

SCHEME NEWS

Home Start

Support and friendship
for families

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



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Peaks TrekFest 50k challenge

On 3rd September 2016, one of our Trustees, Andrea Taylor set out to undertake the 50k TrekFest in the Peak District. However, due to such adverse weather conditions and several “mishaps”, Andrea had to call a halt at halfway. Andrea said “ I didn’t get to the mile marker target I set myself, but I did achieve so much that I would not have thought possible and hit goals I didn’t know were there to go after” To date, Andrea has raised a fantastic £370.00 for our charity. Thanks to all who have already sponsored her. Her page is still open for sponsorship. You can donate here <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/trekfest2016>.

Well done Andrea!

Walton Gardens Country Fayre

On Sunday 11th September, Helen Fearon, Family Support Co-ordinator had a fundraising stall at this annual event. Helen was helped by family members and some of our home visit and trustee volunteers. The stall had a sweet tombola and lucky dip bags for the children and was very popular! Thanks to everyone for collecting and donating jars and sweets – same again for next year please! We raised £382.00 Thanks to all helpers on the day and to all the customers! Come and see us again next year!

Well done Helen!



English Half Marathon and 10k event

On 18th September 2016, “Team Scully” completed this event. Dave completed the Half Marathon in 1.46.59, Becky completed the 10k in a personal best of 52.13 and Steph, our Office Manager completed the 10k in 57.30 They all ran and raised for Home-Start Warrington, and to date, they have raised £385.75. Thanks to all who have sponsored them already. Their pages are still open for sponsorship. You can donate

here, <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/ehm10k2016> or here <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/hswehm2016>.

Well done Dave, Becky & Steph!

First Aid Training for Families

On 13th July, Gary Rodgers, First Aid Medical Tutor, delivered training to some of the families that we support. Topics covered including Basic Life Support, CPR and Recovery, Choking and the use of a Defibrillator. The parents all received a Certificate of Completion. Their children were cared for on site, in a Stay & Play session, run by Staff and Volunteers. Feedback from the day was excellent.

Gary will also provide training to our Volunteers on 4th October 2016.

Garden Projects

During June & July, two of our supported families had garden makeovers. The larger project was organised via the family's volunteer and her friend who has a



Before



After

gardening business. Several of our Home-Start Volunteers supported throughout the day too. Thanks also to several local businesses who either donated to the project or gave us a reduction on garden items and equipment. Big thanks also to Becky Sydenham, Nursery supervisor at Bents Garden and Home for the generous plant donations that went to these and several other family gardens.

The second project was done by Chris Griffiths, Kate's son and Steph our Office Manager. On day 2, Brian, Kate's husband helped to finish the project and more recently, Dave Elwell, our Trustees husband repaired the existing fence to make it safer for the children to play in.



Before



After

**Donations
are Greatly
Appreciated!**

Donations

Volunteer donations since 1st April 2016 - £504.58. Thanks to our amazing volunteers!

Other donations since the last Newsletter;
£123.61 Easy Fundraising
£50 for a signed Wigan Rugby League shirt

£3 Recycle 4 charity

£50 CAF cheque donation from one of our volunteers

Family Trips

On Wednesday 10th August 2016, the families enjoyed a trip to Liverpool Underwater Street. The coach was full and the children and parents enjoyed an action packed day. The second trip on 24th August was to Knowsley Safari Park. Again, we had a full coach and the families and children had a great time. The trips were fully funded by volunteer expenses that are donated back into the scheme. Many thanks to our volunteers for their generous donations.



Big HOPES Big Future SUPPORTING Parents and their CHILDREN to be 'ready for SCHOOL'

Big Hopes Big Futures

deliver to Warrington Families. The project aims to enable families with young children, to be "school ready" and to be more independent. We will aim to help the children to recognise their own name, understand simple hygiene, build routines, cope away from their parent and have fun & play games. We are working in partnership with Meadowside School Nursery to targeted families. Some resources are also freely available from the Home-Start UK website;

<https://www.home-start.org.uk/Pages/Category/big-hopes-big-future>

Christmas Cards

**Yes, that's right
You heard it
here first!
Christmas
Cards!**

We have cards for sale at £1.50 per pack. Packs generally contain 10 cards and a sample of them is on the image to the



right. There are more to browse, so please pop in. We only have limited amounts of packs to sell. Buy early and support us to raise more funds.

Volunteer Preparation Course

Our next course starts on Wednesday 21st September. We give a very warm welcome to our 14 new recruits! I am sure that you all enjoy training with us! The course will run until 30th November, at which time we will then be able to offer more families our support.