

# Winter Newsletter



Happy New Year and Welcome to 2019.

Here are a few snippets of what we got up to in the last 4 months.

Home-Start  
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**A huge Thank You....** must go to the Pearly King & Queen of Harrow who very kindly spent a couple of nights going round pubs in the local area. Those pubs that kindly hosted the Pearly couple to raise funds for us were The Antelope, The Bull, The Swan, Plumber Manor, The Royal Oak, The Ibberton, The Hambro, The Fox, The Mitre, The Grosvenor, The Kings Arms, Two Brewers & The Grove Arms along with a day entertaining the customers at Lidl in Blandford.

We'd like to thank them and their customers for helping us raise a staggering £1000



**They made it .....**in November after 9 weeks of training our new volunteers graduated. They are now **fully trained** on how to be a volunteer which includes most importantly the **skill of listening and supporting**, but also safeguarding and GDPR. Exciting times for them and we wish them all the best for their future as a volunteer as they go out to meet new families who will find their support invaluable.



**Did you know .....**Everyone can help at no extra cost to you.

With increasing sales being made online—including holidays then this is a perfect way to still be able to buy from the larger outlets but still **support your local community**. Go through [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hsnthdorset/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hsnthdorset/) to do all your shopping and every retailer logged will automatically pass us a percentage of the amount you have spent.

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**Forever grateful .....**Here our founder and trustee **Jenny Kretz** is receiving a cheque donated by **Sherborne Classic Cars**. We are always grateful for all donations and through this period we have been fortunate enough to receive significant donations from **Sero, Bullpits Golf Club** and a **Pumpkin Party**. As always we rely heavily on funding from all sources. These larger donations are wonderful. However we must not forget those that contribute smaller consistent donations too. From Sept to Dec this year our wonderful dedicated volunteers not only made over 150 visits of support but also donated their travel expenses totalling £327.03 plus gift aid.



**Opportunities always available** .....to give back to the community.

Could you be a Trustee—the answer is probably yes.

**We need Trustees** from all walks of life that are committed to our charity and to help it strive forward in new adventures.

**We are currently looking for a new Treasurer/Finance advisor.**

Could you or do you know someone that could fill this role for a couple of hours a month? No need to be a Trustee for this role.

If so please contact us on the details below.



**Christmas toy donations** .... were kindly received from Yewstock School and here one of our Volunteers Ruth bought in some donations from St Nicolas Church of Okeford Benefice. All these gifts were distributed to our families via our volunteers.

### **Quote from Volunteer Home Visitor**

“This was probably a family that overall I feel that although we had a good relationship and I got along well with the mother and she commented on how the children loved having me visit, I left not really feeling entirely sure that I had 'achieved' anything unlike other families I have visited. However the mother did say otherwise and so I suppose it's not always about getting 'results' but more about assistance at a difficult time in their lives even if it is for a relatively short time.”

### **Quote from Referrer**

“As a Health Visitor who has worked closely with Home-Start for over 4 years I do believe that this is a beneficial and hugely undervalued service. I have seen a number of families lives improve and children's outcomes improve with this dedicated and committed support from volunteers. Thank you Home-Start for helping our families in need reach their potential.”

### **Quote from Volunteer Trustee**

“I have always had a great interest in the law relating to Charities and am delighted now to see how a well- run charity is administered on a daily practical basis, together with noting happily how Home Start can help transform lives, and help the community in such a positive way”.

### **Quote from Family**

“Julie was fantastic, she helped us through a difficult few months and we are all better off with her help”.

Can you help us in anyway?

We are always looking for new trustees, home visitors, office helpers & supporters along with new ways to fundraise.

If you have anything you'd like to discuss regarding helping the charity then please email

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