

Newsletter

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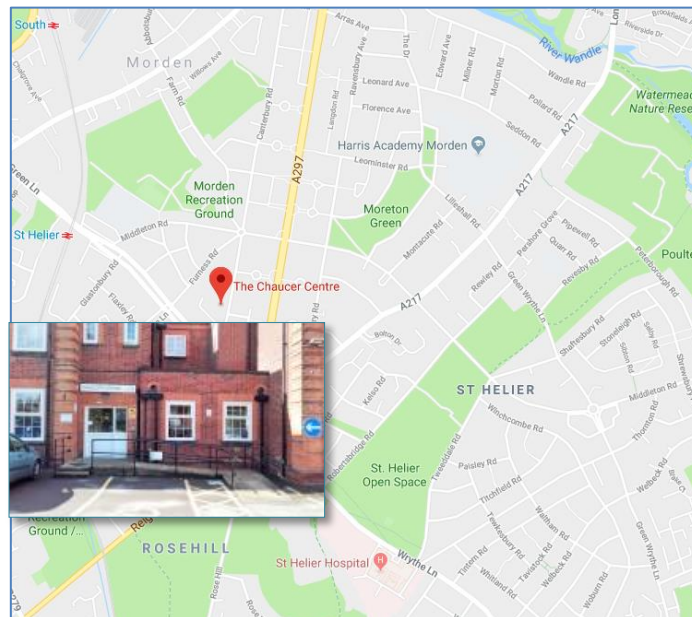
With contributions from Merton Mencap Staff

MERTON MENCAP OFFICE MOVE

Our offices are now at...

The Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Road, Morden, SM4 6PX

- Our new **phone numbers** and **email addresses** are on our website - <http://www.mertonmencap.org.uk/contact.htm>
- Our old phone numbers will be forwarded to us for a few months as will our old email addresses but please make a note of the new ones as soon as possible.
- The building has a **Café**, **disabled lift** and ample **free parking**.
- By public transport use bus **157 to Helier Avenue stop** and then a 6 minute walk or **Thameslink to St Helier Station** then a 12 minute walk.



Please drop by and visit us soon

Why did we move?

1. The Wilson Hospital is due to be redeveloped so **our tenure was insecure** and there has been very little new investment in the building or its support services for many years
2. Our **rent was about to triple** which would have put Merton Mencap out of business

BUT we have extra costs at our new location such as postage, photocopying and meeting space.

Please help us with a donation- for ways to donate see page 2

New Services

OUR NEW CAFÉ STARTS SOON!

Following from the success of our Monday Café at the Holy Trinity Church, Wimbledon, we are planning to open a second Café on Thursdays at the same venue.

We are registering our new participants right now – if your young person or adult with a learning disability or autism receives a personal budget from Adult Social Care and wishes to enroll for a skills-based role at our Café, please **CONTACT US** now.

We now have Big Lottery Funding to run a **SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT** project from our Café which we will be starting in the Autumn term. Please tell people about these new services.

CONTACT: Ruth Abbott on 020 3963 0596 or pma@mertonmencap.org.uk

ACES AUTISM CLUBS

Merton Mencap runs a youth club on Thursday evenings, 6.30pm, at Phipps Bridge Youth Centre for people with high functioning autism who are socially isolated and therefore at risk of developing mental health issues.

It very successful but we still have spaces for more young people and for more young volunteers (all expenses paid).

Our **18 – 25 ACES Club** will be starting in the Autumn - we are registering potential new participants NOW!

We hope to facilitate lasting friendships and will support our young adults to meet together outside club times by offering ideas, structure and, of course, encouragement.

CONTACT: Niki Lowe on 020 3963 0599 or info@mertonmencap.org.uk

MOVERS & MAKERS PLAY SCHEME

A new play scheme is being run in holiday periods for children ages 6 – 12 with mild to moderate disabilities.

At present, this service is for self-funders although we accept childcare vouchers and residents of Wandsworth may receive a discount through their short breaks offer. The cost is £70 per day with a 10% discount for booking 5 sessions or more. The Wandsworth discount reduces this to around £12 per day.

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Merton Mencap's 2018 Annual General Meeting is coming soon.

Information will be posted on our website as soon as a date and venue have been agreed.

Please contact Niki Lowe if you would like to attend.

Ways to Donate to Merton Mencap...

- £ A **sponsored challenge** using the Merton Mencap [Just Giving](#) page
- £ Simply press the **Donate Now** button on the [Merton Mencap](#) website
- £ Become a **voting member** with an optional [Membership Contribution](#)
- £ **Sponsor a person** to attend our services
- £ **Leave a legacy** (we can suggest simple wording to add to your will)
- £ **Easyfundraising.org.uk** -donate as you shop
- £ **Amazon Smile** -donate as you shop

ALL donations make a real difference... however small.

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