

# HOME-START CHICHESTER & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER WINTER 2018



## The Team

We have been sorry to say goodbye to Jane Drummond, Jane Meechan and Kate Hogan, and are looking to recruit new trustees to join our dedicated Board. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in, please get in touch, particularly if you have a background in fundraising.

If you have relevant experience, some time available, and would like to join us, please send a brief statement outlining your skills and experience via the Home-Start Chichester & District office [admin@home-startchichester.org.uk](mailto:admin@home-startchichester.org.uk) or 01243 773477.



**Seven new volunteers join our team**, having completed our training course in November. A big WELCOME to them!



### Next Volunteer Preparation Course

Our next Volunteer Preparation Course will take place at the Chichester Children & Family Centre and will begin on Tuesday 5th February 2019 and will run through until 2nd April. Please tell all your friends!

**We are currently supporting 45 families and 106 children**

## Chichester & Midhurst Family Groups

We have had a great summer at the Midhurst group with all the hot weather. We had outside space for plenty of water play and during the summer holidays siblings were able to join us. Families have had input in planning the sessions as well as helping to prepare lunch with the children.

Many of the families joined us at Lavant Village Hall for the Christmas party. Thanks to the volunteers who provided lifts.

Chichester Family group have visited 'Little Street' In Chichester and the Midhurst group have asked to arrange a visit which will be going ahead in January.

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, please let Alyson know.

**Since our last newsletter in the spring...**

### **We held our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**



**had a street collection in Chichester, some fundraising days in Dunelm,**



**Claire in Dunelm Chichester,  
promoting the cause!**

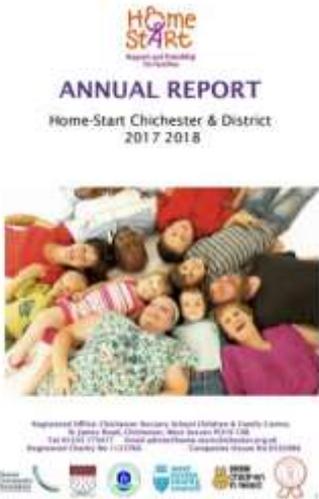


**set up our stall at MADhurst**

some of our families came with us to Petworth Festival Bignor Park Alive! where we had a grand day out



Our AGM was held in September



Alyson abseiled down the Bake House Tower at Arundel Castle – how brave was that – and raised over £2,000 for us!



We were part of the Sussex Charities Fair at Goodwood House, and attended a volunteer recruitment/retirement fair in Midhurst.



Community Choirs UK gave a Christmas Concert on our behalf and raised nearly £250!



We held our Family and Volunteer Christmas Party - Christchurch Methodist Choir from Chichester came along to entertain everyone with their carols.



a surprise visit from from Mother Christmas!

For our volunteers, we ran a **First Aid Course** with Daisy First Aid and a session on **Resilience** with Chris Smethurst, Head of Department of Childhood Social Work and Social Care at the University of Chichester. We had a brilliant day focusing on **Play, Early Years Development and Readiness for School**, held our second **peer support** session and second **safeguarding and GDPR update** session. Safe In Sussex ran a short course on **Domestic Abuse awareness** and its impact on families.

### **Harris & Hoole Coffee Shop 'Giving Tree'**

Harris & Hoole at 59 South Street, Chichester, have chosen to support us this year through a 'Giving Tree'. The giving tree scheme started on the first of December. They have a Christmas tree in their shop decorated with tags. Written on the tags are the gender, age and hobby of each child that we support so that customers can take a tag and buy a relevant gift for that child.☺



### **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.

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



### **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](mailto:edwina@home-startchichester.org.uk) with 100 CLUB in the title.

**Frederick Helmore 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](http://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!**

## VOLUNTEER WINTER TERM TRAINING SCHEDULE 2018/2019

Date	Session	Time	Venue
Monday 14 January	<b>Mental Health Awareness</b> Led by <u>Coastal West Sussex Mind</u>	9.30-2.30	South Hall, Chichester Baptist Church, Sherborne Road
Friday 25 January	<b>Peer Support</b>	9.30-11.30	Orange Room, Chichester Children & Family Centre
Monday 11 February	<b>Understanding children's behaviour</b>	9.30-12.30	tbc
Tuesday 5 March	<b>Peer Support</b>	9.30-11.30	Green Room, Chichester Children & Family Centre
April	<b>Early years language development and the basics of Makaton sign language with Laura Gilbert</b>	tbc	tbc
Friday 3 May	<b>Group Supervision</b>	9.30-11.30	Orange Room, Chichester Children & Family Centre
Thursday 13 June	<b>Group Supervision</b>	9.30-11.30	Orange Room, Chichester Children & Family Centre
June	<b>Day at the University of Chichester with Chris Smethurst and Becky Edwards</b>	tbc	tbc

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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