

SCHEME NEWS

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Home-Start Shepway Bulletin for Volunteers and Management Committee

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Festive Feast for Volunteers and Trustees

Home-Start Shepway
Tuesday 11 December 2018
12.00—2.00pm

An opportunity to get together with other volunteers, trustees and staff to celebrate the scheme's success. Hot food, fun and festive games for all!

Please let the office know if you are able to attend, and if you have any special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian).

Christmas Party for Home-Start Supported Families

Methodist Church Hall Sandgate Road Folkestone CT20 2BL
Wednesday 12 December 2018
12.00—2.00pm



Music, Food, Games, Santa

Please let your families know about this event. Printed invitations are available from the office on request.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this event. Please be prepared to meet outside the venue at 11.20am and to stay behind until 2.30pm when all the clearing up is done. If you can help, please let [Rachel](#) know.

OFFICE HOURS

The Home-Start Shepway office will be closed on Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 December 2018 and again on Tuesday 1 January 2019.

We wish all volunteers and trustees a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND STOCKING FILLERS



A selection of Home-Start Christmas cards is available to purchase from the office at £2 per pack of 10.

We also have Miffy zip pulls (pictured below) and snowflake badges at £1 each, and reindeer food at 50p per bag.



NEW GROUPS FOR FAMILIES

All of our regular groups — Butterflies (for women who have experienced domestic abuse), Shorncliffe Parent and Toddler Group and Young Active Parents — will be continuing after the Christmas/New Year break.

Times, venues, etc. are given in the attached timetable and on our [website](#).

In addition, we are offering the following **new** programmes as part of the Building Bright Futures Project:

Snow Angels

Tuesday 8 January to Tuesday 12 February 2019
Folkestone Early Years Children's Centre
9.30 — 11.30am

The sessions will be based on winter crafts, healthy snacks, nursery rhymes plus action songs.

Play and Learn Sessions (PALS)

Wednesdays from 9 January 2019
The Village Children's Centre
9.00 — 11.00am

The return of our popular pre-school group with an activity, healthy snack, toys and songs.

Please let your families with pre-school children know about these new groups. Leaflets are available from the office.

Places are free, but do need to be booked in advance.

For further information, please contact [Rachel](#).

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Both of these training sessions will be held at the Home-Start Shepway office. Please contact us as soon as possible to book your place.

Domestic Abuse Awareness Training

Monday 10 December 2018
9.30am — 2.30pm

This training will give you a better understanding of what domestic abuse is, so that you will recognise the signs if it is happening in any of the families that you support and know how to respond appropriately. Lunch will be provided.

NCDV Training

Tuesday 8 January 2019
9.30 — 11.30 am

A training session on using injunctions to protect victims of domestic abuse. Facilitated by Sally Herzog of the National Centre for Domestic Violence.

WELCOME!



A warm welcome to the ten new volunteers who recently completed the prep course.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your Volunteer Representative on the Home-Start Shepway Management Committee. If you would like to have a chat with me, I am in the office several times a week. Come and find me in Enhanced

New Beginnings office so I can put a name to a face. And my advice to you: don't hesitate to ask any member of staff if you need any assistance at all. They are an approachable bunch!

Kaaren Green

REMINDER

Please remember to complete and return your diary sheets and expense claim forms after the last visit of each month.

Can we also remind all volunteers to note which projects/groups the expenses relate to on their claim forms.



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HOME-START SHEPWAY TIMETABLE DECEMBER 2018 — JANUARY 2019

DAY	EVENT	DATES	TIME	VENUE
MONDAY	Shorncliffe Parent and Toddler Group	Every Monday except 17, 24 and 31 December 2018	1.00 to 2.30pm	Shorncliffe Community Centre
	DA Awareness Training	10 December 2018	9.30am to 2.30pm	H-S Shepway
TUESDAY	Festive Feast	11 December 2018	12.00 to 2.00pm	H-S Shepway
	NCDV Training	8 January 2019	9.30 to 11.30am	H-S Shepway
	Snow Angels	8 January to 12 February 2019	9.30 to 11.30am	Folkestone Early Years Children's Centre
WEDNESDAY	Christmas Party	12 December 2018	12.00 to 2.00pm	Methodist Church Hall
	Play and Learn (PALS)	From 9 January 2019	9.00 to 11.00am	The Village Children's Centre
	YAPs Driving Lessons	Every Wednesday except 26 December 2018 and 2 January 2019	10.00am to 12.00pm	
	Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop	Every Wednesday except 26 December 2018.	12.30 to 2.30pm	Folkestone Early Years Children's Centre
THURSDAY	Building Better Opportunities	Every Thursday except 27 December 2018	9.00am to 3.00pm	
	Butterflies Domestic Abuse Support Group	Every Thursday except 20 and 27 December 2018 and 3 January 2019	9.30 to 11.30am	H-S Shepway
	Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop	On the last Thursday of every month except December 2018	12.30 to 2.30pm	Lydd'le Stars Children's Centre
	Young Active Parents (YAPs)	Every Thursday except 27 December 2018 and 3 January 2019	1.00 to 3.00pm	H-S Shepway
FRIDAY	Young Active Parents (YAPs)	Every Friday except 28 December 2018 and 4 January 2019	1.00 to 3.00pm	H-S Shepway