



# DIRECTORY OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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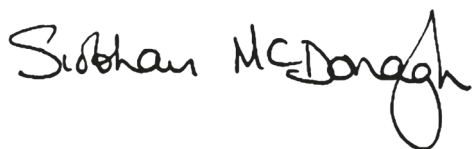
Every generation of young people wants more interesting things to do in their spare time.

Even though these are difficult times, and funding is more difficult to find than in previous years, there has been an upsurge in clubs and activities aimed at young people. Often set up and run by parents or other dedicated enthusiasts, they use existing community centres or church halls, as well as a number of facilities like all-weather pitches at local schools that have been built in the last few years

If you're looking for something to do, this Directory offers a snapshot of some of the groups and activities that are currently available in the area. If you know about a group or club that I have not included, or if you want to start up a new one, please let me have its details as I will keep the Directory updated in future years.

I hope you find it useful.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Siobhan McDonagh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'S' at the beginning and a long, trailing 'h' at the end.

## » SPORTS

**ATHLETICS****Hercules Club**

Wimbledon Park Track, Home Park Road SW19 7HX

Contact: Pat Yeates

020 8640 2078 • ptyeates@aol.com • www.herculeswimbledonac.org.uk

All ages, track, field, road and cross country running. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

**ARCHERY****Thomas Wall Archers**

Thomas Wall Park, Green Lane, Morden SM4 6SL

Contact: Michael or Jan

020 8669 2467 • mric106179@aol.com or jric106179@aol.com

www.twarchers.co.uk

Suitable for age 10 and upwards.

**BADMINTON****Carshalton Junior Badminton Club**

Sutton Youth Centre, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton SM1 2RJ

Contact: Alan Reid

020 8669 1770

Open to boys and girls 8-18 teaching from beginner to national level. Club session 9-11am Saturdays.

**BASKETBALL****CIA**

Canons Leisure Centre, Madeira Road, Mitcham CR4 4HD

Contact: Tony Brown

07903 100 239 • info@ciabasketball.com

coach@ciabasketball.com • www.ciabasketball.com

Learn to dribble and shoot on Friday and Saturday afternoons at Canons Leisure Centre, Mitcham.

## **CRICKET**

### **Mitcham CC**

Cricket Green, Mitcham CR4 4LA

Contact: Nick or John

07988 255586

[mitchamcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:mitchamcricketclub@gmail.com) • [www.mitcham.play-cricket.com](http://www.mitcham.play-cricket.com)

Play on the oldest cricket ground in the world, Mitcham's famous Cricket Green.

Junior players welcome.

### **Morden CC**

Morden Park, Lower Morden Lane, Morden SM4 4SE

Contact: Paul Warner

07739 430 427 • [pwarner@london.newsquest.co.uk](mailto:pwarner@london.newsquest.co.uk) • [www.mordencc.co.uk](http://www.mordencc.co.uk)

Players of all standards. League games on Saturdays, friendlies on Sundays.

## **CYCLING**

### **Merton Cycling Campaign**

Contact: Charles Barraball

020 8949 0708 or 07590 077 445

[info@mertoncyclists.org.uk](mailto:info@mertoncyclists.org.uk) • [www.mertoncyclists.org.uk](http://www.mertoncyclists.org.uk)

Cycling club open to all with regular rides and social events. Caters for all ages.

## **FOOTBALL**

### **AFC Wimbledon Community Football Scheme**

The Fans Stadium, Kingsmeadow, 422A Kingston Road KT1 3PB

Contact: Paul Foley

020 8974 5712 • [communityfootball@afcwimbledon.co.uk](mailto:communityfootball@afcwimbledon.co.uk)

[www.afcwimbledon.co.uk](http://www.afcwimbledon.co.uk)

For 4-14 years old. All inclusive fun football sessions.

### **Kickz**

Liberty School, Western Road, Mitcham CR4 3EB: Wednesdays and Fridays 7-9pm

Lavender Pavilion, Lavender Park, Mitcham CR4 3HL: Thursdays 7-9pm

Contact: Chris Webb Butler

0208 336 7586 • [kickz@fulhamfc.com](mailto:kickz@fulhamfc.com)

Kickz is completely free to local young people aged 12-18. Just turn up and play – there is no charge. It offers football training from Fulham FC coaches, and arranges games for boys and girls. (Kickz is a partnership of Fulham FC, Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams, local schools, the Hub @ Tooting and Mitcham, and the Football Foundation.)

**Colliers Wood Little League Football**

Colliers Wood Recreation Ground, South Gardens SW19 2NT

Contact: Peter Dauncey

020 8540 5780 • dauncey.peter@gmail.com

Organised football for boys and girls of any ability. Based on enjoyment, team spirit and sportsmanship. Saturday mornings September to April.

**Merton Football Club**

Joseph Hood Recreation Ground, Martin Way, Merton SW20 9BU

Contact: Max Herbert

020 8946 1425 • mertonfc@btinternet.com • www.mertonfc.co.uk

Football for all ages, both boys and Girls.

**Mitcham Little League**

Canons Leisure Centre, Madeira Road, Mitcham CR4 4HD

Contact: Andy Acton

07545 465815 • www.mitchamlittleleague.co.uk

www.littleleaguefootball.com

Football for all aged 6 to 13.

**Morden Girls' League**

King George's Playing Fields, Tudor Drive, Morden SM4 4PN

Contact: Mike or Marie

020 8540 7979 • info@mordengirlsleague.co.uk

www.mordengirlsleague.co.uk

Free football for girls in school years 9, 10 and 11. 6 teams, each with a squad of 15.

**Morden Little League**

King George's Playing Fields, Tudor Drive, Morden SM4 4PN

Contact: Dennis Jones

020 8330 2663 • dennisjones15@btinternet.com • www.mordenlittleleague.com

Caters for all. Boys from years 2 to 8, girls from 2 to 9.

**Raynes Park Vale Football Club**

King George's Playing Fields, Tudor Drive, Morden SM4 4PN

Contact: David Brenan

020 8540 8843 • davidbrenan@blueyonder.co.uk

www.raynesparkvalefc.tripod.com

A youth side, 1st team and reserve team that play in the Southern Youth League.

Weekly matches and regular training.

**Wimbledon Little League**

Joseph Hood Recreation Ground, Martin Way, Merton SW20 9BU

Contact: David Canham • 020 8542 8772 • janecanham@hotmail.com

Ages 6 to 13 for boys and girls.

## **FRISBEE**

### **Ultimate Frisbee**

Clapham Common by Clapham South Station

Contact: Nick B

07880 967 785

Saturday 12-3pm. Fast-paced sport with mixed teams. Just turn up and join in.

## **GENERAL**

### **Tiffin Sports Centre**

London Road, Kingston KT2 6RL

Contact: Ian Sedgley

020 8541 3972 • [isedgley@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:isedgley@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk) • [www.tiffin.kingston.sch.uk](http://www.tiffin.kingston.sch.uk)

Provides martial arts classes, trampolining, and football. Also has play scheme.

Ages 6 upwards.

### **The Spencer Club**

Fieldview, Earlsfield, London SW18 3HF

Contact: Elaine Wishart

020 8874 2717 • [info@spencerclub.org](mailto:info@spencerclub.org) • [www.spencerclub.org](http://www.spencerclub.org)

Hockey, rugby, lacrosse, tennis, cricket and weekly yoga classes. All ages and mixed abilities.

### **Tooting and Mitcham Community Sports Club**

Imperial Fields, Bishopsford Road, Morden SM4 6BF

020 8685 6193 • [info@tmcsc.co.uk](mailto:info@tmcsc.co.uk) • [www.tmcsc.co.uk](http://www.tmcsc.co.uk)

A state-of-the-art gym with specialist training equipment that provides benefits for the able-bodied, people with disabilities and juniors. Also has an all-weather pitch for Hockey and Football.

## **GOLF**

### **Wimbledon Park Golf Club**

Home Park Road, Wimbledon SW19 7HR

Contact: Dean Jeeves

020 8946 4053 • [golfpro@wpgc.co.uk](mailto:golfpro@wpgc.co.uk)

[www.kidsukgolf.co.uk](http://www.kidsukgolf.co.uk) • [www.wpgc.co.uk](http://www.wpgc.co.uk)

From 4-5 upwards for coaching/lessons. Supplies golf equipment. Open from 8am every day.

**GYMNASTICS****Merton Gymnastics Club**

Canons Leisure Centre, Madeira Road, Mitcham CR4 4HD  
020 8640 8543 • [www.gll.org](http://www.gll.org)

Boys and girls of all ages and levels welcome. Classes start from 3 years old.  
Take part in gym classes, competitions, or team training for London Youth Games.

**TJ's Gymnastics Club**

The Hall, Kohat Road, Wimbledon SW19 8LD

Contact: Gill Humby

01252 702 295 • [www.tjsgymclub.co.uk](http://www.tjsgymclub.co.uk)

Classes available for all children from 6 months upwards.

**HORSE RIDING****Deen City Farm**

29 Windsor Avenue, Merton Abbey SW19 2RR

Contact: Joanne Henbrey

020 8543 5858 or 020 8543 5300 • [stables@deencityfarm.co.uk](mailto:stables@deencityfarm.co.uk)  
[information@deencityfarm.co.uk](mailto:information@deencityfarm.co.uk) • [www.deencityfarm.co.uk](http://www.deencityfarm.co.uk)

Open Tues to Sun 10am-4.30pm; closed on Mondays except Bank Holidays.

**Wimbledon Village Stables**

24a/b High Street, Wimbledon Village SW19 5DX

Contact: Carol Andrews

020 8946 8579 • [admin@wvstables.com](mailto:admin@wvstables.com) • [www.wvstables.com](http://www.wvstables.com)

BHS approved riding school. Horse riding lesson for 5 years and upwards all ages and abilities. Riding over Wimbledon Common and Richmond Park.

**ICE SKATING****Streatham Ice Figure Skating Club**

Streatham Ice Arena, 386 Streatham High Road SW16 6HX

Contact: Gill Honour

07904 665 506 • [gillianhonour@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gillianhonour@hotmail.co.uk) • [www.streathamifsc.org.uk](http://www.streathamifsc.org.uk)

Opportunity to compete in competitions (though it's desirable to hold a Sunskate Passport), not for beginners. Every Tuesday evening 7-8pm.

**KORFBALL****Mitcham Korfball**

Dunraven School, Leigham Court Road, Streatham SW16 2QB

Contact: Craig Gosling

[secretary@mitchamkorfball.co.uk](mailto:secretary@mitchamkorfball.co.uk) • [www.mitchamkorfball.co.uk](http://www.mitchamkorfball.co.uk)

Korfball is similar to basketball and netball, but played by men and women together. Training is Mondays 7-9pm.



## **MARTIAL ARTS**

### **Chi Combat System**

Vestry Hall, Mitcham CR4 3UD and Morden Methodist Church, 243 Green Lane, Morden SM4 6SQ

Contact: Ralph Allison

020 8646 5551 • martialarts@blueyonder.co.uk • www.chicombatsystem.com

Caters for mixed ages and all abilities.

Sessions in Mitcham: 11.30am-12.30pm on Saturdays, 12.30-1.30pm on Sundays and 7-8pm on Wednesdays.

Sessions in Morden 7-8pm on Thursdays.

### **Choi Kwang Do – Cassar Academy**

36 Aberconway Road, Morden SM4 5LF

020 8665 2214 • instructors@ckduk.com • www.cassaracademy.com

Fun and effective martial arts using natural, easy to learn, self defense system with sequential movements that are ideal for children too. Classes are Mon-Fri at 4-4.45pm for 4-6 year olds, 4.45-5pm for 7-12 year olds, and for all ages at 6-8pm. Also, Sat classes for all ages 10-11am.

### **NEMCA Aikido**

Contact: J Grima

NE Mitcham Community Centre, 49 Woodland Way, Mitcham CR4 2DZ

020 8769 5255 • www.nemca-aikido.fsnet.co.uk

Aikido lessons for boys and girls aged 8 years minimum. Aikido helps with co-ordination, confidence, balance, self awareness and general wellbeing. Mondays 7.30-8.30pm.

### **Taekwondo and Hapkido – Chung Yong School**

Canons Leisure Centre, Madeira Road, Mitcham CR4 4HD

Contact: Catherine Gibbs

07740 099 664 • gibbs@bluedragon.fsworld.co.uk • www.chungyongtkd.co.uk

Self Defence, Taekwondo and Hapkido training. No age limits. Wednesdays and Fridays.

## **NETBALL**

### **Wandsworth Netball Club**

Emanuel School (sports hall), Battersea Rise SW11 1HS

Contact: Shola Apena Rogers

shola.ar@gmail.com • www.wandsworthnetballclub.com

Over 14 and 15 netball training. Regular matches in three Leagues.

**RUGBY****Kings Old Boy RFC**

Dornan Fields, Arthur Road, Motspur Park

Contact: Paddy Ralston

07958 232 816 • paddy@kings.org.uk • www.kings.org.uk

Training and matches for 4-18 years boys and girls.

**Merton Rugby Football Club**

Morden Recreation Ground, Farm Road, Morden SM4 6RA

Contact: Jack Caniff

07970 166 958 • mertonrfc@yahoo.com

jointhepride@mertonrugby.org • www.mertonrugby.org

17years and above. Training every Wednesday and matches every Saturday

**Mitcham Rugby Club**

Poulter Park, Peterborough Road, Carshalton SM5 1EE

Contact: Pete Hegarty

pete\_mitchamrugby@live.co.uk • www.pitchero.com/clubs/mitchamrugbyclub

A fully inclusive club welcoming players of all ages and abilities. Holiday coaching for those aged 6-16 as well as youth teams from U13 upwards.

**Old Wimbledonians - Rugby and Football Club**

143 Coombe Lane, Raynes Park SW20 0QX

020 8879 0700 • www.owrugbyclub.co.uk

Meets on Sunday at 9.30am. All enthusiastic players welcome.

**South London Touch Rugby Club**

Tooting Bec Common (near the boxing club and children's play area)

Contact: Estelle Crockford

07970 389 836 • estellocrockford@hotmail.com

All standards, men and women (over 18's only) welcome, just turn up and play.

Saturday's 11-1pm.

**TABLE TENNIS****Earlsfield Table Tennis Club**

St John's Divine, Church Hall, High Path, Merton SW19 2JY

Contact: Chris Griffin

020 8764 1744 • chris.griffin50@btinternet.com

All ages and mixed abilities. League matches and has a social practice night.

**South Mitcham Table Tennis Club**

South Mitcham Community Centre, Haslemere Avenue CR4 3PR

Contact: M Holloway

020 8947 6398

From beginners to high standard, general training and matches available. All ages.

## **TENNIS**

### **Westside Lawn Tennis Club**

20 Woodhayes Road, Wimbledon SW19 4RF

Contact: Mark Steele

020 8947 4987 • [manager@westsideltc.org.uk](mailto:manager@westsideltc.org.uk) • [www.westsideltc.org.uk](http://www.westsideltc.org.uk)

Lessons and competitive tennis. No age restrictions.

### **Wilton Tennis Club**

28 Wilton Grove, Wimbledon SW19 3QX

Contact: Terry Oakes

020 8296 9668 • [wiltontennisclub@aol.com](mailto:wiltontennisclub@aol.com) • [www.wiltontennisclub.co.uk](http://www.wiltontennisclub.co.uk)

Social and competitive tennis in a friendly lively environment. Caters for Junior Membership. All welcome for training and matches.

## **WATERSPORTS**

### **Cheam Marcuda Swimming Club (previously Barracuda)**

Morden Park Pool, London Road, Morden SM4 5HE and Cheam Leisure Centre, Malden Road, Cheam SM3 8EP

Contact: Dennis Griffiths

07885 025950 • [chairman@cheammarcudasc.co.uk](mailto:chairman@cheammarcudasc.co.uk)

From 5 years and upwards. Lessons at various times throughout the week, and competition training available.

### **Merton Swordfish Swimming Club**

Wimbledon Leisure Centre, Latimer Road, Wimbledon SW19 1EW

Contact: Debbie Pitt

020 8648 0810

Ages 5-20. Complete beginners, stroke improvement and competition swimming.

### **Morden Park Diving Club**

Morden Park Pool, London Road, Morden SM4 5HE

Contact: Maggie Young

[maggie.young20@btinternet.com](mailto:maggie.young20@btinternet.com)

[www.better.org.uk/areas/merton/centres/morden-park-pools](http://www.better.org.uk/areas/merton/centres/morden-park-pools)

Age 5 and above for taught diving lessons.

### **Wimbledon Park Watersports Centre**

Wimbledon Park, Home Park Road, Wimbledon Park SW19 7HU

020 8947 4894 • [wimbledonpark@merton.gov.uk](mailto:wimbledonpark@merton.gov.uk)

[www.merton.gov.uk/leisure/sport/facilities/wimbledonparkwatersports.htm](http://www.merton.gov.uk/leisure/sport/facilities/wimbledonparkwatersports.htm)

Kayaking, canoeing and more. Sunday morning. Must be confident in water.

## » CREATIVE &amp; PERFORMING ARTS

**ATTIC Theatre Company**

Mitcham Library, 157 London Road, Mitcham CR4 2YR

Contact: Jenny Lee / Victoria Hibbs

020 8640 6800 • [info@attictheatrecompany.com](mailto:info@attictheatrecompany.com)

[www.attictheatrecompany.com](http://www.attictheatrecompany.com)

Professional Theatre Company that produces and tours new plays and classics.

Also works in the community; touring home safety play and, workshops for young people.

**Ballet Classes**

St Mary the Virgin Merton, Church Path, Wimbledon SW19 3HJ (Mon-Fri) and Rutlish School, Mostyn Road SW19 3LL (Saturdays only)

Contact: Karen Forbes

020 8949 7896 • [karen@karenforbesschoolofdance.co.uk](mailto:karen@karenforbesschoolofdance.co.uk)

[www.karenforbesschoolofdance.co.uk](http://www.karenforbesschoolofdance.co.uk)

Ballet classes for 3-20 years plus. Every day of the week and at the weekend.

**Belly Dancing**

South Mitcham Community Centre, Haslemere Avenue, Mitcham CR4 3PR

Contact: Brenda or Madeline

0208 648 3740 • [brenda@smca.co.uk](mailto:brenda@smca.co.uk) • [www.smca.co.uk](http://www.smca.co.uk)

Belly dancing for young people and adults. Fun and friendly classes for all abilities. Over 16s only. On Thursday 5.30-6.20pm and 6.30-7.20pm

**Colliers Wood Chorus**

The Guardian Centre, 67 Clarendon Road SW19 2DX

Contact: Chrisopher Killerby

[info@collierswoodchorus.org.uk](mailto:info@collierswoodchorus.org.uk) • [www.collierswoodchorus.org.uk](http://www.collierswoodchorus.org.uk)

The choir covers a range of tunes from jazz to classical to musical. No auditions or previous experience necessary. Monday evenings 7.45-9.30pm.

**Colour House Childrens Theatre**

Watermill Way, Merton Abbey Mills SW19 2RD

Contact: Peter Wallder

020 8542 5511 • [info@colourhousetheatre.org.uk](mailto:info@colourhousetheatre.org.uk)

[www.colourhousetheatre.co.uk](http://www.colourhousetheatre.co.uk)

Weekend Theatre, workshops and drama school. Also Kids festival at the end of August (Bank Holiday).

## **Jazz Technique**

Christopher's Gym, Plough Lane, Wimbledon SW17 0BL

Contact: Samantha Lindsay

0800 458 1142 • [dancebites@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dancebites@hotmail.co.uk) • [www.dancebites.com](http://www.dancebites.com)

Jazz, tap, modern classes, hip-hop etc, classes for boys and girls, ages 4 years plus.

## **Lantern Arts Centre**

Tolverne Road, Raynes Park SW20 8RA

Contact: David Kirkland

020 8944 5794 • [lac@lanternarts.org](mailto:lac@lanternarts.org) • [www.lanternarts.org](http://www.lanternarts.org)

Caters for all ages.

## **Linda Fountain Dance Club**

Classes in Mitcham, Streatham, Tooting and Wimbledon.

Contact: Linda Fountain

020 8679 3040

Ballroom, Latin, rock'n'roll, disco, salsa and street dancing classes available. All ages are able to attend.

## **Marryat Players – Chamber Orchestra for Young Musicians**

3 Marryat Road, Wimbledon SW19 5BB

Contact: Margaret Lewisohn

020 8947 8203 • [margaret@lewisohn.co.uk](mailto:margaret@lewisohn.co.uk)

[info@marryatplayers.com](mailto:info@marryatplayers.com) • [www.marryatplayers.com](http://www.marryatplayers.com)

Performs concerts in the Spring, Summer and Autumn each year, after several days of intensive rehearsals.

## **Merton Music Foundation**

Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Road, Morden SM4 6PX

Contact: John Mander

020 8640 5446 • [admin@mmf.org.uk](mailto:admin@mmf.org.uk) • [www.mmf.org.uk](http://www.mmf.org.uk)

Provides instrumental and vocal tuition and general musicianship classes; concerts, workshops and tours. Music group rehearsals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

## **Polka Theatre for Children**

240 The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19 1SB

Contact: Sophie Hobson

0208 543 4888 • [sophie@polkatheatre.com](mailto:sophie@polkatheatre.com) • [www.polkatheatre.com](http://www.polkatheatre.com)

Theatre performances, workshops and drama schools for children and young people up to the age of 13.

**Rock Choir - Wimbledon Teens**

St Mark's Church, St Marks Place, Wimbledon SW19 7ND

012 5271 4276 • office@rockchoir.com • www.rockchoir.com

Rock choir offers pop, gospel and Motown singing, for 10-18 year olds.

Wednesdays at 5.00-6.30pm.

**Up-Town Dance Club, Youth Club and Learning Centre**

63 High Path Centre, South Wimbledon SW19 2JY and Lavender Pavilion,

Mitcham CR4 3HL

Contact: Joan Simms

07957 112260 • simmsjm@aol.com • www.uptownuk.com

Up-Town offers informal education programmes, support, advice and a safe place for young people (11-19+) to meet new friends. The Dance School meets at the High Path Centre.

**Deen City Farm**

39 Windsor Avenue, Merton Abbey SW19 2RR

Contact: Ben Muton-Phillips

020 8543 5300 • [information@deencityfarm](mailto:information@deencityfarm) • [www.deencityfarm.co.uk](http://www.deencityfarm.co.uk)

Placements available to help out on our local city farm. Programme starts at age 12, no upper age limit! Learn about farming and animals. There are also weekend and holiday play schemes (young farmers, own a pony, discovery week). Shop, café, children's parties and educational tours. Open Tues to Sun 10am-4.30pm; closed Mondays except Bank Holidays.

**Friends of Haydons Road Recreation Ground**

South Wimbledon Community Centre, 72 Haydons Road SW19 1HG

Contact: Andy Coles

[friendsofhaydons@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhaydons@gmail.com)

Group of local people who are keen to improve the park. We want to involve all users of the park and to make it a more attractive local facility.

**Merton Volunteer Police Cadets (Wimbledon)**

St Mark's CofE Academy, Acacia Road, Mitcham CR4 1SF

Contact: Sally Steggles – VPC Co-ordinator

020 8649 4013 • [vw-mertoncadets@met.police.uk](mailto:vw-mertoncadets@met.police.uk) • [www.met.police.uk/cadets](http://www.met.police.uk/cadets)

Offers girls and boys a chance to meet new people, engage with local police teams and take part in a wide variety of activities and events. Includes trips to North Wales, canoeing, abseiling, map reading, community service and working with the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams. Meet Mondays 6.30-8.30pm, ages 14-19.

**St John Ambulance**

122-124 Kingston Road SW19 1LY

Contact: Karen Barrett

07740 565026 • [karen.barrett@wimbledon.sja.org.uk](mailto:karen.barrett@wimbledon.sja.org.uk) • [www.sja.org.uk](http://www.sja.org.uk)

Get training in first aid, nursing and ambulance care. Provides first aid cover at events eg sports, concerts, summer fetes etc.

**Volunteer Centre Morden**

Vestry Hall, London Road, Mitcham CR4 3UD

Contact: Andy Norrell

020 8640 7355 • [info@volunteercentremerton.org.uk](mailto:info@volunteercentremerton.org.uk)

[www.volunteercentremerton.org.uk](http://www.volunteercentremerton.org.uk)

VCM helps to place young people who want to do voluntary work with a variety of local organizations.

**African Culture Promotions (ACP)**

Justin Plaza 3, Suite 6, 341 London Road, Mitcham CR4 4BE

Contact: Gertrude Othieno

020 8687 0339 • acp-1@hotmail.co.uk • www.douglasomenda.vpweb.co.uk

ACP's aim is to create greater understanding of African cultural traditions, and to provide services to established and newly arrived African refugees and asylum seekers.

**Abaana Bantu**

221 Glebe Court, Mitcham CR4 3NY

Contact: Tom Matovu

020 8648 7536 • tmatovu@hotmail.com

Aim is to give young people an appreciation of African Culture.

**Congolese & African Youth Solution**

83 Saxonbury Close, Mitcham CR4 3QN

Contact: Daddy Mbane

07931 853 544 • daddymbane@yahoo.co.uk

A youth group specialising in providing music & performing arts workshops & show cases for African & Congolese young people.

**London South West Chinese Community Association**

Vestry Hall, London Road, Mitcham CR4 3UD

020 8665 2730 • lswcca@hotmail.com

Promotes Chinese arts and traditions, including dance and music and educational outings. Tai Chi classes every Saturday.

**Muslimah**

Acacia Intergenerational Centre, 230 Grove Road, Mitcham CR4 1SD

020 8274 5877

Young Muslim women and friends group. Arts and crafts, discussions, cooking, trips and loads more. 13-19 years. Sundays 12.30-2.30pm.



## **Air Cadets – Surrey Wing HQ**

Commonside West, Mitcham CR4 4HB or Morden Hall Road, Morden SM4 5JD or 192 Merton Road, Wimbledon SW19 1EG

020 8542 4893 • [aco-whq-surrey-e1@mod.uk](mailto:aco-whq-surrey-e1@mod.uk) • [www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets](http://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets)

To promote and encourage a practical interest in aviation and the RAF. Caters for young people aged 13-17.

## **Army Cadets – Clapham**

ACF Hut, Dorset Road, Merton SW19 3HA (Mondays) or Wimbledon College, Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4NS (Wednesdays)

[www.armycadets.com](http://www.armycadets.com)

For young men and women from 12 to 18 who seek action and adventure, from rock climbing to target rifle shooting to first aid.

## **Boys' Brigade – 11th Kingston & Merton Company**

Morden Park Baptist Church, Lower Morden Lane, Morden SM4 4SP

Contact: Keith Alexander

020 8542 1453 • [KWAlexander@talktalk.net](mailto:KWAlexander@talktalk.net) • [www.kmmsbb.org](http://www.kmmsbb.org)

Activities for boys include all kinds of sport, games and other leisure pursuits.

Meets on Monday evenings, ages 7-18.

## **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

John Innes Youth Centre, 61 Kingston Road, South Wimbledon SW19 1NJ

Contact: Carol Curtis

020 8274 5828 • [dofeaward@merton.gov.uk](mailto:dofeaward@merton.gov.uk)

[www.merton.gov.uk/youngpeople/dofe](http://www.merton.gov.uk/youngpeople/dofe)

Facebook: Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Merton

Wide range of activities, community service, skills and expeditions. Tuesday evenings 7-9pm.

**Girl Guiding UK**

Various locations throughout the area

**Wimbledon Division**

Contact: Janet Etches

020 8542 8541 • janetetches@blueyonder.co.uk

**Merton Division**

Contact: Sally Holmes

020 8715 5397

**Mitcham Division**

Contact: Allison Edwards

020 8646 7927

[www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

Girls and young women aged 5 to 25 can take part in various fun and challenging activities. Rainbows aged 5-7; Brownies 7-10; Guides 10-14; Rangers, Young Leaders and Senior Section from 14 years. Activities include cooking, camping, raft buildings, outings and more.

**Girls' Brigade – Kingston and Merton District**

Merton Park Baptist Church, Bushey Road SW20 8TE

Contact: Mrs Denise Hodgson

020 8330 6250 • denisehodgson@btinternet.com

Four Square Program - spiritual, physical, educational and service. Badge-work and activities. For girls aged 5-18 years.

**Scout Association – Wimbledon and Wandle District**

Cubs, Scouts and Explorers at various locations

Contact: Bob Prescott

020 8641 6112 • info@wimbledonandwandlescouts.org

[www.wimbledonandwandlescouts.org](http://www.wimbledonandwandlescouts.org)

There are over 20 groups in Merton at various locations. From Cubs to Scouts to Explorers, Scouting is aimed at the development of children and young people aged 6-25 through progressive training schemes and activities like camping, hiking, climbing, various water-based activities, and many more indoor and outdoor pursuits.

**Sea Cadets – Merton**

42 Commonside West, Mitcham CR4 4HA

Contact: Mark Walker

020 8646 5998 • mertonsc@aol.com • [www.sea-cadets.org/merton](http://www.sea-cadets.org/merton)

A variety of activities are available, including canoeing, sailing, athletics, fist aid, mechanical engineering and more. Ages 10-18, Wednesday evenings 7.30-9.30pm.

### **Carers Support Merton**

Based at Vestry Hall, London Road, Mitcham CR4 3UD

020 8646 7515 • [info@carerssupportmerton.org.uk](mailto:info@carerssupportmerton.org.uk)

[www.carerssupportmerton.org.uk](http://www.carerssupportmerton.org.uk)

Regular club for under 18s looking after or living with sick or disabled family members.

### **INSIGHT**

40-41 Monarch Parade, Mitcham CR4 3HA

020 8687 5226 • [insight@merton.gov.uk](mailto:insight@merton.gov.uk)

Range of informal activities: homework club, job search. CV writing, a space to talk. Monday-Friday 1.00pm-5.15pm.

### **Merton Scientific Society**

Contact: Rita Hockey

020 8542 8463 • [theconnellans@btinternet.com](mailto:theconnellans@btinternet.com)

Develop an interest in science and technology through talks, visits, and other activities.

### **Prince's Trust**

New Horizon Centre, South Lodge Avenue, Mitcham CR4 1LT

020 8764 3500 or 07584 238 842

[Mitcham.pt@south-thames.ac.uk](mailto:Mitcham.pt@south-thames.ac.uk) • [www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk)

A 12 week personal development programme for 16-25 year-olds, exciting challenges, which help build confidence and motivation, give young people new skills and qualifications. Taking part will help young people get the jobs they want.

### **St Barnabas Community Centre**

Gorringe Park Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 2DJ

020 8648 0119 • [StBarnabasHall@aol.com](mailto:StBarnabasHall@aol.com)

[www.stbarnabasmitcham.org/youth.php](http://www.stbarnabasmitcham.org/youth.php)

A youth group based at St Barnabas in North Mitcham.

### **SHOUT Merton**

Contact: Shar (Youth Worker)

07754 759 619 • [www.shoutyouthgroup.org.uk](http://www.shoutyouthgroup.org.uk)

A social group specifically for young people 14-21 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or not sure of their sexuality.

**South Mitcham Community Association**

Haslemere Avenue, Mitcham CR4 3PR

Contact: Brenda or Yvonne

020 8648 3740 • [brenda@smca.co.uk](mailto:brenda@smca.co.uk) or [yvonne@smca.co.uk](mailto:yvonne@smca.co.uk) • [www.smca.co.uk](http://www.smca.co.uk)

A range of activities for 7 years old upwards.

**Wimbledon YMCA**

200 The Broadway, Wimbledon SW19 1RY

020 8542 9055 • [space@ymcalsw.org](mailto:space@ymcalsw.org)

Under 5s activities including toddler ballet, children's yoga and soft play sessions. Under 13s activities, including: tennis, hip-hop dancing, swimming and teen aerobics.

**Woodcraft Folk**

Various locations throughout local area.

020 7703 4173 • [info@woodcraft.org.uk](mailto:info@woodcraft.org.uk) • [www.woodcraft.org.uk](http://www.woodcraft.org.uk)

Elfin (6-9), Pioneer (10-12), Venturer (13-15), with groups for young people between 5 to 15. A progressive educational movement for girls and boys established in 1925. Designed to develop self-confidence and activity in society, an understanding of issues such as the environment, sustainable development and global conflict.

## » DISABILITIES

**The MAGIC Club**

Contact: Audrey Haswell

Phipps Bridge Youth Centre, Cobham Court, Mitcham CR4 3PR

020 8274 5877

The MAGIC club (mixed ability group integrated in the community) is a youth club for people with any degree of disability. Siblings welcome. Activities ranging from table tennis, pool, cooking and a sensory room etc. Outside trips include cinema, bowling and much more. 10.30am-2.30pm Saturdays during school term time only. 9-24 years of age.

**The Squad Club**

Wimbledon YMCA, The Broadway SW19 1RY

Contact: James Dellow

020 8408 9800 or 07968 142227

James.dellow@thesquad.org.uk • www.thesquad.org.uk

Activities for young people with learning disabilities aged 14-25. Takes place on Thursdays at 7-9pm.

## » ADVICE/HELP GROUPS

**St Christopher's Fellowship**

1 Putney High Street, London SW15 1SZ

020 8780 7800 • info@stchris.org.uk • www.stchris.org.uk

Charity providing care, training, accommodation and support to children, vulnerable people and young people.

## » YOUTH CENTRES

**Escape Youth Group**

Contact: Richard Abiona

07554 010 816 • [escapeyouthgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:escapeyouthgroup@hotmail.com)

[www.myspace.com/escapeyouthproject](http://www.myspace.com/escapeyouthproject)

An organisation run by young people, aimed at young people wanting something to do, such as art, dance, drama, poetry and sports, and to encourage them to take part in volunteering.

**Johmard Community Centre**

65-67 High Street, Colliers Wood, SW19 2JF

Contact: John David

020 8378 5756 or 07956 579 828

[john.david@4biz.co.uk](mailto:john.david@4biz.co.uk) • [www.johmard.com](http://www.johmard.com)

Activities include:

Goju Ryu Karate (Ku Yu Kai) (6-18 yrs) Tuesdays 6.30-7.30pm.

Youth Club, every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month 7.30-9.30pm.

Ballet (Vacani School of Dance) Saturdays 9.45-10.30am (babies to 3 year olds); 10.30-11.15am (transition 4 year olds), and 11.15-12 noon (primary).

Miss Busy Busy Saturday School and Homework Club (for over 7s) 10 -1pm.

Footloose Street Dance (11-16 years), Saturdays 12.30-2.30pm.

Also pilates, ballroom and salsa dancing and yoga.

**Nightlife Youth Club**

Queens Road Church, Wimbledon SW19 8LR

020 8947 1859 • [info@qrc.org.uk](mailto:info@qrc.org.uk) • [www.qrc.org.uk](http://www.qrc.org.uk)

Nightlife is an open youth group for 11-16 year olds, both Christian and non-Christian. There is a wide range of activities including indoor football, raves, open mic night and challenging workshops. On Fridays from 7-9.45pm.

**Phipps Bridge Youth Centre**

Cobham Court, Haslemere Avenue, Mitcham CR4 3PR

Contact: John Rawlings-Anderson

020 8640 2119 • [hipps.bridge@merton.gov.uk](mailto:hipps.bridge@merton.gov.uk)

Juniors ages 6-13, Tuesday 4.30-6.30pm. Seniors ages 13-19 Tuesday-Thursday

7.00-9.00pm. MAGIC Club, Saturday 10.30-2.30pm. Activities include: arts and crafts, indoor sports, Film Night every last Wednesday of the month, and a new Gym Project.

### **Pollards Hill Youth Centre**

70 South Lodge Avenue, Mitcham CR4 3PU  
 020 8679 2449 • [pollards.hill@merton.gov.uk](mailto:pollards.hill@merton.gov.uk)

Juniors, aged 9-12 Monday and Wednesday 4.30-6.30pm. Seniors, aged 13-19 Tuesday-Thursday 7.00-9.00pm and Saturday 10.00-2.00pm. Activities include: dance, DJ-ing, a radio station, music making, cooking, pool, bike skills, football, badminton, photography and much more.

### **Wyvern Youth Centre**

18 Arras Avenue, Morden SM4 6DF

Contact: Anna Chivers

020 8648 1786 • [wavern@merton.gov.uk](mailto:wavern@merton.gov.uk)

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Cooking, sports, pool, arts, crafts, karaoke, quizzes, trips out, discussions and a range of workshops like African Drumming, Tai Chi and Street Dance. Friday evening Youth Club runs from 7.00-9.00pm.

### **St Teresa's Youth Project**

Contact: Rob Mobile

St Teresa's Church, 250 Bishopsford Road, Morden SM4 6BZ

07932 279822 • [info@stteresasyouthproject.com](mailto:info@stteresasyouthproject.com)

[www.stteresasyouthproject.onefireplace.org](http://www.stteresasyouthproject.onefireplace.org)

Every Friday: junior club (8-11 yrs old) from 5.00-6.45pm and senior club (12-18 yrs old) from 7.15-9.15pm. Also Holiday Programmes, Sunday activities and day trips out.



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