



# Winter Newsletter



Winter 2019



## North Dorset

We've had a very busy few months with lots going on at Home-Start North Dorset. Here is your Autumn/Winter Newsletter packed full of everything that's been happening!

**Hello & Goodbye.....** It wouldn't be right not to mention that back in the Summer Heather our Scheme Manager left us for pastures new. Heather was a valued member of the team and we miss her presence in the office. Chelsey has spent the last few months settling into her new role and has enjoyed getting to you know everyone. Thank you to everyone for being so welcoming.



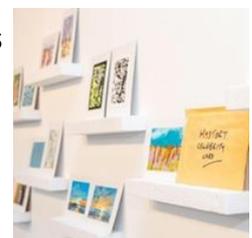
In June we also welcomed our new Support Co-ordinator Vix Madel. Vix was with us for a number of years as a Home-visitor and later a Trustee. She has been working alongside Jamie since June learning the ropes and focusing on recruitment of volunteers. Vix is also leading on our exciting new group project 'Mother's in Mind' which is due to start in January.

**They did it.....**Our most recent group of Home-visitors who completed their preparation course in November. Our new volunteers, as well as many of our existing volunteers attended the Jane Keyworth EDAS training day on MI and ACT (Motivational Interviewing and Acceptance and commitment Therapy). All these workshops enable our volunteers to have a better understanding of themselves, and also pass on their valuable knowledge to our families.



We also want to say a big thank you to all our Home-visitors and Trustees for their hard work in 2019. We were lucky enough to be nominated for two awards at the Dorset Volunteering Awards in October where we picked up 'Volunteers group of the year' and 'Trustee group of the year'. Well done everyone!

In September we held a 'Secret Postcard' event at The Guggleton Gallery in Stalbridge. We had over 100 postcards donated from local and national artists including a number of celebrities. We were lucky enough to raise over £2,700 from this event. Thank you to everyone that attended and purchased a postcard. We still have some postcards available on our website. There is a lovely range so please contact the office for more details.



**Sponsor a Home-visitor.....**To support a family costs £400 for 3 months or sponsor a Home-visitor for a year at £1500 who could support up to 4 families. Recently we have been fortunate enough to receive funds from Dorset Council , Asda Gillingham and Blandford Forum and Shaftesbury Council. With 30 Home-visitors and a new preparation course starting in January we will be able to support many more families if we have the funding available. If you're in a position to sponsor a Home-visitor or want to raise funds then please do call 01258 473038.





**She did it.....** In October our wonderful volunteers Tamsin climbed Mount Kilimanjaro raising funds for our charity. Tasmin was successful in her climb and raised over £3,000 for Home-Start North Dorset. We also want to thank Rich and Mark (husband and friend of our Volunteer Danielle) who cycled from Swanage to Shillingstone back in May. They raised over £1200 for us. Thank you everyone!

Fundraising is very important to us and we have recently formed a fundraising committee who are due to meet early in the new year. If this is something you might be interested in please contact the office.

**Spread the word.....**We always need more volunteers and have our next preparation course starting on 16th January. This will be at the Blandford Forum Children's Centre. If you know anyone that might be interested in joining the team as a volunteer please let them know.

## VOLUNTEER FOR US



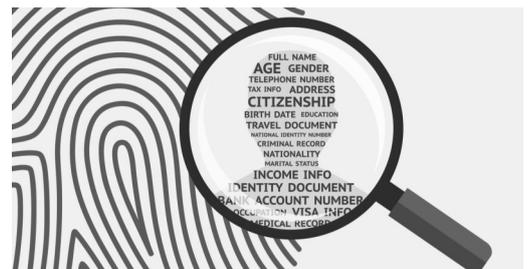
**So much fun.....**Thank you to everyone who made it along to our Christmas party. Despite a very wet and cold afternoon we had a fantastic turn out! Families and volunteers enjoyed fun with exotic animals, arts and crafts and a surprise visit from Father Christmas! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped set up and tidy away, and a BIG thank you to ASDA who funded the party.

**Please remember.....** We are committed to keeping personal data safe!

Can we remind everyone about the importance of GDPR in our organisation. We are responsible for keeping data safe, please ensure you are doing the same.

If we are responsible for keeping your data safe, and you would like more information about what data we are holding of yours, please call the office or email [Chelsey@home-start-northdorset.co.uk](mailto:Chelsey@home-start-northdorset.co.uk)

If you have any questions about the above or want more information please contact us on 01258 473038



**Can you help us in anyway?**

We are always looking for new ways to fundraise, trustees, Home-visitors, office helpers & supporters.

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

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**