

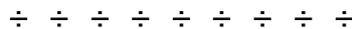
HOME-START CHICHESTER & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018



The Team

We are very pleased to welcome Peter Brackley and Lois Smith to our Board of Trustees. The Trustees all work incredibly hard on behalf of Home-Start Chichester & District raising funds, increasing awareness of our work, working on good governance, and providing financial management of the charity.

We say farewell to Matt Davey.

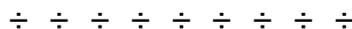


Eleven new volunteers join our team, having completed our training course in January.



Next Volunteer Preparation Course

Our next Volunteer Preparation Course will take place in St Anne's Church Hall, Midhurst, starting on **Monday 10 September**, so please spread the word and, if you have any friends who might like to be involved with Home-Start, please let them know that we are recruiting!



Midhurst Family Group

In addition to our Family Group in Chichester, which is held on Wednesday afternoons in The Green Room next to our office, Alyson has started a new Family Group in the Methodist Church Hall, Midhurst. This group takes place on the last Wednesday of the month (throughout the year) from 10am to 2pm. Families can drop in at any time throughout this session. We are hoping to run this group twice a month in the near future, and anyone from the Chichester District is welcome to attend.

Families can come and have a cup of tea and meet other Home-Start families and volunteers. We provide a light lunch for the families to sit and enjoy together. In future sessions, we will be demonstrating practical cookery, having messy play, craft activities, and ideas for activities to do in the home.

Rhiannon Leysen, Recovery Coordinator from Mind, the mental health charity, will be coming to our group sessions to offer advice, encouragement and support, either to individuals or small groups, as part of a wellbeing 'package'.

We will also be asking families what they would like from the group.

If you think your family may be interested in coming along (with or without you), please call us on 01243 773477 as places are limited. Should families who come further afield need transport, then please let Alyson know.

This year, we received 72 new referrals, supported 92 families and 217 children.

Fundraising and Events

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| Saturday 12 May | Just Walk Goodwood Racecourse |
| Sunday 24 June 2018 12pm - 4pm | 10th Anniversary Home-Start Chichester & District Celebration Lavant Village Hall |
| Tuesday 3 July | Cynthia's Coffee Morning |
| June/July | Tennis Tournament run by our Trustee Kate Hogan |
| 18, 19, 20 May 10, 11, 12 August 26, 27, 28 October 14, 15, 16 December | Dunelm Fundraising Weekends! A great opportunity to publicise our work and to raise extra funds! |

THE DUNELM PARTNERSHIP

This is the second year of Home-Start UK's national partnership with the retailer Dunelm and all local Home-Starts with a store in their area have the opportunity to support a series of in-store fundraising weeks - with 50% of all monies raised from these events coming back to us.

If anyone is able to help with any of the events listed in our calendar, please let the office know; an hour or two is a huge help, especially on the Dunelm fundraising days!



Home-Start Chichester & District Fundraising Lottery

Join our 100 Club:

a local lottery with 100 members maximum
£100 prize money per month x 10 months
and £1000 prize money x 2 months

1 winner per month: £10 per month to play
(£10 per number - you may buy as many numbers as you wish)

All proceeds to Home-Start Chichester & District, helping us raise the money we need to continue our work with local families. For more details, or to join, please email edwina@home-startchichester.org.uk with 100 CLUB in the title.

Brian Haines was the lucky winner of our last draw!

Give As You Live

We are part of the Give as You Live scheme – you can raise money for Home-Start Chichester & District when you shop online. Please sign up at www.giveasyoulive.com and search for Home-Start Chichester & District. This is a brilliantly easy way to raise money; so far through the Give As You Live scheme we've raised over £230!

Since our last Autumn Newsletter,

we held an exhibition and sale of paintings, drawings and photography, held a Christmas party for our families and a get-together for our volunteers at Val's house.

Laura Filer, who is a pharmacist at Stephen's in Sherborne Road, Chichester, contacted us because she was looking for a local charity to support in her pharmacy, and to raise money for us by running the Brighton Half Marathon in February. To date, Laura has raised just under £1,000.

A very special thank you to Laura from all of us at Home-Start Chichester & District for such an amazing achievement!



Alyson took part in the Great South Run in October



Claire's brother Freddie took part in a 24-hour exercise event

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who gladly give their time to help us run these events

VOLUNTEER SUMMER TERM TRAINING SCHEDULE

Monday May 21st 9.30 for a 10am start, venue Chichester Baptist Church, Sherborne Road, Chichester, PO19 3AW
Two-hour first aid course with Daisy First Aid

Thursday June 14th 9.30-2.30 University of Chichester
Resilience with Chris Smethurst, Head of Department of Childhood Social Work and Social Care

If you would like any more information about either of these training events please get in touch. It's been fabulous to see so many of you at our recent events. It's so good to hear about the work that you do with families.

If you would like to book a place on our training sessions or get involved with any of our events, or would like more information about them or our charity, please ring the office on 01243 773477

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