

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

Autumn 2019

Charity Number 1116515

***Celebrating 20 years supporting families
in Warrington***

Company Number 05563277

Volunteer Support Group

On 19th June, we held a Volunteer Support Group. It was facilitated by one of our home visit volunteers, Diana Grylls, who delivered a presentation on Attachment & Bonding. During her professional career, Diana carried out a lot of research on this topic and it was very well received by the Volunteers and staff that attended.

IT support from N.P. Widnes

We would like to thank Dean Ross, Director of NP Projects Limited, and his team for the continued IT support provided to us. Our systems are gradually being updated to increase our security and confidentiality. Many thanks!



20th Anniversary Garden Party

We marked our 20th Anniversary with a Garden Party attended by Families, Volunteers, Referrers, Funders, Local Businesses and supporters. It was a great day, with lots of fun provided for the children. Once again, thanks to everyone who played a part in its success. From staff, trustees, volunteers and family members who helped to set up and tidy away. To our speakers, who all spoke so eloquently about our charity. To funders, fundraisers, supporters, and friends and to the volunteers who supported the families and their children. Thanks to Waterfield's for donations of cakes and sandwiches too! Thanks to H the

DJ and to Grace at Blocks Party Mania for entertaining the children. Thanks to Michelle for the face painting. Everyone did a great job!

Country Fair at Walton Gardens

Once again, Helen had a stall for us at the Annual event at Walton Gardens, which included a sweet tombola, which raised £303.55. Thanks to everyone that helped on the day from Helen's family, to our volunteers and their friends. As usual, we can't fundraise without you! Many thanks! See you next year!





Avery Dennison, Runcorn

We have been nominated to receive a funding award from Avery Dennison, Runcorn. A small staff team will also undertake a garden project for one of our families and this is due to take place mid-October.

All details of funds received will be announced when known.
Thanks to the person who nominated us and thanks to Avery Dennison for your support.

Quality Assurance Review

On 7th August, we had our external review by Home-Start UK. We are pleased to announce that we received a 96% Good Practice certificate. Thanks to the work of the Quality Assurance sub group and staff team who worked hard to achieve this.

Donations

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

The Volunteer donations since 1/4/19 – £374.29
Other donations since our last Newsletter: -

- Penketh Methodist Church, 745 Ladies Group - £100
- Lymm Round Table - £200
- Recycle for Charity - £4
- Easy Fundraising – 44.48
- Anonymous donation - £250
- Sellafield - £1200
- Virgin Money Giving - £33.38
- Trustee Donation - £25
- Bolton Steel Structures - £360
- Volunteer Donation - £8
- Coffee Morning event - £90.40
- Bucket Collection - £573.67
- Country Fair Walton Gardens - £303.55
- Quiz Fundraiser - £714.65



Quiz night fundraiser

On Friday 27th September, Helen organised our Quiz at the Grange Sports and Social club. Great big thanks goes to Jim Jefferies, from Warrington Hospital radio, who was our quizmaster and to Matthew Washington aka Doctor Beats who was our DJ. A great night was had by all. It was great to see some new faces too and we hope that you will attend any future fundraisers too. Congratulations to Sandra and her team for winning the quiz. The night raised £893.31 (with gift aid)

Oktoberfest 2019



Warrington Rotary presents the famous Oktoberfest at Parr Hall on 24th, 25th and 26th October. We are lucky enough to be one of the beneficiaries of the proceeds, so please go along and support the event, it promises to be great fun and in the past the Rotary have raised in excess of £15,000 to be divided between the chosen charities. You can call Rotary on 01925 263820 or tickets are on sale, <https://parrhall.culturewarrington.org/whats-on/oktoberfest-23/>.

If you follow the event facebook you will get all their updates!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/310426019838740/>

GovDataLtd Warrington



Kate, Chris & Helen were recently invited to meet with Christian and Kelly Hugo, Directors of GovData. GovData is a market leader in Government business and provide specialist expertise to ensure businesses take advantage of the £378 billion spent each year on goods and services.

The meeting went very well, and discussion took place as to how this local company can support us.

We look forward to informing you of all updates as they occur.

Farewell to Laura!

We wish Laura a very fond farewell. She has ended her 12 month maternity cover for Leanne and has successfully gained employment as a Family Support Worker in Wigan. We wish her all the very best! We will miss you!

We welcome back Leanne, who resumes her role as Finance Admin Assistant. All future emails return to leanne@homestart-warrington.org.uk



We're recruiting!

Would you like to join our Board of Trustees?

We are looking for a person with up to date Safeguarding knowledge in practices and procedures. The Trustee will be the Lead in Safeguarding to the Board and will potentially offer the Scheme Manager support and supervision.

The Board meets every 8 weeks on a Monday at 5pm, here at our office building. If you are interested and feel you have the necessary skills, please contact Steph on 01925 652320/576100 for a no obligation chat.