

A photograph of two men in a kitchen. The man in the center is wearing a light blue long-sleeved polo shirt with a small crest on the chest. He is looking down at a blue mug he is holding. To his left, another man is partially visible, looking towards the first man. In the foreground, a hand is holding a red mug with white polka dots. The background shows a kitchen counter with a white and grey tiled backsplash and a red and white striped towel hanging on the wall.

Rethink  
Mental  
Illness.

# Men's mental health and support in Wiltshire

Including national support

**Wiltshire Mental Health Inclusion Service**

This guide provides you with a quick reference on what support there is available for men's mental health in Wiltshire.

Below are some of the in-person groups or activities tailored for men across the county.

**Rethink Football** sessions for men to team up and be part of a safe group where they can talk openly and freely without judgement.

📍 Chippenham  
[rethink.org/wiltsmhis](https://rethink.org/wiltsmhis)

**Man Down** provide informal peer support talking groups for men with mental health concerns.

📍 Trowbridge and Melksham  
[mandown-uk.co.uk](https://mandown-uk.co.uk)

**WAM - We Are Men** provide a safe place where you are able to talk to others that understand, without being judged.

📍 Warminster  
FB: [@WAMWeAreMen](https://www.facebook.com/WAMWeAreMen)

**Men's Sheds** are creative community spaces for men to connect

📍 Bradford on Avon, Calne, Chippenham, Devizes, Ludgershall, Melksham, Tidworth, Westbury, and Wilton  
[menssheds.org.uk](https://menssheds.org.uk)

**Kickstart FC** provide peer support for those who struggle with poor mental health, mental ill health, and social isolation (using football and an ethos of 'tackling the mind').

📍 Tidworth  
[kickstartfc.org](https://kickstartfc.org)

**Doorway Project** provide a support group for men

📍 Chippenham  
[doorwayproject.org.uk](https://doorwayproject.org.uk)



“I’ve found meeting in a group with likeminded people to be a breath of fresh air.”

- Rethink Football attendee

## Other opportunities

**Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** periodically offer a Men's Wellbeing in Nature Programme. Confidence building and connecting with others via nature activities.  
[wiltshirewildlife.org](https://wiltshirewildlife.org)

**Talk Club** is a male mental health charity with online support groups and are always keen to find Captains for any new in-person groups.  
[talkclub.org](https://talkclub.org)

**Andy's Man Club** are a men's suicide prevention charity, offering free-to-attend peer-to-peer support groups across the United Kingdom and online.  
[andysmanclub.co.uk](https://andysmanclub.co.uk)

## Across Wiltshire and nation-wide

**SURVIVORS UK**

We Support. We Challenge. We Build.



**Survivors UK** support male and non-binary survivors of sexual violence, providing counselling, practical help and community on your healing journey.

[survivorsuk.org](http://survivorsuk.org)

**ManKind**  
Initiative



**Mankind** provide support for male victims of domestic abuse and domestic violence. Also operate a confidential helpline.

[mankind.org.uk](http://mankind.org.uk)

**Respect**

Men's advice line

**Respect** operate a helpline for male victims of domestic abuse. Also offer guidance for frontline workers and friends and family.

[mensadvice.org.uk](http://mensadvice.org.uk)

## Some tips and guidance



**Learn to ask for help** – don't hesitate to go to the GP or speak to someone when you need some support or help.



**Be there for other men** - don't be afraid to be there and talk to other men in your life about issues and feelings.



**Focus on being yourself, not just 'a man'** – avoid putting pressure on yourself to conform to what society may deem 'manly'.



**Follow healthy social media** – choose webpages and feeds that you can relate to and switch off from the others.



**Switch off** – in a way that works for you, with a book, film, video game etc.



**Be active** – get physically moving and active in a way that you enjoy and doesn't feel like forced 'exercise'.

Please note all information provided in this booklet was correct at time of publication. Always check via contact or websites for the respective organisations for latest details.

This book has been compiled by the **Wiltshire Mental Health Inclusion Service**. The service is here to support you if you are feeling lonely or isolated due to your mental health and create opportunities of growth for you to access your local community.

This booklet has also been possible due to input from the **Access Community Mental Health Service**. This service operates a Wellbeing Line (Tel: 0802 803528) providing immediate mental health support across Wiltshire.

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