

# Home-Start Wirral Newsletter...



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**Spring is upon us!**



**We hope everyone had a lovely Spring Break and didn't consume too much chocolate over the Easter weekend!**



**As the weather brightens up we are excited for the coming months and everything that we have in store.**

**From the Wirral Coastal Walk to National Volunteer Week, we have some exciting events on the horizon.**

## **New Arrival....**

**Some of you may have noticed a new arrival here at the Home-Start Hub....**

### **Doris The Portacabin!**



**Doris was delivered during the storm so we have named her accordingly!  
The coordinators and admin team are very happy in their new home and  
feel that this is a good working environment for the team.**



**As many of you may know its National Volunteer Week from  
1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June**

**We would like to say a massive thank you to our volunteers this year with  
an Afternoon Tea event on**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
12pm-3pm**

**All volunteers and their children are welcome to come along and enjoy  
food, music and entertainment...**

**We look forward to seeing you!!**



Please see below all available training sessions, we do have more to come so  
These will be sent via email shortly:

**Please remember that Safeguarding training is compulsory and  
Volunteers must attend one session every 12 months.**

Safeguarding Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1:30pm-3pm  
Home-Start Wirral Hub

Safeguarding Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 6pm-7:30pm  
Home-Start Wirral Hub

Volunteer Group Support & Tomorrows Women Tour  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 5pm-6:30pm  
Tomorrows Women Beckwith Street East Birkenhead

Autism Awareness with Steve Vasey  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1:30pm-3pm  
St James Centre Birkenhead CH41 7AL

Safeguarding Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm-3pm  
Home-Start Wirral Hub

**Please call the office on: 0151 608 8288 to book your place**

## **IDEA's**

### **Our New Play Project Pilot...**

We are looking for current volunteers interested in taking part in our brand new pilot project called **IDEA's**

**I**magine

**D**iscover

**E**xplore

**A**dventures

The project will support families with children up to the age of 8 years old who struggle to engage with their children's learning and have limited play opportunities. The aim is to help families develop creative indoor activities and access outdoor space with their children.

Volunteers will be asked to attend a day's training on **18<sup>th</sup> May** here at The Home-Start Wirral Hub followed by 4 group sessions where they will support families and their children and implement what they have learnt.

**If you are interested please get in touch:**

**0151 608 8288 / [jessicagaskell@homestartwirral.co.uk](mailto:jessicagaskell@homestartwirral.co.uk)**



## **We are recruiting!!**

Home-Start Wirral volunteers visit families at home, supporting Parents in situations such as isolation, illness, multiple births, Mental health issues or who are just finding parenting a struggle. They provide non-judgmental practical and emotional support and help build the families confidence and ability to cope.

**If you are a parent or grandparent and have 2-3 hours free each week,  
Please get in touch!**

*All volunteers will be subject to a Disclosure  
& Barring Service Check  
(DBS)*

The course will start Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May for 10 weeks  
At the Carr bridge Centre,  
Carr Bridge Road  
Woodchurch  
CH49 8EU

**Please call the office to book your space on: 0151 608 8288  
Or email : [admin@homestartwirral.co.uk](mailto:admin@homestartwirral.co.uk)**

Our Volunteer Champion



**Hello all Home Start Wirral Volunteers**

As always, it's been a busy time but there are some interesting developments over the last couple of months. Firstly, I'd like to congratulate all those involved in the achieving 100% in the Quality Assurance Review. This is really impressive and shows how good our Administration Team is performing on our behalf. It also gives confidence to funders that we are worth supporting, so well done to all those involved.

I'd also like to congratulate all those involved with the installation with the new portacabin. It has taken lots of time and preparation but, hopefully, this will prove worthwhile.

I'd also like to welcome our new volunteers that have just completed their Course of Preparation. I'll try to meet all of you in the next few months but please feel free to contact me if you want to discuss anything. As the trustee on behalf of the volunteers anything will be treated in confidence so please give me a call (or text me if you want to discuss anything).

My contact details are:- email: [johnjones@thewo.org](mailto:johnjones@thewo.org) Tel 07970 652690



## Wirral Coastal Walk



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
**9am Start**  
**Seacombe Ferry**

We are looking for volunteers, families, friends, children or relatives to walk the 15 mile Wirral Coast and help Home-Start Wirral raise much needed cash!!



If you or anyone you know is interested then please get in touch

Tel: 0151 608 8288

Email: [admin@homestartwirral.co.uk](mailto:admin@homestartwirral.co.uk)

## What's on Guide...

### Birkenhead Park Festival



**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April –Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
**11am-6pm**

If you are looking for something to do with the kids this bank holiday weekend, then bring them down to Birkenhead Park for a weekend of arts, crafts, entertainment & food.

**Entry is free for children, £3 per day for adults when booking online**

[www.trybooking.co.uk/Booking](http://www.trybooking.co.uk/Booking)

### New Brighton Seaside Festival



**27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10am Onwards**

This fantastic Family Festival will be at Fort Perch Rock. The exciting programme includes local home grown food from local chef's, live music and seaside themed entertainment.

**Weekend Pass**  
**Adults £12 Kids £6**

**Single Day Pass**  
**Adults £5 Kids £3**

[www.ticketquarter.co.uk/online/seaside-festival](http://www.ticketquarter.co.uk/online/seaside-festival)

# Charity Shop Update...

The staff and volunteers at Home Start Wirral Charity Shop would like to congratulate **Mike Stubbs** on his new job. Mike has volunteered at the shop for 2 years and has become a valued part of the team as a volunteer key holder for the shop he made sure we were open and ready to trade, served customers efficiently and politely and took great pride in filing in weekly paperwork and daily banking procedures. He also successfully completed and NVQ in Customer Services with us. He will be missed by us all when he leaves us for his new role as a full time customer services administrator. Well done Mike.



If you are interested in volunteering at Home Start Wirral Charity Shop and gaining experience that could help you move on to paid employment please get in touch [saraforfar@homestartwirralcharityshop.co.uk](mailto:saraforfar@homestartwirralcharityshop.co.uk)

A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers donors and customers who helped to make our pop up shop in Wallasey a success.

We had all hands on deck storing, transporting stock, publicising the event setting up and serving customers...and on top of this we had a great week at our Claughton shop and managed to keep our Ebay shop trading successfully too.

Opportunities like these help to raise the funds that are essential for our charity to keep supporting local families. Keep an eye out for news of future fundraising news as we are always looking for help.

## FYI...

### *Ask Us Wirral*

**Whoever you are, Whatever the Problem, Information and Advice to help**

Four local voluntary agencies have come together to deliver a new Information and Advice Service for Wirral. Funded by Wirral Council and Wirral Clinical Commissioning group, the new service 'Ask Us Wirral' is being delivered in partnership by Citizens Advice Wirral, Age UK Wirral, Wirral Change and Wirral Mencap.

The new service means people do not have to leave their homes to get the information and advice they need. Information will be available on the Ask Us Wirral website or advice can be accessed through filling out an online form or simply phoning the low cost telephone number.

The Ask Us Wirral service will also have Communications Hubs on Liscard Road, Liscard and at Wirral Point, Claughton Road in Birkenhead. People can call into the Communications Hubs, where there will be access to computers and freephone lines to access Ask Us Wirral. The service will also offer advice appointments for issues that cannot be resolved the same day, in over 20 locations across Wirral including the Communications Hubs, Arrowe Park Hospital, GP surgeries, Community venues and at three One Stop Shops - West Kirby, Moreton and Heswall.

To get the right information and advice for you go to [www.askuswirral.org.uk](http://www.askuswirral.org.uk)

or call 0300 33 00 111



### What is the Home-Start Wirral 50-50 Club?

It's a lottery!

The beneficiaries are Home-Start Wirral and the 50-50 Club members.

Membership costs £12 per entry per year.

50% goes straight to Home-Start Wirral 50% to the monthly prize fund.

One number is drawn each month and all numbers are entered each month.

The more numbers we sell, the more funds we raise for Home-Start Wirral and the bigger the prize pot.

You can buy as many numbers as you want!

To sign up, please ask for a form or e-mail [5050@homestartwirral.co.uk](mailto:5050@homestartwirral.co.uk)

Have you signed up to the Home Start Wirral 5050 club yet? It costs £12 to join for 1 year. 50% goes straight to Home Start Wirral and 50% goes to our prize pot. One lucky member wins a cash prize every month. The more members we have the bigger the prize fund...and the more money we raise for Home Start Wirral.

If you would like to add any fundraising ideas into our next newsletter, please contact

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