



For families who have children  
with additional needs



Allsorts – celebrating 10 years of fun!

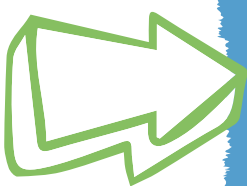
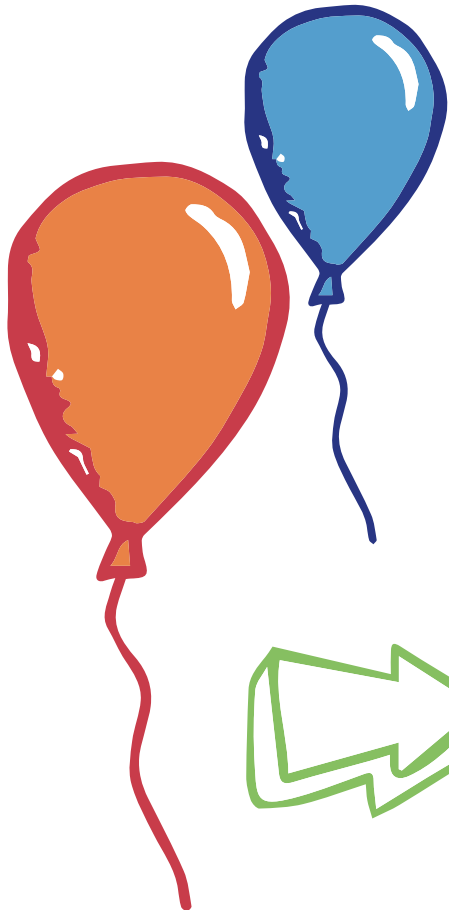


# ABOUT ALLSORTS



We have come a long way since small beginnings in 2009, and now provide thousands of hours of fun to children and young people every year. But there are still 100's of families with disabled children in Gloucestershire who need access to activities and support.

**Allsorts supports over 300 disabled children** and their families in Gloucestershire. We are based in the district of Stroud where we have an inclusive Toy Library and Play Space, with a wide range of toys and equipment available to hire. Members can come and relax in our sensory and music rooms and meet with other families in our cosy social space.



We also offer Youth Clubs, a Toddlers Group, a Parent and Carer Group, a Grandparents Group, Music Workshops, Family-based activities and trips, Holiday Play Schemes, a Health and Fitness Programme and an inclusive Sports Programme.

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# ALLSORTS MEMBERS



"I'm Helen and I'm 23. I do archery, youth club and yoga with Allsorts. Now I'm helping at the Toy Library on Friday mornings. Allsorts means a lot because it has been part of my life since I was little and I played with the toys at the toy library. So it's been part of all the different parts of my life and it's been fun because I love Allsorts. Especially when I get to see my friends at youth club."

**Helen Lennox**



"I like lol dolls, playing robloks and gacha where you make characters and make them have poses. Gacha life is my favourite gacha game. My favourite food is pasta. My favourite thing about Allsorts is the trips. I like fun trips, of course, I like very fun trips. I also like my youth club when I get to see all my friends. Also it gives me something to do every other Saturday. I love the toy library too."

**Destiny Pace**



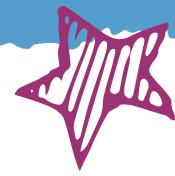
"I'm proud to say that I was part of Allsorts from the very beginning. It was great to build my confidence again after giving up work to look after my son, John. I don't need to tell you that being a mum of child with special needs brings a whole new set of challenges, but at least when it comes to trips, leisure, toys and sport, I know that Allsorts can offer opportunities to my precious boy that he just can't get in the mainstream world. Now Allsorts is entering a new and exciting phase. I have been blown away by the new premises; there are so many possibilities and plans. Everyone involved should be proud, because we are all a part of it. So, from John and I, Happy Birthday and thanks Allsorts. I can't wait to see what we will do in the next 10 years. Bring it on!"

**Jo Colliver**



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All entries will be featured in our 10th Anniversary Exhibition.




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# MEET OUR MEMBERS




"I'm overjoyed to be writing a few words on the 10th anniversary of Allsorts. It only seems like yesterday that we were having discussions round kitchen tables. As Chairperson for the first few years, I was so proud to work with such a fantastic and enthusiastic team. Allsorts has continued to go from strength to strength and it's a credit to staff and volunteers past and present, still making that important difference for families who have children with additional needs".

**Gareth Davies**



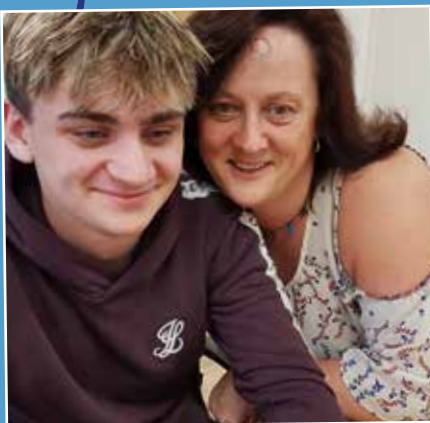
"Allsorts started around a kitchen table as there was very little available for families like ours, so we thought we'd just give it a go! We worked really hard as trustees to build the charity, then as the funding came in we were able to employ more staff and the charity took on a life of its own. The activities now are far more fun and imaginative than we ever thought. It really is a dynamic, fun and positive community and I hope it will continue to thrive for many years to come."

**Rachel Levay**



"I would compare Allsorts to a tree! 10 years ago Allsorts was like a sapling. A separate toy library and support group with some ideas of how to grow. It certainly has grown since, branched out and flourished, now offering a huge range of services to families and young people with links to children with additional needs. Well done Allsorts an amazing 10 years."

**Jane Bermingham**




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We are currently providing opportunities for 15 disabled young people to work or volunteer with us

## HOW YOU CAN HELP




Over the next three years, we would like to be able to support an additional 300 children. We would love you to help us do this by celebrating our birthday in one of the following ways...

1. Donate. It's quick and easy and comes directly to Allsorts [www.allsortsglos.org.uk/donate](http://www.allsortsglos.org.uk/donate)
2. Take part in our 10th Anniversary Firewalk on 27th September
3. Give up a vice. Whether it's chocolate or social media, ask your friends to sponsor you and we'll support you every step of the way!
4. Attend our Birthday Bash at Gloucester Cathedral on 20th October
5. Do a wingwalk on 30th May. Join our team of daredevils and take to the skies!

6. Draw, write or create something in the centre of this book and send it back to us. All entries will be featured in our 10th Anniversary Exhibition
7. Take on a challenge – running, jumping, cycling, walking or wheeling. Get out and about and raise money too!
8. Come and celebrate at our Family Fun Day on Saturday 24th August
9. Visit our new Toy Library in Stroud
10. Fill up a smarties tube with 20p's. Once you reach the top, you'll have collected £12. This could buy a sensory toy for our Toy Library

Please see our website for more information on the events.





## DID YOU KNOW

Every year, around 150 disabled children take part in our sports clubs

250 individuals enjoyed our family trips in 2018

Over 100 disabled children gain the confidence to try something new through Allsorts every year

Number of members over the years:

2009 – 40 families

2014 – 150 families

2019 – 300 families

Every Saturday, around 125 disabled children and young people have fun with Allsorts!

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