



Newsletter

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A Fabulous Family Fun Day!

Thankfully, the weather was perfect for our big day in August and the children had a great time playing outside on the bouncy castle and trying out different games. There was also nail painting, craft activities, delicious cakes and a hot dog lunch.

Huge thanks to the Coln Group for funding the event in Northleach, and to all those who gave up their time and worked hard to make it a success. We know from the feedback we get that it is a highlight for a lot of the families we support. We thoroughly enjoyed it too!



New volunteers needed!

Our next Volunteer Preparation Course starts on Wed 22nd January 2020. It will run for eight weeks (excluding half term), every Wednesday morning, at Cirencester Baptist Church. We will be holding two coffee mornings for potential volunteers: on Wed 6th Nov in Cirencester and Mon 11th Nov in Bourton-on-the-Water, both starting at 11am. If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Home-Start volunteer, please ask them to see our website for more information at: www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk



We are extremely grateful to the **Saintbury Trust** who have funded this course. Without our volunteers, we could not help families create a home environment where children can learn and flourish.

More great funding news...

And on the subject of funding, we were over the moon to learn that Home-Start Gloucestershire, a consortium of three schemes including ourselves, has been awarded £500,000 by the National Lottery community funding over the next three years to expand our services!

We are also delighted to have received £4,253 from the Royal Agricultural University, who worked hard during their Raising and Giving Week earlier this year to help three charities.

Phoenix Festival Reception

In August, we were invited by Patrick Coleman, the Mayor of Cirencester, to attend a reception he was hosting in advance of the Phoenix Festival.

Four of our Trustees and one of our volunteers went along and are pictured below. (L to R: Mary Kaufmann, Carla Partridge, Steve Kaufmann, Alex Yumba and Fiona Blacker.)



Reconnect Coffee event

Here are a couple of photos from the recent event we held for attendees from all of our Reconnect courses. Many of them have made new friends through the groups and have developed their own peer support network.



Family-friendly café in Fairford

We were recently told about Magic Beans Cafe in Fairford (at GL7 4DT), which is both family and dog friendly! Situated on the edge of a lake in the beautiful Cotswold Water Park, we gather it's a great place to take little ones. Their website says they have a 'quirky' interior and that they use local suppliers for their freshly made food (including vegan and gluten free).



It's always good to hear about family friendly places that welcome children, so do please let us know if you have any recommendations to pass on. You can email or call us (see top of the other side of this page). **We'd love to hear from you!**

New Trustees

We have not one, but two new Trustees to welcome this issue! Carla Partridge (pictured right) is an accountant with more than 10 years experience. She is married, has a daughter and a dog, and loves the outdoors. A busy lady, she is also Treasurer for the Cirencester Scouts and a care home.



Richard Waller (pictured left) has lived in the Cotswolds for over 20 years and is married with two (adult) children. He is a solicitor and until recently was a trustee and chair of a London based charity.

We are thrilled to have Carla and Richard join our amazing team of voluntary trustees and look forward to working with them!