

Multiply Newsletter January 2024

Happy new year and welcome to the January addition of our bi-monthly newsletter from the Multiply Team at Wiltshire Council. We would like to share our latest information, courses, and events with you.

What is Multiply?

Multiply is here to support adults (aged 19+) without GCSE maths at grade 4 (previously known as a C grade) or for those with a Grade 4/C if they feel they are not working at that level anymore. You can access free courses through Multiply to build your confidence with numbers and perhaps gain a qualification: www.workwiltshire.co.uk/multiply

Spotlight – What's on this Month



Prospect Training Services

Prospect Training Services are offering free **online short courses** for you to complete at a time to suit you. The modules available include money and calculations, column addition and subtraction and handling data. They are an excellent way to refresh your memory and brush up on basic maths subjects. You can complete as many as you want, and they can all be done in your own time.

To find out more and sign up to a course please follow this link: [Home \(dreams-lms.com\)](http://Home(dreams-lms.com)) or visit our website www.workwiltshire.co.uk/online-learning/



Wiltshire College and University Centre

Wiltshire College are taking applications for learners to enrol on their new course, **Basic Maths**. Basic Maths is a flexible, part-time course which can be taught online by a tutor and in-person.

The Basic Maths: Multiply programme will give you the confidence and upskill you in various maths topics. You'll gain knowledge by building basic numeracy maths skills that you use in everyday life situations such as, banking, shopping, money, utility bills, cooking and gardening. With the topics covered being tailored to your learning groups needs.

To find out more or enrol on the course please visit: [Basic Maths: Multiply | Wiltshire College & University Centre](#)



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Wild Figures is a brand new 6 week course starting 19th February 2024 from 11:00-14:30. The six-week programme aims to improve number skills, wellbeing, and connection to nature and will be held at Green Lane Woods, Trowbridge.

Please click on the link for more information about the course: [Wild Figures | Wiltshire Wildlife Trust](#)



Chippenham Community Hub

Chippenham Community Hub will be starting a new 6 week course to help you gain number confidence. The courses are bespoke to their learners and ran by a friendly, trained member of the team. Come along to the Hub from the 15th of January to register your interest in the course. Find out more here: [Community Help | Chippenham Community Hub | England \(chippenhamhub.com\)](#)

Case Study



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Fairfield College

Our partners at Fairfield started delivery of their Multiply project in May 2023. The project aims to improve numeracy skills and confidence for the adults that work in the café at Fairfield Animal Centre in Southwick, Trowbridge.

Case Study 2 – ‘Annabel’

Annabel has been working in the café for a while. She has been cleaning tables and replenishing stock. Since starting the numeracy project, she has developed an understanding of time and dates. She can identify the current date and compare it to the “use by date” on food items. Annabel is also able to do stock rotation independently and can identify which foods can no longer be used. This also helps her in supported living when she must make her own meals. Annabel is now able to tell the time, so knows how long she has to complete tasks and is better at organising her day. She is also starting to understand the importance of money, and this makes her less vulnerable financially.

What else have we been up to?

Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Council Careers Fair

Thursday 25th January 12:30 - 17:30
County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge

We would like to invite you to join us at our Wiltshire Council In-House Careers fair. We have several in-house services exhibiting as well as external exhibitors at the event who are all ready to talk about what they do and what they can offer you.

For more information please click [here](#).



Offender Provision

Multiply delivery at HMP Erlestoke began in October 2023, providing number confidence to those wanting to improve their skills in numeracy.

Delivery is inhouse, working with groups of three individuals to assist them in their confidence and ability with numeracy. The learners work through easy to navigate booklets and number games in a relaxed and engaging environment. Multiply delivery in HMP Erlestoke is tailored to work with the individuals needs to improve their overall confidence and knowledge around money, time, basic addition and subtraction and budgeting.

How can you get involved?

Did you know, **49%** of adults of working-age have the maths skills of a primary aged child?

If you think you could benefit from upskilling in maths but don't know where to start, why not take the numeracy 'Challenge'. The Challenge is a short quiz that focuses on your maths confidence, will look at your current skills and then identify where you might need to start on your learning journey.

Get started by visiting www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/challenge/wcaq or scan the QR code.



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

For more information about Multiply please visit our website www.workwiltshire.co.uk/multiply or email us at Multiply@wiltshire.gov.uk

Our next bi-monthly newsletter will be available in March 2024.
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