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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES



We hope you all enjoyed the Festive Feast for volunteers, trustees and staff held on Tuesday 11 December 2018 (photos above), and congratulations to Beth Barlow and Nicola Whitehead, who each received the Frank Pinnington Award for the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

Volunteers who were unable to attend the Festive Feast, or who did not receive their Christmas gift at the event, please call in to the office to collect!

We also held our annual Christmas Party for families with pre-school children at the Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 12 December 2018 with music, food, games and a visit from Santa Claus. Many thanks to everyone who helped out, and to [Donations With A Difference](#) for providing the presents!

THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND

The **Big Lottery Fund**, which supports Home-Start Shepway's *Building Bright Futures* and *Enhanced New Beginnings* projects, has changed its name to **The National Lottery Community Fund** to make a clearer link between playing the National Lottery and the causes that benefit.

The brand refresh also kicks off the National Lottery's 25th anniversary year.

**PREPARATION COURSE FOR
NEW VOLUNTEERS**
Tuesday 5, 12 & 19 March 2019
9.30am — 2.30pm

If you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a volunteer for Home-Start Shepway, please ask them to contact us as soon as possible.



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PROJECT NEWS

Building Bright Futures — New Co-ordinator

Hi everyone!

My name is Stacey and I am really happy to introduce myself as the Building Bright Futures Co-ordinator.

I have spent many years working and managing Early Years settings and whilst doing this I was fortunate enough to gain a huge amount of knowledge and experience.

In January, I began my new role here at Home-Start and I am really looking forward to working with you all to offer the best possible support to our families and together, building a brilliant team! I have already had the chance to meet a few volunteers. However, we have our group worker training in May and I think that would also be a great opportunity for us all to get together and put a face to each name.

Stacey Conner

Big Hopes Big Future — Update

Since the project started in June 2018, we have received 32 referrals from a range of services throughout Shepway including, Early Help, Nurseries and Pre-Schools, School Health and Shepway Children and Social Work Services. This is a really encouraging start to the three-year project and we are just at the point of completing the first report on the funding from BBC Children in Need.



At the end of last year I am delighted to say seven volunteers completed their Big Hopes Big Future training, some of whom are shown here receiving their certificates.

The volunteers are now being matched to families and this will enable the project to grow and reach out to the families that need this support to develop a positive early

learning home environment to enable their children to be school ready and reduce the gap between children from more deprived backgrounds in their developmental and educational milestones.

The work with the families has been very positive and rewarding and if anyone is interested in becoming a Big Hopes Big Future volunteer, then please don't hesitate to contact me for some further information. The next BHBF Training will be run over two weeks on Tuesday 2 and 9 April 2019.

Gabby Fisher

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

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

ASD Training

*Monday 11 March 2019
10.30am — 12.30pm*

Wendy Boorman from the Kent Autistic Trust will be providing a two-hour session to look at Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), covering sensory processes, triggers and traits to look for when working with children. We will be providing a light brunch at the start of the session.

BHBF Training

*Tuesday 2 & 9 April 2019
9.30am — 2.30pm*

For volunteers interested in working with families to develop a positive early learning home environment.

Group Worker Training

*Tuesday 14 May 2019
10.00am — 2.00pm*

The session will cover confidentiality, form filling, group dynamics and working in a group setting with children. A light lunch will be provided.

DWP Training

On Tuesday 5 February 2019, Natalie and Abby from the Job Centre joined us for a very interesting training session on Universal Credit. [Universal Credit and You](#) is a booklet on the on the gov.uk website that gives guidance on universal credit for families that are claiming it. Families can also use the [EntitledTo](#) website to see if they are receiving the correct amount of benefit, and can request one-to-one support with their budgeting at the Job Centre.

HOME-START SHEPWAY TIMETABLE FEBRUARY — MARCH 2019

DAY	EVENT	DATES	TIME	VENUE
MONDAY	Shorncliffe Parent and Toddler Group	Every Monday except 18 February 2019	1.00 to 2.30pm	Shorncliffe Community Centre
	ASD Training	11 March 2019	10.30am to 12.30pm	H-S Shepway
TUESDAY	Preparation Course for New Volunteers	5,12 and 19 March 2019	9.30am to 2.30pm	H-S Shepway
	Big Hopes Big Future Training	2 and 9 April 2019	9.30am to 2.30pm	H-S Shepway
	Group Worker Training	14 May 2019	10.00am to 2.00pm	H-S Shepway
WEDNESDAY	Play and Learn (PALS)	Every Wednesday except 20 February 2019	9.00 to 11.00am	The Village Children's Centre
	YAPs Driving Lessons	Every Wednesday	10.00am to 12.00pm	
	Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop	Every Wednesday	12.30 to 2.30pm	Folkestone Early Years Children's Centre
THURSDAY	Butterflies Domestic Abuse Support Group	Every Thursday except 21 February 2019	9.30 to 11.30am	H-S Shepway
	Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop	On the last Thursday of every month	12.30 to 2.30pm	Lydd'le Stars Children's Centre
	Young Active Parents (YAPs)	Every Thursday	1.00 to 3.00pm	H-S Shepway
FRIDAY	Young Active Parents (YAPs)	Every Friday	1.00 to 3.00pm	H-S Shepway