



Multiply Newsletter September 2024

Hello and welcome to the September 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.

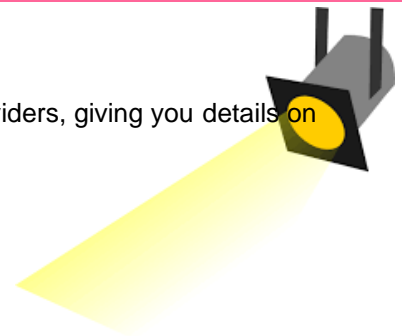
What is Multiply?

Multiply is a fully funded government scheme running until March 2025 that offers maths courses to adults aged 19 and over. All our courses and advice are **free**. For more information, please visit www.workwiltshire.co.uk/multiply

Monthly Spotlight – What’s on this Month

Each month, we will be shining a spotlight on some of our fantastic Multiply Providers, giving you details on what courses they are delivering and anything new they have coming up soon.

Introducing this month’s selection:



Building Bridges

Building Bridges help people overcome barriers to education and employment across Wiltshire and Swindon. They offer guidance and support to those who feel ready to enter/re-enter into the workplace. As a Multiply partner, they will be having conversations with individuals about the emphasis that employers put upon the importance of good numeracy skills in the workplace, with a view to supporting individuals to access maths courses to improve their skills as needed.

Go to www.buildingbridgessw.org.uk for more information.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Wild Figures is a 6 week course starting Monday 30th September – 4th November from 11:00-14:30 in Salisbury.

The programme includes a free six-week outdoors course, including a range of activities to support people’s wellbeing and improve number confidence, such as budgeting, supporting children or grandchildren with maths, timekeeping, reading timetables, etc. A chance to relax in nature and practice hands on practical ways such as wildlife ID and monitoring, tree planting, bird and bat box building, green woodworking, mindfulness in nature and journaling.

Please click on the links for more information about the course:

[Wild Figures - Work Wiltshire](#)

[Salisbury Wild Figures Leaflet](#)



Wiltshire Libraries

Get supported!

Learning how and where to get advice on everyday maths skills can be daunting but if you come to Chippenham Library you can get one to one support just for you. Our advice sessions are free and relaxed, you can have a cuppa and a slice of cake whilst we chat about what you're looking for. Our digital support volunteers are on hand to show you how to use the library learning tools and access all the free face to face and online courses available through Multiply. At the end of the session, you'll go home with details of everything that is available for you and receive a £30 e-voucher for taking part.

To find out more about either of these activities, you can pop into Chippenham Library, call us on 01249 650536, or email libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk

Click here to view the our flyer: [Maths Advice Sessions at Chippenham Library - Work Wiltshire](#)

National Numeracy: Checktember

We're delighted to join National Numeracy for #Checktember!

Feeling confident with numbers helps us in all areas of life – from getting on at work to managing your money. Many of us struggle with numbers, but you are not alone, and you can improve with the right support.



This September, we'd like to encourage everyone to spend 10 mins a day improving their numeracy using the National Numeracy Challenge online learning tool.

Give it a go! www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/challenge/wcaq

Find out more about #Checktember here: [#Checktember](#)

What else have we been up to?



Job Centre Plus events

The Multiply team will be attending the Job Centre's Recruitment Events in Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge

These will be held in during September, October and November on various days between 10:00-12:00. Please get in touch with the Job Centre to find out more:

Telephone: 0800 169 0190 or 0845 608 8551

[Chippenham](#)
[Devizes](#)
[Trowbridge](#)



Thriving on a Shoestring

A member of the team attended Safer and Supportive Salisbury's 'Thriving on a Shoestring' event on 6th September at Salisbury's Guild Hall.

It's always great to go out and showcase the courses and support that we have to offer!

Find out more about this event and Safer and Supportive Salisbury here: [Thriving on a Shoestring](#)

How can you get Involved?

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

Having confidence in your maths skills can help you in many practical ways, such as helping your child with their homework, managing your own personal finances, budgeting and boost your employment opportunities.

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, 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 December.

The Multiply Team

