## Wish Criteria

Do you know a child or adult who would benefit from a Wish?

Anyone can refer a child or adult to Autism Wishes for a Wish. A few simple criteria have to be met. The child/adult must:

- \* Be aged between 4–99 years inclusive
- \* Have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Condition
- \* Reside in the Wales and England area
- \* Choose their own wish, not what someone else thinks they might like to receive
- \* Not have had nor be going to have, a Wish granted by any other Wish granting charity or organisation.

Applications will need to be accompanied by a confidential letter from a medical professional who currently has care of the child or adult for whom a Wish is requested confirming that the person has Autism.

All Wish referrals and requests are subject to the Trustees acceptance and approval.

Wish application packs are available via the website.





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# How to Make a Donation

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Autism

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# What is Autism?

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to, other people. It also affects how they make sense of the world around them.

It is a spectrum condition, which means that, whilst all people with Autism share certain difficulties, their condition will affect them in different ways. Some people with Autism are able to live relatively independent lives but others may have accompanying learning disabilities and need a lifetime of specialist support. People with Autism may also experience over or under sensitivity to touch, tastes, smells, light or colours.

Asperger Syndrome is a form of Autism. People with Asperger Syndrome are often of average or above average intelligence. They have fewer problems with speech but may still have difficulties understanding and processing language.

Autism affects 1 in 100 people which is roughly 30,000 in Wales alone.

### **Autism Wishes**

Autism Wishes seeks to educate and raise awareness of Autism.

We grant wishes to children and adults with Autism and support local Projects that promote the betterness and the wellbeing of those with Autism.

### Who Are We?

Autism Wishes is run by a team of four Trustees. All Trustees run the charity on a voluntary basis and are not paid. They each have a family member with Autism so are very passionate about what they do. They want to raise awareness and acceptance of Autism through the work they do and know the value having a wish granted means to an individual.



#### Malakai's Wish.

Malakai is an amazing 7 year old little boy with a passion for his local football team. Autism Wishes, in conjunction with Wrexham Football Club, arranged for Malakai to be club mascot at their Woking game and have lunch with the players in the players lounge.

#### David's Wish.

David is 48 years old. Struggling socially meant that he is virtually housebound and communicates with family only. One of Davids biggest passions in life is gardening. Autism Wishes received an application form for a potting shed.



Having this would mean that David would be able to venture in his back garden and tend to / manage his plants.

### Jason's Wish.

Meerkats have a special place in Jasons heart thanks to memories of visiting with his grandfather. Sadly Jasons grandfather passed away but his passion for meerkats remained. Autism Wishes, in conjunction with Chester Zoo, arranged for Jason to have a meerkat experience, a 1 yr membership to the zoo and had a meerkat adopted in Jasons name.

### **Previous Wishes**

#### Maya's Wish.

9 year old Maya had been bullied so badly she was suffering from low self esteem and low confidence. Her aunt wrote to Autism Wishes telling us that she loved singing and dancing.



In conjunction with Aerial Studios, Autism Wishes arranged for her to go the studios and record her very own song.

#### Jack's Wish.

9 year old Jack loves anything Michael Jackson. In conjunction with James Jackson, the UK's leading Michael Jackson tribute act, Jack opened up a concert in Wrexham by performing Billie Jean to rapturous applause.



