

Bury Council Special Guardians and Kinship Support Service





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Foster Carer for another Local Council, MSc in Psychology, ex Teacher, also worked with children in residential care, qualified and accredited Therapeutic Parenting Coach specialising in managing challenging behaviours and therapeutic strategies.

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Our Support Offer to 'keep families together'

We provide tailored support to help kinship and SGO children and families feel safe, understood, and empowered.

1:1 Support

Personalised sessions offering practical guidance, listening, and targeted help based on individual needs.

Therapeutic Strategies

A range of gentle, evidence-informed approaches such as emotional regulation tools, creative activities, and trauma-aware practice to support wellbeing.

Multi-Agency Working

We work closely with schools, health professionals, social care, and voluntary services to ensure coordinated support and joined-up planning.

Emotional Support

Compassionate, non-judgemental support to help children and families manage feelings, build resilience, and cope with challenges.

Carer Wellbeing

Day/evening support groups, wellbeing activities, and a buddy system.

Housing, Finances & Practical Guidance:

We offer support and signposting for:

- Financial worries, budgeting, and accessing the right support
 - Legal advice (through appropriate partner services)
- Form filling, including DLA, PIP, reviews, and passport applications
- Connecting with Citizens Advice, Job Centre and other community services, Housing issues

Multi-Agency Support

We work closely with professionals to ensure families receive joined-up help. This includes attending or supporting with:

- CIN (Child in Need) meetings
- TAF (Team Around the Family)
 - Core Group meetings
- Multi-agency planning and communication
- Working alongside schools

Family Time & Relationship Support

We provide sensitive, child-focused support around:

Coordinating family time/contact

- Helping to manage communication between family members
- Supporting families experiencing difficulties or strained relationships
 - Offering guidance to help make family time positive and safe

Emotional Support

We provide a listening ear, reassurance, and practical strategies to help children and families cope with challenges, build resilience, and feel supported.

Events & Peer Support:

Regular activities to build peer links, golf days, Easter hunts, picnics, beach trips, summer BBQ, Halloween, Kinship Carer Week, Christmas events, and respite mornings.

Training & Workshops:

Training and external guest speakers helping carers understand how to support children with trauma to adulthood

Additional Support for Young People:

Identifying those needing trauma-informed therapy through ASGSF funding, alongside intensive weekly support.

Contact Information

General Enquiries: SGODuty@bury.gov.uk

SGO Family Support Workers:

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Our Special Guardians have a committee that connects to our allotment. Kinship Carers moving towards the SGO pathway are welcome to join us!

We welcome any carers to our allotment, even if you don't like gardening.

This is a quiet space to escape to and be out in the fresh air connecting with the SGO team and Kinship carers. We have plenty of tea, coffee and hot chocolate and of course biscuits! We hold a lot of our events here when the weather is dry as we are in the perfect location, we are next to a large playing field and also a lovely park. There is also a car park off the main road. You will find us at:

Top Park, Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom, BL0 9PE

Allotment days are:

Sunday- 11am-1pm

Monday- 10am-2pm

Thursday- 10am-2pm

The Support Team are at the allotment every Thursday

**We have a support group on What's App & issue Termly Newsletters.
You can also find us on Instagram and Facebook. We upload posters of
events forthcoming**



**An annual calendar of events, training, wellbeing, drop-in
sessions**

If you feel you that you may require support, please email
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We look forward to you joining our community