

About Us

Sunbeams Play is a registered charity, which provides a fun, safe and caring environment for children and young people with ASD aged 3 to 19 years to thrive. We understand how difficult it can be for them to engage in mainstream activities due to a variety of social needs and anxieties. At Sunbeams Play they can relax and play in a comfortable environment, alongside or with others who have similar needs.

As our members reached the age of 19 we discovered there was nowhere they could comfortably move on to. Our Youth Club has been set up to provide a similar environment for those up to the age of 21, while enabling our older members to begin to transition into a wider community, experience new situations and develop skills needed as an adult.

Our vision remains the same:
'A world in which children and young people with Autism are celebrated'

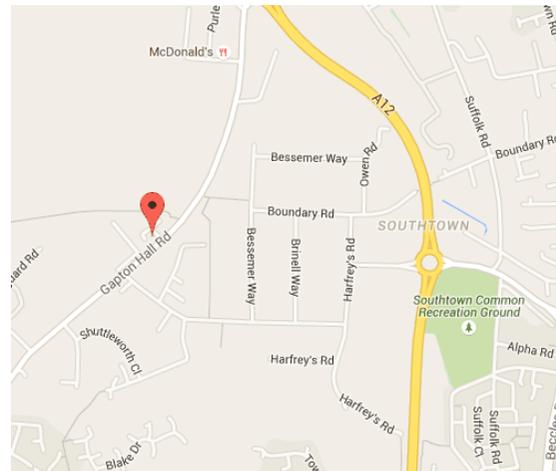
With this in mind we continue to encourage social inclusion, acceptance and awareness of others needs, views and ideas while recognising the need for self regulation, physical and emotional well-being, raising confidence, self-esteem and future prospects as they move on into the wider community and a working environment.

Sessions run on Tuesdays 5.30-8.30
£9 per session
Refreshments available

Sunbeams Play

A haven for children and young people with Autism

Where to find us
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<http://www.sunbeamsplay.org.uk>



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Youth Group



A fun and safe environment for young people 16-21 years old with Autism

For more information or to book a visit please call:
07436 794967 or 01493 442181
(Please note this is not a drop in service)

Wii Console

While some believe video games and technology are isolating, many of the games played require social interaction and provide an opportunity for joint attention and shared interests with their peers.



Along with social difficulties many young people affected by autism may also experience difficulties with their fine and gross motor skills.

Games that rely upon motion control like the Nintendo Wii provide opportunities for practicing gross motor control and strengthening fine motor skills, coordination and spatial awareness.

Apart from simply having fun there are many other benefits including hand-eye coordination, visual processing, use of multi-skills, turn taking, social rules and cues, team building and problem solving. Use is monitored to prevent isolation.

Movies

Sunbeams' big screen and projector are ideal for those more relaxing times providing young people attending the opportunity and watch a movie and enjoy popcorn or a snack with their peers.

Games

We have a large range of board games from chess to Jumanji; Scalextric, Lego Technic, pool, table football, art and craft and an outside area for football and basketball or to simply sit and relax.

Life Skills

We realise the need for those attending to feel safe and to be able to look forward moving on into the adult world. With this in mind we will be providing life skills sessions including:

- Money management
- Planning and budgeting
- Food hygiene
- Cooking a meal
- Healthy life styles
- Safety awareness
- Personal hygiene
- Social skills
- CV writing, apply for jobs
- Basic home care and much more.

Warhammer

Warhammer and Warhammer 40k is a popular, table top strategic, turn based battle game enabling players to build and command a mix of armies from humans, elves and orcs to a variety of strange creatures all with different stats and abilities.



Unlike a board game, where players' are restricted to set rules and movements, Warhammer 'gamers' freely manoeuvre their characters and armies, set distances using rulers and the luck of the dice.

We will be running the games workshops school alliance programme combining fun with the opportunity for social interaction in combination with learning mathematical and literacy skills. Warhammer extends beyond the game itself, enabling players to develop modelling and painting skills as they build and paint their miniature figures and vehicles, increasing patience, focus, fine motor, imagination and artistic skills.