










# Parkinson's News and Information




From Sudbury Independent Parkinson's Group





Resource	Links
 <p><b>West Suffolk Community Parkinson's Service</b></p> <p><i>This service covers all those individuals registered with a West Suffolk GP, and those registered with an East Suffolk GP, but are receiving their Neurology service from West Suffolk Hospital.</i></p> <p><i>There are three Parkinson's Nurse Specialists (PNS) working closely with the Neurologists, as well as with all the therapy services you may encounter, voluntary agencies and wider health and social care providers.</i></p>	<p>Ivy Smith Phone: 01284 748841 Email: <a href="mailto:Ivy.Smith@wsh.nhs.uk">Ivy.Smith@wsh.nhs.uk</a></p> <p>Emily Skyrme PNS Phone: 01284 713718 Email: <a href="mailto:Emily.skyrme@wsh.nhs.uk">Emily.skyrme@wsh.nhs.uk</a></p> <p>Sarah-Jayne Moore PNS, Advanced Practitioner Phone: 01284 713718 Email: <a href="mailto:Sarah-Jayne.Moore@wsh.nhs.uk">Sarah-Jayne.Moore@wsh.nhs.uk</a></p>
 <p><b>NHS New Medicines Service (via your pharmacist)</b></p> <p><i>If you're prescribed a medicine to treat a long-term condition for the first time, you may be able to get extra help and advice about your medicine from your local pharmacist through a free scheme called the New Medicine Service (NMS).</i></p> <p><i>People often have problems when they start a new medicine. As part of the scheme, the pharmacist will support you over several weeks to use the medicine safely and to best effect.</i></p> <p><i>The service is only available to people using certain medicines. In some cases where there's a problem and a solution cannot be found between you and the pharmacist, you'll be referred back to your doctor.</i></p>	<p>For more information visit the link below: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/prescriptions-and-pharmacies/pharmacies/new-medicine-service-nms/">https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/prescriptions-and-pharmacies/pharmacies/new-medicine-service-nms/</a></p> <p>Alternatively, search "NHS New Medicines Service" on Google</p>


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 <p><b>Suffolk Family Carers</b> Living Fuller Lives</p> <p><b>Suffolk Family Carers</b></p> <p><i>Suffolk Family Carers can offer advice and guidance, workshops and courses, a listening ear, support in hospitals and helping you find time for yourself.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Supplying you with information, advice and guidance relevant to your caring role</i></li><li>• <i>Offering you the chance to join FREE workshops and courses</i></li><li>• <i>1:1 support through our emotional and wellbeing service</i></li><li>• <i>Telephone befriending service for those who need someone to talk to</i></li><li>• <i>Signposting and referrals to other services</i></li></ul>	<p>Visit their website: <a href="https://suffolkfamilycarers.org/">https://suffolkfamilycarers.org/</a></p>
 <p><b>Suffolk County Council</b></p> <p><b>Suffolk County Council</b></p> <p>Equipment to help you stay independent.</p>	<p>Visit their website: <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/care-and-support-for-adults/help-to-stay-at-home/equipment">https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/care-and-support-for-adults/help-to-stay-at-home/equipment</a></p>
 <p><b>Parkinson's Care and Support UK</b></p> <p><i>Parkinson's Care and Support UK (PCSUK) is a UK based charity that focuses on improving the lives of those affected by Parkinson's, whilst they are alive.</i></p>	<p>Visit their website: <a href="https://parkinsonscare.org.uk/">https://parkinsonscare.org.uk/</a></p>


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 <p><b>Parkinson's UK</b></p> <p><i>Parkinson's UK is the largest charity funder of research into Parkinson's in the UK. It funds research aimed at finding better treatments and improving the understanding of Parkinson's and its causes. It raises money through donations, legacies, community fundraising, events and corporate partnerships. The charity offers support and information to people affected by Parkinson's, their families and carers through a network of 350 local groups.</i></p>	<p>Visit their website: <a href="http://www.parkinsons.org.uk">www.parkinsons.org.uk</a></p> <p>Call their Confidential Helpline: 0808 8000303</p> <p>Email them: <a href="mailto:hello@parkinson's.org.uk">hello@parkinson's.org.uk</a></p> <p>Find them on Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/parkinsonsuk/">https://www.facebook.com/parkinsonsuk/</a></p> <p>Parkinson's UK offers an online session for newly diagnosed people to outline the support offered by Parkinson's UK. It's also an opportunity to talk to others who are newly diagnosed. Numbers will be small (12 or so) to ensure interaction. Where: Online via Zoom Booking: See their <a href="#">webpage</a> to book in to the latest session and for future session dates Cost: Free Any questions, please feel free to contact Linny Rubra at <a href="mailto:lrubra@parkinsons.org.uk">lrubra@parkinsons.org.uk</a></p> <p>Your Parkinson's Diagnosis - what you wish you had asked webinar When: Tuesday 30 April, 7 pm Where: Online via Zoom What: Since your diagnosis, there may be things you wish you had asked. Now is your chance! Join our webinar on Tuesday 30 April for people recently diagnosed with Parkinson's, their families and friends. This webinar may have large numbers of people listening in, it's not a discussion group in contrast to the Welcome Session outlined above. Our panel of experts includes specialists and people with lived experience of Parkinson's. They will be there to answer your questions about Parkinson's (for example tips on taking medication, exercise, support with finance or employment, symptoms or the impact on driving). Join us, bring your questions, or send them in advance on the booking form. How to join: Book your place on <a href="#">Eventbrite</a>. Contact: <a href="mailto:newlydiagnosed@parkinsons.org.uk">newlydiagnosed@parkinsons.org.uk</a></p>

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 <p><b>PSP Association</b></p> <p><i>The only UK charity dedicated to creating a better future for people living with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) and Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD).</i></p>	<p>Visit their website: <a href="https://www.pspassociation.org.uk/">https://www.pspassociation.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Call their helpline: 0300 0110 122</p> <p>Or email: <a href="mailto:helpline@pspassociation.org.uk">helpline@pspassociation.org.uk</a></p> <p>Useful resources blog: <a href="https://benlazpsp.com/2025/11/13/key-resources-for-psp-guides-caregiver-support-practical-help-online-communities/">https://benlazpsp.com/2025/11/13/key-resources-for-psp-guides-caregiver-support-practical-help-online-communities/</a></p>
 <p><b>Movers and Shakers: A podcast about life with Parkinson's</b></p> <p><i>Rory Cellan-Jones, Mark Mardell, Nick Moysten, Jeremy Paxman, Gillian Lacey-Solymar and Paul Mayhew-Archer discuss their lives with Parkinson's.</i></p> <p><i>They generally discuss a new subject every week (eg. diet, voice, sleep).</i></p> <p><i>Summaries of some of the podcasts can now be downloaded as a pdf fact sheet from their Facebook pages.</i></p>	<p>Click <a href="#">here</a> to listen on your computer</p> <p>or</p> <p>Listen on your phone by searching 'Movers and Shakers' on your favourite podcast app.</p> <p>You can also find it online searching "Movers and Shakers Podcast" on Google.</p> <p>You can also join their <a href="#">Facebook Group</a></p> <p>They also now have a website: <a href="http://www.moversandshakerspodcast.com">www.moversandshakerspodcast.com</a></p>
 <p><b>Citizens Advice Sudbury &amp; South Suffolk</b></p> <p><i>Offers help with applying for blue badges and benefits.</i></p>	<p>Visit their website: <a href="http://www.sudburycab.org.uk">www.sudburycab.org.uk</a></p> <p>Telephone: 01787 321400</p> <p>In Person: Keyse House, Acton Lane, Sudbury, CO10 1QN</p>

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 <p><b>Parkinson's at Kings - Centre of Excellence in Parkinson's and Movement Disorders</b></p> <p><i>The group focuses on high quality clinical and translational work addressing non motor aspects of Parkinson's disease (PD) regarded and listed as a key unmet need by NICE.</i></p>	<p>Visit their website: <a href="https://parkinsons-london.co.uk/">https://parkinsons-london.co.uk/</a></p>
 <p><b>Cure Parkinson's UK</b></p> <p><i>Cure Parkinson's has funded millions of pounds of research, made scientific discoveries and opened new avenues of research.</i></p> <p><i>They have made enormous strides in involving people with Parkinson's in research and given hope to many who are living with the disease. Their innovative approach – which has led to collaborations with the world's leading researchers and their inspirational work, combined with the active support of thousands of people living with Parkinson's around the world – is bringing us closer to a cure for Parkinson's.</i></p>	<p>Visit their website: <a href="https://cureparkinsons.org.uk/">https://cureparkinsons.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Find them on Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/cureparkinsons">https://www.facebook.com/cureparkinsons</a></p>
 <p><b>John van Geest Centre for Brain Repair, Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge</b></p> <p><i>Leading research under Professor Roger Barker and Dr Caroline Williams-Grey. They are focusing on the role of the immune system in Parkinson's. Some of our members have been participating in research.</i></p>	<p>Visit their website: <a href="http://www.thebarkerwilliamsgraylab.co.uk">www.thebarkerwilliamsgraylab.co.uk</a></p> <p>Join them on Facebook: <a href="#">The Barker/Williams-Grey Lab</a></p>

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 <p><b>The Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research</b></p> <p>The Michael J. Fox Foundation is dedicated to finding a cure for Parkinson's disease through an aggressively funded research agenda and to ensuring the development of improved therapies for those living with Parkinson's today.</p>	<p>Visit their website: <a href="https://www.michaeljfox.org/">https://www.michaeljfox.org/</a></p>
 <p><b>Alexander Technique Works with Andrea Walsh MSTAT</b></p> <p><i>Find out details of our course with Andrea on our <a href="#">Alexander Technique dedicated page.</a></i></p>	<p>Visit Andrea's Website: <a href="http://www.alexandertechniqueworks.co.uk">www.alexandertechniqueworks.co.uk</a></p> <p>Email Andrea: andrea@alexandertechniqueworks.co.uk</p> <p>Call Andrea: 07949083629</p>
<h1 data-bbox="113 1227 464 1290">BeechBand</h1>  <p><b>Beechband</b></p> <p><i>BeechBand is a gentle, wrist-worn device designed to support brain learning and nervous system regulation over time.</i></p>	<p>Visit their website: <a href="http://www.beechband.com">www.beechband.com</a></p> <p>BeechBand also offer the BeechBuddy app which turns your smartwatch into a tactile cueing device, similar to the BeechBand.</p> <p>The group have kindly been gifted six BeechBands free of charge for our members to try. Please let John Lane know if you would like to borrow one.</p>
 <p><b>Charco Neurotech</b></p> <p><b><i>A non-invasive device for Parkinson's</i></b></p>	<p>Visit their website: <a href="https://charconeurotech.com/">https://charconeurotech.com/</a></p> <p>Unfortunately, the CUE1+ is not currently available for sale. Although, we understand that they are still</p>

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<p><i>The CUE1+ utilises pulsed cueing and high-frequency focused vibrotactile stimulation to alleviate symptoms including slowness, stiffness, rigidity, freezing of gait, and more.</i></p> <p><i>Developed by a team of designers, engineers, and clinicians, the CUE1+ offers a novel, non-invasive approach to improving quality of life for people with Parkinson's, with the simple push of a button.</i></p>	<p>providing customer support for those who have made a purchase in the past.</p>
<p><b>Careium UK Limited</b></p> <p><b>Personal alarms with 24/7 support</b></p> <p><b>These may be available free through Suffolk CC if you meet the needs outlined in the Care Act – see Suffolk CC link above with savings of less than £23,250</b></p>	<p>Visit their website:  <a href="https://www.careium.co.uk/?utm_term=&amp;utm_campaign=Performance+Max+-+Searched+for&amp;utm_source=adwords&amp;utm_medium=ppc&amp;hsa_acc=8583656680&amp;hsa_cam=17039930544&amp;hsa_grp=&amp;hsa_ad=&amp;hsa_src=x&amp;hsa_tgt=&amp;hsa_kw=&amp;hsa_mt=&amp;hsa_net=adwords&amp;hsa_ver=3&amp;qad_source=1&amp;qclid=EAlalQobChMIw8vZ8b_lhgMVyolQBh3WaAKGEAAYASAAEglrefD_BwE">https://www.careium.co.uk/?utm_term=&amp;utm_campaign=Performance+Max+-+Searched+for&amp;utm_source=adwords&amp;utm_medium=ppc&amp;hsa_acc=8583656680&amp;hsa_cam=17039930544&amp;hsa_grp=&amp;hsa_ad=&amp;hsa_src=x&amp;hsa_tgt=&amp;hsa_kw=&amp;hsa_mt=&amp;hsa_net=adwords&amp;hsa_ver=3&amp;qad_source=1&amp;qclid=EAlalQobChMIw8vZ8b_lhgMVyolQBh3WaAKGEAAYASAAEglrefD_BwE</a></p>
 <p>University of Essex</p> <p><b>University of Essex</b></p> <p><i>Six-week course of workshops, including community forum, rehabilitation session and an educational talk.</i></p>	<p>To register:          Telephone: 01206 872460          Email: <a href="mailto:healthwellbeingcare@essex.ac.uk">healthwellbeingcare@essex.ac.uk</a></p> <p>We understand that this is a free course.</p>

 <p><b>Poets with Parkinson's</b></p> <p><i>The Wall was built in December 2022 as a new and safe home for poets from all over the world who are living with Parkinson's Disease.</i></p>	<p><b>Visit their website:</b> <a href="http://www.poetswall.com">www.poetswall.com</a></p>
<p><b>“Paxman – Putting Up with Parkinson’s” Documentary</b></p> <p><i>Investigative journalist Jeremy Paxman reveals the real impact of his Parkinson's disease and investigates the myths surrounding the illness.</i></p>	<p>Available on ITVX via your smart TV</p> <p>or</p> <p><a href="#">Watch here online</a></p>
<p><b>“Still: A Michael J. Fox Movie”</b></p> <p><i>A 2023 American documentary film directed by Davis Guggenheim about the life of actor Michael J. Fox and his struggle with Parkinson's disease.</i></p>	<p>Available on Apple+ TV (Subscription required)</p>
<p><b>“Barbara Thompson – Playing Against Time”</b></p> <p><i>A moving and powerful exploration of Parkinson's Disease seen through the prism of music, featuring the virtuoso UK jazz saxophonist/composer Barbara Thompson and her husband, drummer John Hiseman.</i></p>	<p>Watch on YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIVKYkvhUXg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIVKYkvhUXg</a></p> <p>or</p> <p>Search “Barbara Thompson Playing Against Time” in the search field on YouTube</p>
<p><b>Other news and information</b></p>	

Other useful websites include:

- [Parkinson's Europe](#)
- [MovementDisorders.org](#)
- [PSP Association](#)
- [Interactions between Levodopa and Food – What to Avoid](#)