

YC2 Buckingham & Winslow Young Carers

YC2 is a local voluntary group, part of the registered charity Community Care North Bucks, that offers children and young people aged from 7 to 18 years who have substantial personal caring responsibilities for one or more family members a few hours away of fun, friendship and freedom each month.

These young carers all live in and around Buckingham & Winslow and the person cared for maybe a parent, sibling or other relative. The cared for person may have a physical or mental health condition, a chronic or terminal illness, a learning disability, or a drugs or alcohol dependency.

Currently YC2 has 35 members and were told by Bucks County Council that their funding was to be cut from April this year. That would mean that North Bucks children who have caring roles in the family would not be treated in the same way as young carers in the rest of Bucks as they are still to receive funding via CarersBucks. Following a campaign which showed the strength of local support, BCC relented and said that YC2 would receive 50% of their previous grant but it would be a one-off and that no further money would be available next year.

What can you do-VOLUNTEER to drive for us

But while the fight for fairness for our own young carers continues, YC2 desperately need more volunteer drivers who can give some time one Friday a month to provide lifts for young carers to club.

If you have been driving for 3 years or more, have a clean licence and are willing to be DBS checked and Safeguard trained and want to make a **HUGE** difference in a child's life, please contact Margo Parfitt on 07984045788 or email yc2@hotmail.co.uk –please put '**VOLUNTEER**' in the subject box.

