

New LIFE is coming to Harpenden

Harpenden Mencap has been awarded a £75,000 grant by the Wolfson Foundation that will be put towards the installation of a new garden office at its residential site Pine Court. The building will be modelled on the charity's existing Support Pod in Batford and will be used as a base for the exciting new LIFE project.

Harpenden Mencap's LIFE project, launching in September 2026, aims to provide Learning, Involvement, Friendship and Employment opportunities for adults with learning disabilities in the local community.

Angela Duce, CEO of Harpenden Mencap said, "We're incredibly grateful to the Wolfson Foundation for their generous support. After planning permission is sought and granted, the new garden pod will provide the operational base our team needs to meet, plan and learn, ensuring we can deliver a responsive, high-quality service for years to come.

"The LIFE project is designed to be flexible, dynamic and responsive to the people we support. It will create opportunities in the local community that are shaped around individuals' interests and aspirations. The Wolfson Foundation isn't just providing us with an essential base, it is supporting adults with learning disabilities to live happy, healthy lives."

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Harpenden Mencap Boilerplate

Harpenden Mencap is an independent charity caring for adults with learning disabilities in Harpenden and St Albans. Founded in 1959, the charity provides accommodation-based support to a thriving community of 33 adults, plus learning, involvement, and social opportunities benefiting over 50 people in total.

The charity's vision is for Harpenden to be the best place for people with learning disabilities to live happy, healthy lives.

Website: www.harpendenmencap.org.uk

The Wolfson Foundation Boilerplate

The Wolfson Foundation is an independent grant-making charity with a focus on research and education. Its aim is to contribute to civil society by supporting high-quality projects in science, health, heritage, humanities and the arts.

Since it was established in 1955, the Wolfson Foundation has awarded over £1 billion (£2 billion in real terms) to around 14,000 projects throughout the UK, all on the basis of expert review.

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