

Swindon Carers Group treated to a special night out!



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A Swindon group supporting carers can look forward to an evening meal out courtesy of The Co-operative Group.

Thirty-two carers from Swindon Carers Centre will be treated to an evening meal at a restaurant with a donation of £360.

The Co-operative offered the funds to provide a day out or an activity for carers and those they look after.

Zoe Bartlett-Casey, Membership Officer for The Co-operative and organiser of the funding scheme, said: "Reading through the applications for funding for a day out for carers has really highlighted the fantastic work being done by support groups in the local area. I'm delighted we have been able to help these groups plan some much-needed respite for carers who give so much of their time to looking after a friend or family member.

"While all the fantastic fundraising work is going on across our business as we raise money for Carers Trust as our charity of the year, we were keen to offer a tangible benefit to this group of people to make a difference right away."

Diana Finch, from Swindon Carers Centre, said: "Respite for carers is all too often a rarity in their lives, so additional funding specifically to pay for activities will be a hugely well-deserved treat. We'd like to thank The Co-operative for recognising the value of days out and activities for carers, and we are very much looking forward to the trip."

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Notes to editors

- Swindon Carers Centre is part of the national network of the Carers Trust with 144 such centres across the UK
- SCC offers help and support to people in Swindon who have caring responsibilities
- There are approximately 19,000 carers of all ages (including children and young people) in the Borough of Swindon and Swindon Carers Centre is available to provide them with much needed support, help and information
- Swindon Carers Centre has recently been awarded the PQASSO Quality Mark Level 2 and the Carers Trust Level 2 Centre of Excellence Award
- For more information about Swindon Carers Centre visit www.swindoncarers.org.uk
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