

## PRESS RELEASE

# World Autism Acceptance Week

Monday 27 March – Sunday 2 April 2023

The Harrogate & District Branch of the National Autistic Society (NAS) is holding an Open Day on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Wesley Centre in Harrogate, in support of World Autism Acceptance Week.

Harrogate & District Branch of the National Autistic Society (NAS) will be in the Wesley Centre in the centre of Harrogate for a fundraising and information day on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm in support of World Autism Acceptance Week. This is a free and public event and everyone is welcome to pop in.

Representatives and users from a range of local providers, support and activity groups for autistic adults & children and their families, will be present to provide information. Also this event is an excellent opportunity to meet and chat with parents and carers of autistic adults & children in an informal and friendly setting. Drinks and light refreshments will be served and there will be a second hand book stall.

The NAS Harrogate branch is a volunteer led branch of the National Autistic Society ([www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)) covering the Harrogate, Craven, Hambleton, Richmondshire districts. With over 700,000 autistic people in the UK, autism touches the lives of many in the area and the aim of the branch is to provide information and support to individuals and groups) and organize and participate in fundraising and campaigning activities. These include running the Springboard Youth Club and supporting a Group for



## Harrogate Branch

covering Harrogate, Craven, Hambleton, Richmondshire

Autistic Girls. Members include professionals working in autism & related fields, parents/carers of autistic adults and children and autistic adults. Plans for this year include an Employment Forum to address the high unemployment amongst autistic adults which is at 21.7% (ONS). The branch receives no external funding and is funded by donations and fundraising activities.

END

Notes to editors and contacts:



For further information please contact the branch by email  
[nasharrogatebranch@nas.org.uk](mailto:nasharrogatebranch@nas.org.uk)

For further information on autism see <https://www.autism.org.uk/>

The Wesley Centre, Oxford Street, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG1 1PP

Information on Autism and the NAS