

“Everyone is a bit scared but we are less scared together”

Charlie Mackesy's The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse

Everybody needs a place to call their own

How to access

Self-referral via 'phone, email or social media; GPs; paediatric consultants; school nurse, SENCO or any other family support services.

From the first point of contact we provide emotional, practical, educational and holistic support to the whole family.

A friendly voice and a warm welcome is always guaranteed! To avoid disappointment, please make an appointment prior to your visit.

How you can help

Volunteers

APTCCO has a strong track record of providing excellent opportunities for volunteering, work experience and paid employment. If you would like to share your knowledge, skills and enthusiasm please contact the office for more details. Volunteers provide unconditional support as Trustees and friends of APTCCO together with local business partners.



APTCCO Enterprise

How we are funded

APTCCO is proud to be recognised as a local grassroots charity. We rely heavily on fundraising, every penny counts! The local community is a generous supporter to APTCCO with many families for over three decades experiencing life long support.

Financial support

Please donate today and show your support by contacting the APTCCO office or visit:

Localgiving:

www.localgiving.org/charity/aptccoo/

Robin Hood Lottery:

www.robinhoodlottery.co.uk/support/aptccoo-a-place-to-call-our-own



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*Cameleon Lodge
Forest School*



*North Farm House,
Budby*

APTCCO

A Place to Call Our Own

A charity and Independent Special School



*Wall art at Botany Avenue, Mansfield
created by local street artist*

Improving the quality of life for families, children and young people living with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND)

Introduction

APTCOO—A Place to Call Our Own is a registered charity formed in 1991 by a small group of parents who had given birth to children with a range of disabilities and complex needs. This work continues to be pioneered by a founder member - Trish Green - who remains a primary lead for the charity's sustainability and growth.

Feeling isolated and lonely with no real information or support to guide the parents through an unknown journey, they decided to set up a network that would provide the much needed and undervalued peer-to-peer support enabling families to receive services at the right time, by the right people and in the right place. Since then, APTCOO has grown in size and remit but the core values remain the same... to listen, understand, signpost and support.

After 30 years experience in the complexity of family lives APTCOO remains a trusted friend and a professional partner. Services are person-centred, flexible, friendly and delivered within non-clinical environments supported by a team who are passionate, qualified and experienced in SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability).



Our vision

APTCOO's vision is to support parents and their families from early years through to adulthood to enable them to achieve their full potential in life. APTCOO is a place where families feel safe, improve their health, education and wellbeing, develop new skills and have fun within all-inclusive community settings.

We embrace the importance and power of learning, enabling children, young people and adults to try things out without the fear of failure, changing the emphasis from surviving into thriving and 'Look what I CAN do, not what I CAN'T do.'

What do we do?

We know that many families struggle through a maze of services to track down essential information, advice and referral into appropriate services.



Art work produced by parents

Activities are designed to encourage engagement and participation, bringing people together to support each other, making friends, socialising, reducing isolation and loneliness.

We work together with health, education, social care and third sector partners, for families to access the right services at the right time with the right people.

Our facilities offer equal opportunity for positive play and educational development. The sensory environments are safe, relaxing, stimulating and fun, allowing the overactive to become calmed and the inactive to become interested.

Our services

One-to-one support

- Self-referral
- Multi-agency referral
- Emotional support
- Crisis support
- Information, advice and guidance - signposting to other services
- Inclusion into APTCOO services

We provide the following services:

- Parent carer forum
- Independent Special School
- Independent living skills
- Forest School
- Short Breaks
- After school groups
- School holiday clubs

Our spaces and places

We have created unique spaces in the local community, more recently branching out with properties in Budby and Thoresby set within the beautiful Sherwood Forest. We are motivated by the social, economic, health, environmental and community benefits, we are committed to bringing those benefits to as many people as possible.

 APTCOO, Unit 15 Botany Park, Botany Avenue, Mansfield, NG18 5NF (SatNav: NG18 5NG)

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 APTCOO, North Farm House, Worksop Road, Budby, NG22 9EX

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