondence drop-in sessions. We also arrange monthly workshops and run a life admin course for people with ADHD.

## **MONTHLY WORKSHOPS**

Our February workshop focused on scams in our local borough and nationwide and was led by Beverley Nicklin, Senior Trading Standards Enforcement Officer.

During the session, we learned about how to protect ourselves both online and in person. A group discussion followed



whereby clients could share their personal experiences on the topic.

Scams Safeguarding information and 'No Cold Caller' stickers are available via Maria or Emma on Fridays at our Station Road Drop-in sessions.





More information on scams and rogue traders can be found on the <u>Bromley Safeguarding</u> <u>Adults Board website</u>.

## **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

Will Writing and Advice Monday 11th March from 10am-12pm at the Bromley Scout Hut.

#### **Voter ID**

Monday 8th April from 10am-12pm at the Bromley Scout Hut.

Phone 020 8466 0790 or Email <u>maria.carver-carter@bromleywell.org.uk</u> to book your place.

## **CORRESPONDENCE DROP-IN**

Every Friday from 10am-12pm or 1-3pm at our Station Road Training Centre. Download the flyer <u>here</u>.



## **OUTREACH**

The team has been busy out and about in the community spreading awareness of the support we can provide to local people. We have left our flyers at various shops and pinned them to community notice boards, allowing us to speak with local businesses about our services. We have made links with the Disability Access Team and Station Manager at Orpington Rail Station and hope to arrange a workshop on accessible travel for people with learning difficulties. We have also spoken with Andersons Vets and hope to organise a future pet care workshop.



Contact SPA (Single Point of Access) for more information: Freephone 0808 278 7898 Email spa@bromleywell.org.uk

# In the News

## ALFIE PYLE: DISABILITY CRICKETER DEFIES BULLIES TO MAKE ENGLAND DEBUT

Pyle, who has a learning disability and a speech impediment, recently became the first cricketer to play for England after coming through the Super 1s programme. However, it could have been a different story as the bullying he endured while at school affected his confidence and stopped him from playing for a while as he couldn't concentrate.



### "I first started playing cricket when I was five and when I got to an older age I played two years above my age," said Pyle.

"Now, I have forgotten about the bullies and I am playing cricket again. I'm proud, everyone's proud of me."

Super 1s was set up by the Lord's Taverners, the United Kingdom's leading youth and disability cricket charity. The programme is targeted at young people aged between 12 and 25 with a disability and gives them the chance to play regular, competitive cricket.

The 21-year-old batter has spent four years with Super 1s and has reaped the rewards of it. After impressing there as a player, not only has he broken into Sussex's D40 side, he has also got international recognition, playing for England's learning disability side in a tri-series against Australia and South Africa. Read the full article on <u>BBC Sport website</u>.