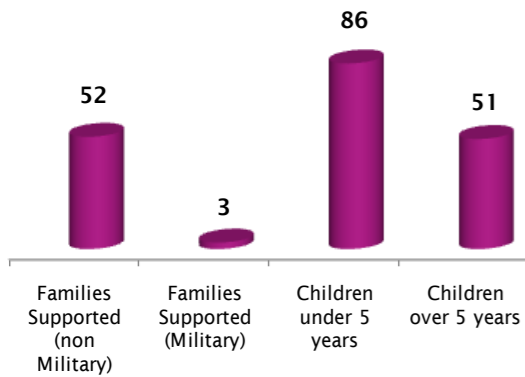
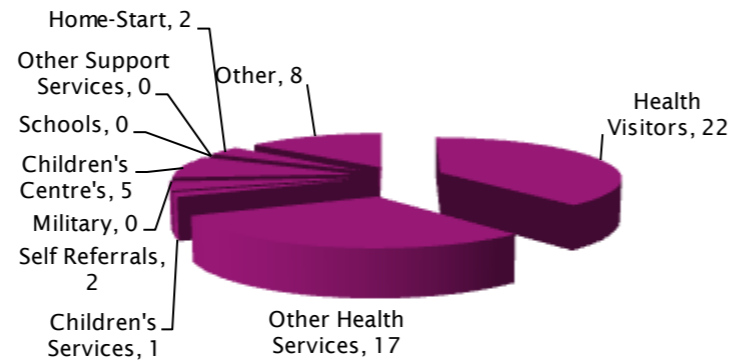


Statistics, Governance & Sponsors

Families & Children Supported - 2010/11



Source of Referrals - 2010/11



Home-Start WeyWater aims

The objects of the Charity are to:

- safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical of children and parents of children;
- prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children;
- relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents of children;
- promote the education of the public in better standards of child care within the area of mid North-East Hampshire and its environs.

Trustees at the time the Annual Report was approved

Charles Kaye (Chair)	Eileen Holland
Sue Hubbard (Secretary)	Pam Jones
Don Gardner (Treasurer)	Jennie Marlow
Sandra Bambling	Andrea Poston
Sue Dell	

Other Trustees who served in the year

Alison Fry

We would like to thank our sponsors:

The Big Lottery	Alton Choral Society	Headley Paris Council
Garfield Weston	Ancora	
Lloyds TSB Foundation	Woolmer Lions	
East Hampshire DC (Community Project)	The Masons	
Children's Services	LiDBA	
Jardinique	Alton Rotary and Alton Herald	
Alton Beer Festival	Alton Town Council	
Molson Coors	Councillors Grant—Adam Carew	
Kestrel FM	Whitehill Town Council	
Waverley Singers	Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council	

And all those who have supported Home-Start WeyWater over the year.

We would like to thank our volunteers:

Sarah, Charlie, Jilly, Joan, Tricia, Janet, Marjorie, Judy, Norma, Julie, Jane, Jeni, Nicky, Maeve, Jill, Ally, Jean, Emma, Carolyn, Lesley, Margaret, Jeanne, Anne, Faye, Juliet and Mette.

We said goodbye and a 'big thank you', this year, to:

Carol, Tina, Gail, Rachel, Arabella, Lizzie and Jackie.

You have all done amazing work in helping and supporting local families.

We would like to thank our Patron:

Alan Titchmarsh MBE DL



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CHAIR'S REPORT

This past year has been a very successful period. We have achieved two outstanding advances. Firstly, after a white-knuckle, fraught, rollercoaster application and vetting process, we were awarded a major grant by the Big Lottery. We bid for funds to allow us to double our home visiting programme and particularly to enable us to offer a much better service to rural communities and to armed forces families. The grant is spread over five years (2011/12 is year one) and will enable us to pay for two part-time co-ordinators, recruit additional volunteers and meet attendant costs. We have committed ourselves to exacting targets in terms of additional families supported, but these additional new funds will enable us to expand and improve.

At the same time it doesn't remove the real need to raise funds to support our existing service. Money from statutory bodies is reducing and we must maintain our current provision for families, so fundraising must continue unabated – at a time when all charities are feeling a chilling draught!

Our second achievement was an outstanding result in our triennial quality review. Our parent organisation, Home-Start UK, sends in a team to look at our working methods, our standards and our families and judge the quality of what we do. There is a wide range of criteria employed looking at every aspect of our scheme. This is not just a paper tickbox exercise: families, volunteers and referrers are interviewed and asked for their frank opinion. We were judged outstanding in every category and were highly praised. All of us can take great pride in this result – and now carry on to the same high standard!

"I heard about Home-Start WeyWater from another family and how great it was so I got in touch"

Quote from a Home-start parent

In the meantime the Board of Trustees continued its regular essential work monitoring the scheme and its finances regularly. It also holds a Strategy Day to set out the major objectives for the next couple of years. Important as well was a careful appraisal of risks which could threaten the scheme: some we can guard against (and we are doing so); some we hope never to have to face – but we are as prepared as we can be.

I want to thank the Board members for their enthusiastic and devoted work – completely voluntary, no payment, no expenses. We are fortunate in having an outstanding staff – all four of them! Lead by Angela Small, they are at the centre of what we do. There are two new faces this year, Diana Willis and Emma Marbrook, and they are already making their mark very positively.

We rely completely on our communities to provide the volunteers, who are our service, and to supply the funds to keep us going. To all those who have worked with our families and who have supported us in so many ways, a big "Thank You"!



Charles Kaye, Trustee Chair

Senior Co-ordinator's Report



Our scheme has seen lots of changes in the past year. We said "farewell" to Dawn (admin) who moved to Dorset and "hello" to Emma (admin) who joined us in December 2010 and then to Diana (co-ordinator) who joined us in April 2011 and we hope they will both enjoy working within the scheme.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the scheme for their time, dedication and enthusiasm. Sally and Emma are the backbone of the office keeping diaries, making appointments in fact they do an awful lot and for that I am extremely grateful especially when the work load seems to be growing and they remain committed and retain a sense of humour. Diana has a workload of volunteers and families which has freed some of my time to do other things although I still continue to support volunteers and visit families. I would like to thank all the Trustees who work tirelessly behind the scenes which has enabled the scheme to grow.

We currently have 27 volunteers who supported 55 families during the past year. Their commitment is, without doubt, fantastic as they visit families with energy, a sense of fun, as well as an understanding as to the trials and tribulations of bringing up children and we could not survive without such dedication.

Last year we applied to Lloyds TSB for a grant to run the Freedom Programme which is for women who have lived with or who are living with domestic abuse. The grant was to fund two programmes in Alton and two in Bordon. We are currently on the first programme in Bordon which has a large attendance and we are working in partnership with East Hants Domestic Abuse Service, 4 Children and the local Children's Centres. East Hants Domestic Abuse Service will be taking over this programme so it can become a rolling programme in both areas throughout the year.

We had another successful fund raising event thank you to Sarah and Ed Neish of Jardinique in May this year and Sarah and Ed have kindly offered to have us as their charity again next year for their 10th Anniversary so we are extremely grateful to them for their continued support. We would also like to thank them for opening their doors to us and families for a fun day held in July.

During the summer holidays, some volunteers stop visiting families to look after their own children so we held a weekly event for all at Alice Holt come rain or shine (thankfully it was always shine). A very big thank you to Jilly Croucher, who lead these events and to the Masons for their donation to enable us to do them.



Angela Small, Senior Co-ordinator

Making a Difference to Families

I have had a volunteer, Faye, for about a year. I find her very uplifting and easy to talk to. We have been spending time together while the children are at school and I am learning to read recipes and cook. I have made cakes, chocolate sponge and a sauce. I am hoping to make cheese scones, lemon meringue, treacle tart and some dinner ideas. Faye is also helping me with my reading, which is increasing my confidence. I am now reading bedtime stories with my children. Faye has helped me find some workbooks for me to both improve my reading and writing and for my son to practise his writing. I am loving every Wednesday and have the kettle on ready and greet her at the gate. I have confidence in myself and I am going out more. I come across more confident in my self and other people can see this.

Rachel, Home-Start Parent

Rachel has been the first person I have helped since completing the Volunteer Preparation course. I have found it very rewarding watching her grow in confidence and self belief. We cook, read and go to car boot sales together.

Rachel is now starting to believe that she can do these things independently. It is an enjoyable experience for us both.

Faye, Home-Start Volunteer



What our referrers are saying

"It is a valuable resource to families"

"professionals would be lost without Home-Start as a resource for families"

"The staff are excellent at matching and referring to other agencies"

"It can help avert a crisis. Home-Start is emotional and practical support when parents are struggling"