

SCHEME NEWS

Home Start

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

Support and friendship
for families

Winter 2018

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Meadowside Groups

We have recently been working in partnership with Meadowside Primary School and have run 2 groups for targeted parents and children. The first group was a Meadowside Toddler group and the second was an "English Breakfast" group run by Tara Shaikh, Family Support Co-ordinator, delivering English as a second language, to 13 Mums! This has been very successful and we hope to deliver it again in 2019!



Race night 5th October 2018

We held a race night at King's Club Latchford, ably assisted by our volunteer Tracey Green. It was very well attended and great fun was had by all. It raised £750. Thanks to all who attended - here's to the next event - please support us! Please follow us on Facebook or Twitter for all things happening!

Volunteer Course Ended

Congratulations to our latest 9 volunteers, who have successfully completed the 10 week training course. They are pictured with their "graduation" certificates presented by Kate, Scheme Manager. A couple of the ladies have already been matched with the family they have chosen to support and the rest will be matched after Christmas. Well done to you and welcome to Team Home-Start.



Family Christmas events



This year, we have had 2 trips for our families. One was to the Jungle play centre, which was funded by an Amazon donation of £2,000. The other one was



to the Children's Adventure Farm Trust and coach travel to this trip was funded by Bolton Steel Structures Ltd.

Jungle image is courtesy of UNP, who took the photos for Amazon.

Volunteer's Christmas celebration

On 10th December we had our Volunteer Christmas Celebration. The Volunteers watched a presentation on Safe Sleep, delivered by Kate & Eva. Kate then presented the volunteers with certificates and gifts based on their length of service.



Pictured above with Kate, are Anne

& Diane, who have both volunteered for 7 years!

We also had a surprise visit from Leanne and baby Ayda, who enjoyed being cuddled by the staff 😊 We then enjoyed lunch together.

Well done to our volunteers. We can't do what we do without you all!



Donations

Many thanks for all our donations! We are always grateful!

The Volunteer donations since 1/4/18 - a massive £774.88

Other donations since our last Newsletter: -

Gwen Lightfoot - £30

Bolton Steel Structure £1,000

Amazon Smile - £15.33

English Half Marathon event - £139.85

Anon Volunteer donation, via Charities Aid Foundation - £250

Anon Volunteer donation - £380

Anon Volunteer donation - £500

Mark Thomas, Cortech - £200

Anne Doyle - Donated various Christmas goods

Online giving - £28.50

Gift Aid - £227.77

Nesta Award - £1,000

Sellafield - £414.94

Tesco blue token campaign - We won top prize - £4,000!

Bag pack at Marks & Spencer's Gemini

Thanks to our volunteers, Dru, Hafize, Laura and Roz, who helped us at our recent bucket collection at Marks & Spencers, Gemini. We raised a huge £383.06 (including gift aid). Thanks to M & S for having us! And, thanks to the customers for their generosity on the day!

Christmas present donations

Great big thanks to Peter & Brenda Speed and the parishioners of St Thomas's Church Stockton Heath and to Stockton Heath primary school, to Duncan Banks and the BT team, Pauline Deans and the Sellafield team and Natasha Holt and the Next team, who have generously donated gifts for the children and also the parents of the families that we are currently supporting. Our families are in for a real treat on Christmas day. We thank you all for your continued support.

