

SCHEME NEWS

Home Start

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



Support and friendship
for families

Autumn 2015

Families Together

During August we facilitated our Families Together



Programme for some of our supported families, lead by Tracey Dean, Family Support Co-ordinator. The parents enjoyed the programme and gave very good feedback. Their children were cared for in our crèche area and lunch was provided. The children had great fun doing activities, making cakes and playing. The parents are pictured receiving their certificates. The project funded by



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Family Trips



In August, we had 2 trips for the families that we support. On 4th August we went to Stockley Farm and on the 25th August we went to Gulliver's World. The trips were funded by Mike Lomax, Total Steel & Fabrication, providing a coach for



both trips and entry for all the families. The parents and children had a great time.

Volunteer Training

On Thursday 10th September, our volunteers attended "Read on with Home-Start". The training was arranged by Miranda Greenwood, Children's Centre Family Reading Co-ordinator and delivered by Natasha Baker and Sharon Palmer Jonson from Bookstart. The training explained how books are an important part of a child's learning and development, and showed fun ways to introduce story sharing with families. The volunteers gained knowledge and were given resources to share with the families that they support to promote reading with their children.



Walton Gardens Country Fayre



On Sunday 12th September, Helen Fearon, Family Support Co-ordinator held a stall at the country fayre to raise funds for us. Helen was helped by her family (pictured left) on a teddy bear and sweet tombola stall. The event stall raised an excellent £205.04. Thanks to all who donated sweets and jars, including staff, volunteers, trustees, friends and our centre cleaner, Ruth Gleave.

Thanks also, to all who visited the stall.

Volunteer Support Group

On 22nd September, the volunteers are attending a volunteer support group. Diane Grylls, one of our Home Visit volunteers will do a presentation on Bonding and Attachment Awareness. She is sharing her knowledge of this area to heighten the volunteer's understanding of the subject.



English Half Marathon

It's that time of year again! On Sunday 20th September it is the English Half Marathon in Warrington. We are lucky to have a few more runners this year and we have put links below to their own pages if you would like to sponsor

them. They are either running the 10k or the full half, 13.1 miles. This is a great achievement and I am sure that the runners would welcome your support.

Dave Scully <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/davidscully3>

Watsons Solicitors <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/homestartwarringtonehm2015>

Dan Herbert <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/danherbert1>

Nick Bent <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/nickbent2015>

Good Luck to all 8 runners! Please ask your friends and family to show their support by sponsoring them.

Counselling Service

We are currently providing a counselling service each week, funded by St James' Foundation and delivered by Jacquie Emmerson, who is one of our home visit volunteers, but also a trained counsellor. The service is already being accessed by a few of our families, who attend each week and will initially be given 6 sessions.



Business Cards

Big thanks to Poplar Services Printers Ltd of Jackson Street, St Helens who recently provided all staff with new business cards, at no cost. This was facilitated through Cheshire Connect.

Donations

Once again, we are very grateful for all funds donated to us and other miscellaneous income.

The Volunteer Expenses donated back in to the scheme since 1st April 2015 - £813.48

Staff travel expenses donated back to the scheme - £28.33

Other donations, since our last Newsletter include:-

Volunteer donation via CAF - £250

Warrington Voluntary Action - £100

Nationwide Community Match scheme - £100

Resigned volunteer donation - £300

Recycle4Charity - £1

Easy Fundraising - £21.70

BTMyDonate (Half Marathon donations) - £64.29

Many thanks!

Our Social Media pages!

We're now on LinkedIn!

Please follow our company page - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/home-start-warrington>, for all our updates!

Also we have a new **Facebook** page - <https://www.facebook.com/HSWarrington>

And **Twitter** - https://twitter.com/HomeStart_Warr

Follow & Like us!

Future Newsletters

This is our last printed version of the Newsletter!

To cut expenditure, we are planning to email out to everyone in the future. So, if any of our families & friends wish to receive the Newsletter by email, can you please inform the office of your email address and we will add you to our existing email distribution list. If you do need a printed copy, please contact the office on 01925 652320.

Our Contact Numbers

Just to remind that we have 2 lines for contact, so if you are unable to get through on the main line 01925 652320, the second number is 01925 576100.



Volunteer Preparation Course

Our next training course commences on 23rd September and will be completed by 2nd December. We hope to train around 12 volunteers over 10 sessions to support more families. If you are considering volunteering and sharing your parenting knowledge and skills, just give the office a ring and we can log your details for future courses.