



thames valley adventure playground
supporting children & adults with special needs and their families

Registered Charity Number 278336

Guardianship

Are you passionate about supporting children and adults with disabilities and special needs and their families in your local community?



Help us to make a difference to the lives of the thousands
that request our help.

**Become a Guardian, join us and sustain a lifeline for
those with special needs!**



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What we do

FUN • RESPITE • OPPORTUNITIES • SUPPORT • COMMUNITY

As children, most of us would take for granted the chance to get out and about, exploring, climbing trees, visiting the park and hanging out with friends, but for many children and adults with a special need, this just isn't possible. If you have a physical disability, the difficulties are more obvious, but, if you have a learning disability or sensory problems, you may find it hard to relate to other people and to join in their games.

The TVAP Experience

Since 1982 we have provided a chance for children & adults with all types of special need to enjoy the fun, freedom and friendship afforded by the opportunity to play and share experiences in a safe adapted and stimulating environment. The 'TVAP Experience' is unique and offers a real life line to many families of children with special needs. Our OFSTED-registered charity enables play and socialising in total safety, offers Respite Breaks, and organises events, workshops and weekly clubs, in addition to the large range of outdoor and indoor activities. **We are frequently described as a lifeline for families of children and adults with special needs.** Annually 30,000 visits are made to the Playground by children and adults with all types of special need from more than 30 different counties. We strive to support, advise and be a haven for the special needs community. It can be so isolating to have disability in the family and so providing a space where families can have fun ALL together, get information, support each other, and feel part of a community that can empathise is vital.

Respite Care

Providing respite care is a very important part of what we do. Annually we provide many hundreds of respite breaks for local families although demand always outstrips what we are able to accommodate. Respite gives families a chance to be together without caring responsibilities, a chance for siblings to be the centre of attention and makes possible those tasks that are usually impossible.

Centre of Excellence

We are a Centre of Excellence; the value of our work was recently recognised by an Outstanding Service to the Community Award during the Lions Club centennial celebrations, and at the Maidenhead and Windsor Business Awards we were chosen out of 32 other charities as finalists for the Best Charity Award.

There is so much more going on at TVAP - we extend an invitation for you to visit us and learn more. Please contact us on 01628 628 599 or reama@tvap.co.uk to arrange this.



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Why we need your support

As a business, we know that you understand how crucial 'running costs' are to any organisation, which is why we are approaching you. We urgently need your help to safeguard our important charity, which is pivotal to so many people with special needs and their families and carers as well as the schools, care homes and nurseries that use our facilities to support their services.

The cost of running our charity is now approaching £350,000 a year. Despite supporting 30,000 visits from children and adults with special needs from over 30 different counties, only around 5% of this money comes from Local Authority funding and this is in the form of grants, not statutory funding. Our beneficiaries make a small contribution where possible and for the remainder we rely heavily on the support of our fundraisers and charitable donations from the local community. Sadly, these alone are not enough!

How your organisation can sustain a lifeline for those with special needs

We are asking companies to make an annual contribution to help pay for the cost of running TVAP. Upon committing to an annual financial contribution you will become a '**TVAP Guardian**'. Guardianship has multiple benefits for your company, depending on the level of contribution. We are very appreciative of any guardianship, however, the more your company donates the more your organisation benefits. More weeks on our billboard along the A4 road for example. Companies donating over £3,500 as part of the Guardianship scheme can be recognised in a bespoke manner. You can also support us by helping to organise and host mutual events and by encouraging employee volunteering. Volunteering at TVAP, in addition to having a real impact on the local community, can also boost your employees morale, skills, engagement and retention.



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Our parents and carers say it best

"I cannot tell you how much we have valued coming to use the facility at TVAP over the years - **you've changed lives and forever friendships have been forged in your magical venue.** Thank you so, so much for all your support."



"My 8 year old is high functioning autistic. [TVAP is] **the only place I can really feel relaxed** to let him play without me having a watchful eye on him. I get quality one to one with both the kids!"



"**It's a fantastic place to go** for children with special needs and everyone is extremely friendly and are made to feel comfortable without getting stared at. **It allows children to express their emotions through sensory, music and specialist outdoor equipment.** Our son absolutely loved the soft play area with lights and music **I have never seen him so happy calm and safe** we will] definitely go back again."



"Every local authority should invest in a facility like this as **the difference it makes to the lives of it's users is priceless**"

"**It is so nice to have a place where families don't judge.** Amazing thank you."



"Amazing place for families with somebody who has Special needs of any sort. My son has learning difficulties, ASD and ADHD and **TVAP provides us with a safe space for him to let off steam without the risks** involved in a mainstream environment as he runs off and is non verbal. **It also gives his siblings the freedom to have so much fun without stress or judgement.** I'd highly recommend it to SEN families and wish my local area had something similar."

"**5 Star** - I go with my special needs play scheme, this place had beautiful views, ample space and activities and lovely friendly staff. **This centre can not be faulted :-)** "

"**It really is the most amazing place.** Nearly 30 years ago I took my 2 year old son, who has Cerebral Palsy, to the Playground for the first time. He still visits on the rare occasions that he is back in the area because it is an important part of his life and our family's too. What a joy it was to return again with our grandson last month and rediscover the wonderful play opportunities and be welcomed again by the great staff team! **Thank you so much Playground for all you mean to families like ours.**"






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Guardianship Benefits

	Individual		Corporate		
	£250	£500	Up to 2k	2k +	3.5k +
Making an impact in the community					
Warm glow of giving back					
A week on our Billboard on the A4 road		Dependant on availability	1 week min	2 week min	3 weeks min
Company name and logo on a plaque in our prominent supporter area inside our main building					
Positive brand association: Certificate for office and use of our logo					
Annual Supporters Lunch at TVAP					
Networking opportunities when appropriate					
Featured on our website's Homepage Guardian Banner					
Actively mentioned on Social Media through the year in addition to the initial and annual donation post					
Press mentions where possible in addition to any initial and annual coverage					



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Next Steps

- Contact us so we can help you become a TVAP Guardian
- Consider us to become your 'Charity of the Year'
- Invite us to speak
- Download and print one of our posters to hang in your offices
- Download our fundraising and CSR packs from our website
- Come and have a team visit with your colleagues
- See our work in action

Join our mission

Guardians are vitally important to our mission.

Organisations such as yours, who invest in and play a part in their communities and champion inclusion for all, embody the future. We urge you to support us so you can be part of the solution and a lifeline for children and adults and their families who are disadvantaged by disability.

Come and see our work and the difference you and your team can make first hand.

Please contact Reama Shearman on 01628 628 599 or reama@tvap.co.uk to arrange visit and/or to find out more.

