



NEWSLETTE

Redditch Kingfisher PCN Autumn Edition



Informative



Wellness-focused



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AUTUMN 2025 COVID-19 VACCINE

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Welcome to the **Autumn Edition** of the Redditch Kingfisher PCN Newsletter!







Get your free flu jab



Some people with a learning disability can get very ill if they get flu.



The best way to avoid flu is to get a free flu jab.



You can have the flu jab at your GP surgery.

COVID-19 Autumn Boosters – Stay Protected This Season

Protect yourself and your loved ones this autumn with the latest COVID-19 booster, designed to guard against evolving variants.

From 1 October 2025 those eligible for the autumn booster include:

- Adults aged 75 years and over
- Residents in care homes for older adults
- Individuals with a weakened immune system, aged 6 months and over"

Stay protected this season—check if you're eligible and book your booster.

Get Your Free Flu Jab - Stay Healthy This Season

The best way to protect yourself is to get a free flu jab at your GP surgery. Links to book your appointment will be sent out by your GP. Your GP surgery will send booking links.

From 1 September 2025: pregnant women, children (2-3 yrs, Reception-Year 11), and children in risk groups.

From October 2025 : 65+, adults in risk groups, carers, close contacts of immunocompromised, and front line social care staff.

Protect yourself — get your free flu jab.



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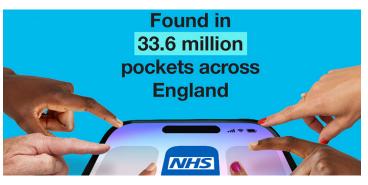
Carers Board Now in Kingfisher PCN Practices

From August, all Kingfisher PCN practices—including St. Stephens, Maple View Medical Centre, Hillview Medical Centre, Elgar House, The Dow Surgery, and The Bridge Surgery—have introduced a Carers Board in their waiting areas.

It's a great way to stay informed, find support, and discover what's on locally. Be sure to check the board regularly during your visits!



Maple View Surgery, Redditch.





PCN Health Promotions - NHS App Support

André, PCN Health Promotions and Communications Coordinator, will be in Maple View Medical Practice and other practices across Kingfisher PCN to support patients and promote the NHS App. He will be available to:

- Show patients how to book appointments
- Guide them through ordering repeat prescriptions
- Help access medical records
- Explain other useful NHS services

This is a great opportunity for patients to receive one-to-one guidance and make the most of the NHS App and get support with any related issues.

Check your GP practice's social media for dates and updates — catch André near you!



Every life matters ...

Orange Button Community Scheme



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People who are having thoughts of suicide, or who are worried about a friend or family member, can now "push the button" when they see someone wearing a distinctive orange badge, and ask them for information and support.

The orange button is worn by people who have undergone specialised suicide prevention training, and while they are not able to counsel people, they can provide comprehensive signposting to relevant services.

Registering for your Orange **Button**

If you have attended a Half day Suicide Alertness, Half Day Self-harm/Suicide Alertness, ASIST, SafeTALK, Suicide First Aid or MHFA course with us in the last two years and you live in CUMBRIA you can register for your Orange Button below.

Register for your Orange Button



Better

Star



Why is being active good for me?

The more active you are, the greater the benefits could be. How might you and your family benefit from being more active?

Reduce risk of cancer

Keep a healthy weight

Improve mood and reduce stress









Boost energy



Reduce risk of dementia and depression



Reduce risk of osteoarthritus



Reduce risk of falls in older adults





Socialise

Develop





90% of brain growth happens by age five.

What you do together can make a huge difference. Search Start for Life for tips and advice, and information on your local Family Hub.

Why wait?

Book your appointment online

www.nhs.uk/GPonlineservices



cruk.org/activity Together we will beat cancer



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Need support?

Come and see us in person — no appointment needed! Just drop in and speak to a member of our team face to face.



Have you downloaded the Cancer Services App?

Scan the OR code for more details.

Any questions please contact benifurlow@nhs.net

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MS Support Group

At the Arrow Valley Visitor Centre, Battens Dr. Redditch, B98 OLJ

10am - 12pm on the following Wednesdays in 2025:

Jan 8th, Feb 12th, Mar 12th, Apr 9th, May 14th, Jun 11th, July 9th, Aug 13th, Sept 10th, Oct 8th, Nov 12th, Dec 10th



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Contact Lynn Murray at lynn 44murrayargmail.com or on 07977 819546



Join MS Support Group for friendly

conversation, shared experiences, and helpful advice.

Meetings once a month — no referral or appointment needed, just come along!



Family

Confidential advice

Tenancy advice^{*}

Would you like to find out about groups, activities and services available locally?

Drop-in to the following safe and supportive space, where people are available to offer support, advice and connect you to the right help!

No need for an appointment.

Redditch Library Drop-In, 11am - 2pm Monthly on the following Mondays in 2025:

27th January 28th July 24th February 18th August 24th March 29th September 28th April 27th October 19th May 24th November 30th June 22nd December

Printer, telephone, scanning & computer access available. The 'Your Health' bus will also be at this venue.













Quit Smoking Start Saving

Join the thousands of people who are quitting smoking.



Download the free NHS Quit Smoking app to get started.







Redditch







For more information contact Brian at

Roddinch Rugby club on 07557 263818



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Social Media



Kingfisher PCN | Website
Kingfisher PCN | Facebook

St Stephen's Partnership | <u>Website</u> St Stephen's Partnership | <u>Facebook</u>

Hillview Medical Centre | Website
Hillview Medical Centre | Facebook

The Dow Surgery | Website
The Dow Surgery | Facebook

The Bridge Surgery | Website
The Bridge Surgery | Facebook

Elgar House Surgery | Website Elgar House Surgery | Facebook









Just a heads-up – the names are clickable links, so feel free to tap them for more details!

September

- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- → Blood Cancer Awareness Month
- → World Alzheimer's Awareness Month

October

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
 Awareness Month
- Menopause Awareness Month
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month
- → <u>STOPTOBER: Quitting Smoking</u>

November

- International Brain Tumour Awareness Week
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- National Diabetes Month









