

# September e-news bulletin

Welcome to the September edition of Mind in Taunton and West Somerset's e-news bulletin. We would like this news to reach as many people as possible so do please feel free to forward it on to anyone you know who might be interested. If you have been forwarded this email but would like to be sent it directly every month then please email me at [jom@mindtws.org.uk](mailto:jom@mindtws.org.uk) and I will add you to my mailing list.

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### Mindline secures ongoing funding

Mindline Somerset is delighted to announce funding for the remainder of this financial year and a further two years, kindly agreed with the Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

The funding has come at a crucial time for the helpline as we were beginning to worry about our future. We are very grateful to the Trust for acknowledging the value that we provide to the community of Somerset in providing this vital out of hours resource. The funding is especially welcome as it will allow the development of the service over the next few years, and our ambition of opening again on a Sunday evening will soon be realised.

We are very grateful to all our volunteers for sticking with us, as well as all our supporters both locally and nationally. The whole organisation is thrilled with all these positive developments and hopes that it augurs well for the future.

### Win a Manor House

The West Somerset Inclusion Project is in line for a £20,000 injection of funds through an on-line competition where the prize is a six-bedroom manor house!

Broomhayes Manor in Westward Ho - currently run by Sue and George Panis as a bed and breakfast business - is a detached six bedroom, five bathroom manor house with panoramic views over the sea and Burrows. It has two reception

rooms, conservatory, snooker room, Jacuzzi and landscaped gardens and patios. As well as the main house, there is a one-bedroom annex.

Six months from now, one lucky winner could own it for the cost of a mere £20. Taking part in the competition is simple. Entrants just log on to [www.winadevonmanor.co.uk](http://www.winadevonmanor.co.uk), answer a multiple choice question, choose an entry ticket number and complete a tie-breaker.

## Confidential listening service in Minehead

The West Somerset Inclusion Project in Minehead is offering short-term listening service for people in the region. This will comprise 45-minute weekly sessions over six weeks that people can call their own – some “me time”.

Following an informal initial meeting each person will be matched with a volunteer listener – someone receptive to their needs and wants. Each session will be held at the same time each week, and there will be a charge of £2 per session paid weekly, or £10 for all six sessions if paid in advance. These charges will contribute towards the hire of the room.

The service is totally confidential. For more information you can contact the Minehead office direct on 01643 708765.

## September street collection

On Saturday 6 September held a street collection in Wellington town centre. We were lucky enough to get a good two hours of collecting under our belts before the rain set in and raised just under £150. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day, especially Wendy Wright who collected a whopping £60! We shall be holding further collections over the next six months at various other locations throughout Somerset so if you fancy helping out for an hour or so one Saturday then please let me know.

## Thank yous

Thank you to National Mind for a grant of £14,000 to allow us to employ a Somerset Mind Development Worker.

Thank you to the Europa café in Wellington who kept a collection tin for us and raised over £30.

Thank you to Wessex Water for a donation of £1,000 towards our core running costs.