

SCHEME NEWS



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

Spring 2018

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Reminder re Change of office hours

Please note, the Home-Start office will only be open Monday – Thursday. Any calls to the office on a Friday will be picked up and answered the following Monday. Please inform your colleagues.

Fundraising Raffles



Great big thanks to our Home Visit Volunteer, Gail Gibbs who has been the Lead on various raffles in our local stores, such as, the One Stop and Cotswold Road and Capesthorpe Road Co-op's. The raffles have raised £189.00

Thanks to the store managers for enabling us to be in store, to the staff who assisted Gail and for the customers who purchased raffle tickets!



Amazon Fulfillment Team

In December, we received £2,000 from the new Amazon Fulfillment Centre Team, Warrington. Part of the team attended our Family Christmas party, as their funding has been provided for events and trips for the families that we support. Also pictures with Kate, Scheme Manager are two of our home visit volunteers who helped on the day, Jean and Anne.

Support a Family

Thanks to our Corporate Sponsors who have renewed their financial support for 2018. Namely, Bolton Steel Structures Ltd, Total Steelwork and Fabrication, Sellafeld Ltd and David Briggs MBE.

In return for their financial commitment, they receive reports to show what their funding is helping to provide for their linked family. If you would like to consider joining our initiative, please call Chris Murphy, Development Officer on 01925 652320/576100

Volunteer Preparation Course

Our latest 10 week course which started on 10th January ended on 21st March. They are pictured here receiving their certificates after completing their training and then they are now available to support their first family! Our next course is due to start in September 2018, if you would like to enquire, please call us for a no obligation chat.



Gladstone Brooks donation

Local company Gladstone Brooks chose us as beneficiary of their “dress down Friday’s” for the month of December. We received £400! Kate & Chris are pictured with Becky Scully, Senior Compliance Officer who presented the cheque. Thanks to the staff for their generosity!

Fashion Show Fundraiser

Helen Fearon, our Fundraising and Events Co-ordinator recently organised our Fashion show event, hosted by Shop2Drop and held at the Walton Hall Gold Club. Snacks were provided by Budgen’s store of Lymm and Helen had the support of her Mum and also Jan Collins, one of our Volunteers. The night raised £654. It was great fun, thanks for your support!

Home-Start Warrington has a Patron!

We welcome Rob Griffiths, who has agreed to be our Patron. Rob is the General Manager of Motiv, UK & Ireland, but is no stranger to Home-Start Warrington. Rob has been a Trustee of our Committee in the past and has also helped us with some consultancy work.



Spring Afternoon Tea

On the 8th March we held our annual Spring afternoon tea! It was a very busy popular

event! The parents enjoyed tea, cake & sandwiches, whilst the children could play, supervised by staff and volunteers.

Thanks to the Trustees who helped out at this event and to the home visit volunteers who accompanied and supported the families and children. See you next year!!!



Volunteer Training

As well as the Volunteer Course of Preparation, we have recently provided additional training to our home visiting volunteers. On the 28th February, Diana Grylls delivered "Child Development" and Tercia Santos delivered "Best Beginnings" (Baby Buddy app). On the 7th March, Eva Ross delivered "How Parent's Mental Health can affect children" and Tara Shaikh delivered "Working with children with Special Educational Needs".

All our training is emailed out now to our volunteers - Keep an eye on your inbox, or check your spam folder if you feel that you have not received all!

Donations

Many thanks for all our donations! We are always grateful

The Volunteer donations since 1/4/17 - a massive £696.32

Other donations since our last Newsletter: -

Diane Grylls, Volunteer, who saved 0.20p's and raised £17.60

Sellafield donated an additional donation of £323.45

Gift Aid - £493.20

Recycle for Charity - £2.00

Ebay sales - £176.24

Charities Trust - £28.80

Rob Griffiths, GM of Motiv - £419.70

Trustee donation - £124.85

PayPal giving fund - £73.87

"Round pounds" donated - £6

Mr & Mrs. Disley - £100

Easy Fundraising - £105.01



Curry Night Fundraiser

On 22nd March, we held a Curry Night fundraiser, hosted by The Cottage Indian Restaurant, Church Street. It was a great night, with fabulous food! On the night we also had entertainment from Rosie & Esther from Sirocco Academy of Egyptian Dance, Belly Dancing. It was great fun! The night, including our raffles raised £935 (including gift aid) Congratulations to all our winners! Thanks to all who attended and helped to raise so much money on the night! Watch out for our next event and follow us on Facebook to be kept up to date! (HSWarrington)

Boost course

We are running another BOOST course, which runs for 7 weeks, it started on 15th March. Facilitated by Donna Hynes, from Warrington Wellbeing service, the course is to invited families only and is aimed at improving their wellbeing. It is aimed at Boosting parents Mood, Thinking, Relaxation, Assertiveness, Confidence and understanding etc. It was very successful last time and we had very good feedback from the parents that attended.

Big Hopes Big Futures

On 28th March, Helen and Kate are delivering this training to our volunteers. This is a Home-Start UK initiative that we have trained in to be able to deliver, The training will arm our volunteers with additional information and guidance to relay to the families that they are supporting. The programme is aimed at getting children “school ready” and will help with guidance on routine before school. I.e. being fed and dressed ready for school, guidance re playing and sharing and eating and drinking unaided.

London Marathon - 22nd April 2018

We wish our friend Andrew Pemberton the best of luck when he runs the London Marathon to raise funds for us! Andrew's fundraising is going very well - but his page is still open. Please donate if you can - I know it means a lot to our runners, but also raises much needed funds for us. Good Luck Andy!

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/andrewpemberton2>



Easter Raffle - The Forge

Thanks to a donation of Easter Eggs from McColls stores on Higher Parr Street and Peckershill Road, St Helens. We held an Easter Egg raffle at the Forge Centre, Stockton Heath on Saturday 17th March 2018. Thanks to 3 of our volunteers, Julie, Penny, Anne and staff member Kate who donated their time to run the raffle. It raised £155.51 and it was won by Mr John Adams, Stockton Heath, who was delighted to be able

to share with his grandchildren and great grandchildren!



Future Events

Check out our future events happening in the next few months!
20th April - Big Fat Quiz of the year at Grange Social Club, Latchford - £10 per ticket

18th May - Royal Wedding afternoon tea, The Institution, Warrington - £10 per ticket

21st June - Race night

Contact us to express an interest - we will log your number and then contact you when tickets are available.

IT support from our new corporate partner NP- Projects, Widnes

Steph recently met with Tom Greaves, Consultancy and Sales Manager from NP Projects. Their company has offered us IT Services & Consultancy to help us comply with GDPR, Data Protection. In the near future, we will be assisted with the installation of software to provide secure email and file storage.

Our backup drive will be encrypted. Training will be provided for staff and trustees re Data Protection. A great big thanks for their (gratis) advice and support!

