

# SCHEME NEWS

Newsletter for volunteers,  
families, funders and  
friends of Home-Start  
Warrington



# Home Start

Support and friendship  
for families

celebrating  
15 years

Spring 2015



## Thanks to the BT Teams for their donations at Christmas!

Duncan, Jayne, Carl &  
Sarah, from the various BT



Warrington teams, called  
in before the Christmas  
break to donate gift

boxes from their staff - to the children of the families that  
we support. These were distributed by our Co-ordinators in  
time for Christmas. We had some lovely feedback from the  
families, as the children received them on Christmas  
morning.

Thanks to the various BT teams who thought of our charity  
and the children who benefitted from them.



## Our latest training volunteers complete Safeguarding training

On 11<sup>th</sup> March, our latest training  
volunteers completed their Safeguarding  
training. Pictured with Kate Griffiths,  
Scheme Manager, they will now continue the course until 25<sup>th</sup> March when they will then  
become available to support a family. We are training again in September 2015 and we are  
recruiting NOW!



Want to know what's involved? Call Steph, for a no obligation chat on 01925 652320/576100

## Volunteer Training Events

This year, our Volunteers have been offered a very busy programme of events. We are providing 4 support groups, the first of which took place on 26<sup>th</sup> February. This was led by Diane Nicholson, our Trustee Volunteer Advocate and focused on "Play". The next support groups will be 20<sup>th</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> December. **Note to volunteers to get your names down.** Additional training throughout the year is CAB training and First Aid training.

## Donations

Once again, we are very grateful for all funds donated to us.

The Volunteer Expenses donated back in to the scheme since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 totals a massive **£2,236.41**

Other donations, since our last Newsletter include:-

£250 donation from one of our home visit volunteers!

£200 donation via "The Big Give".

£110 donated from the proceeds of a fundraising event organised by our Finance Administrator, Leanne & her partner, Matthew.

£50 donation from the People's Team at Asda, Warrington Depot.

2 more additional donations for our English Half Marathon runners, Nick & Dave.

A massive thanks to our friends and volunteers who helped at the bucket collection at the Warrington rugby game. You raised a massive £651.19. Thanks to all who supported us!

## Our Facebook Page

Our Facebook page has been changed and we can no longer access our old one! So, please find us at <https://www.facebook.com/HSWarrington> and like our page, to be kept in touch with our work. Please also share with your friends and family.



## Information for our Referrers.

Please note when sending referrals by post, we are no longer located at Meadowside. Our address is The SMILE Centre, Sandy Lane, Orford, Warrington, WA2 9BX. Our Referral forms were updated and can be downloaded from our website, or we can email to you on request. Please share with your colleagues, as we no longer return to Meadowside to pick mail up.



## Mother's day Event

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, we held our Mother's Day event, here at the SMILE centre. The Mums (and Dad's) were treated to a light lunch of sandwiches, cupcakes, scones with jam and cream and a pot of tea. We had a raffle and activities were provided to entertain the children. Great fun was had and the Mum's enjoyed the treat.

Thanks for all who helped at the event - it's very much appreciated!

