

TEAM READ

Highworth Library is delighted to announce that this year's Summer Reading Challenge for children will be called Team Read.

The Reading Challenge encourages children to read for enjoyment over the summer holidays. Last year around 2,000 Swindon children participated in the "Big Wild Read", joining 650,000 children nationally. Research shows that the annual scheme improves children's reading confidence and sends them back to school fired up and ready to learn.

Children choose and read six books over the summer holidays. Friendly staff – their professional coaches – are on hand to give advice and guidance to get them on the fast track to becoming keen readers.

The challenge runs from Saturday 19th July to Saturday 13th September and children may register in their local library from 5th July.

Volunteers needed to support Team Read

Do you enjoy reading? Could you inspire children to read? Swindon Libraries need volunteers to help run the Challenge.

Volunteers will:

- Encourage children to join the Challenge and enrol them
- Give out membership cards, stickers, certificates and medals
- Talk to children about the books they have read
- Help with craft events
- Attend a short training session

If you are aged over 16 and can spare a few hours a week during the summer holidays, we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Andrea on (01793) 707131 or aroberts@swindon.gov.uk for further information.

Advice Line for Acting on CO₂

Reversing climate change depends on action from both Governments and individuals to reduce carbon emissions. The targets and incentives for reducing carbon emissions introduced by the Government are just part of its strategy to help reverse climate change and I am pleased that it has now introduced another aspect of its plan, the Act on CO₂ Advice Line.

This new Advice Line will provide people with comprehensive advice on how they can reduce their carbon footprint and will connect people with offers from energy companies and other financial support.

The Act on CO₂ Advice line is a first step in delivering nationwide support for people to Act on CO₂. £2.8 billion will fund energy saving measures about half of which will be directed at a priority group of low income and vulnerable consumers.

The Government is also introducing a requirement on energy suppliers to provide

practical help to reduce people's energy use at home, including subsidies for energy saving measures and advice on how to reduce customer's fuel bills.

Individuals make a big difference in stopping and reversing climate change and this Advice Line will allow easy access to the right information for their particular needs. I hope that residents will take the time to use the Advice Line, which is in operation now. The Advice Line number is: 0800 512 012.

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