



NORSACA
quality of life for people with autism

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Teacher in a spin to raise money for playground for children with autism

Beeston resident Sue Coombes will be in a spin on her 50th birthday weekend in July. She will be attempting to ride 50 rides at Alton Towers over the weekend of the 3rd and 4th July to raise funds towards a new playground for pupils with autism at Sutherland House School, where she works.

The school, which is run by autism charity NORSACA, is based on five sites in and around Nottingham and Sue works as a teacher at the Carlton site of the school.

Sue said, "My class have a lot of sensory difficulties and would really benefit from some sensory integration equipment for swinging and spinning - just like all the full on experiences I'll have at Alton Towers!"

Autism is a condition that is estimated to affect 1 in 100 people. People with autism have difficulties with communication, socialising and planning for and coping with change. Everyday life can be very confusing and frustrating for people with autism.

If you would like to sponsor Sue please visit her webpage at www.bmycharity.com/sutherlandhouseschool. For more information on Sutherland House School and the work of NORSACA please contact the charity on 0115 976 1805 or visit www.norsaca.org.uk.

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Note to Editors:

NORSACA (Nottingham Regional Society for Adults and Children with Autism) is a registered charity (No. 517954) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 2053860). The Society was started on the initiative of a group of parents in 1968 and today is still led by the parents and friends of people with autism.

Each year NORSACA delivers services to over 500 people with autism, or affected by autism. The people who benefit from NORSACA's work principally come from the East Midlands and South Yorkshire.

Autism is a complex, life-long disability which affects the development of communication, social and life skills.

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