



Support and friendship  
for families

## HOME-START BARTLEY GREEN AND QUINTON

# Annual Report and Accounts

2015-2016



#### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT, 2015 -16**

Welcome to the eleventh report of Home-Start, Bartley Green and Quinton. We have had an eventful year, but with a promise of more settled times where we can take stock and plan for the future.

Congratulations to our Staff Team who have worked very hard to ensure that we had a good Quality Assurance this October. A special thanks to Wendy Millichap, our scheme Manager, who has ensured that all the necessary systems are in place to support our families. Mindy Rai our Administrator has received further training on the MESH and office systems and Jenine Tulk our Families Co-ordinator now works full time. May I welcome Jayne Timmins who has joined us as an Assistant Targeted Support worker. Our Family Group, led by Jenine and supported by Jayne, offers a vital service and now takes place, on Thursday mornings, at Four Dwellings Children's Centre.

These continue to be challenging times and our funding streams have been uncertain. In December we were told by Birmingham City Council that our funding would end in March 2016. However this is when the HS Birmingham Consortium members were galvanised into action. Local MP's Jack Dromey and Gisela Stuart were on board and we were able to convince the City Council Education group of the importance of the work we do across Birmingham city. As a result continued funding has been promised until August 2017, when our work will be incorporated into the Early Years plan.

However, we still need to raise considerable funding to underpin our services and our fund raiser, Claire Greenhalgh, is now writing bids to secure core funding. A big thank you to Annette Webb, our Treasurer, who monitors our finances very closely and keeps Trustees well informed. It is a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of Trustees who give so generously of their time. A special thanks to Ed Plumley, our Vice Chairperson, who has worked extensively on the Reach web site to advertise for new Trustees. We welcome Kay Haynes and Julie Robinson on to our Trustee Board.

The scheme is fortunate to be based at the Doddington Children's Centre where we are ideally placed to serve the local community. Yvonne Bacon the Centre Manager continues to be an Advisor to the Trustee Board; thank you Yvonne for all your support. Our latest Volunteer Preparation course finished in November 2015. We are lucky to have an enthusiastic group of volunteers who are a real strength to our organisation and eager to begin their work with families. Thanks to the families who give us your trust and let us into your homes; it is a real partnership.

As I retire this year as Chair, may I take this opportunity to wish the scheme every success in the future as it continues to serve the community of Bartley Green and Quinton.

Lynn Openshaw, Acting Chairperson, 2016

## **Activities and Events**

April 2015: Started Family Group  
May 2015: Book Start Week  
June 2015: Big Toddle and Volunteers Day  
July 2015: Office Refurb and new computers  
Aug 2015: Trip to Blackpool  
Sept 2015: Big hopes, Big futures training  
Volunteers Prep Course  
Oct 2015: Safeguarding Training  
Nov 2015: AGM and our 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party  
Dec 2015: Christmas Party  
Jan 2016: Swimming Group Pilot  
Feb 2016: Mesh Training  
March 2016: QA Completed



**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS PAST AND PRESENT.**

Jennifer Braithwaite, Amy Griffiths, Bev Hart, Kay Haynes, Mary Hall, Sue Hendry, Sue Hearn, Monique McCoy, Lynn Openshaw, Ed Plumley, Julie Robinson, Donna Thorneycroft, Jayne Timmins, Annette Webb and Sandra Wood.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST RECRUITS OF 2015.**

Helen Chidi, Tiyana Douglas, Lisa Ingles, Amy Lines, June Phipps, Linda Preston, Naomi St Juste, Nicole Thomas, Donna Williams and Gemma Woods.

***COLLECTIVELY OUR VOLUNTEERS GAVE US AN AMAZING 901 HOURS OF SUPPORT DURING 2015-2016***

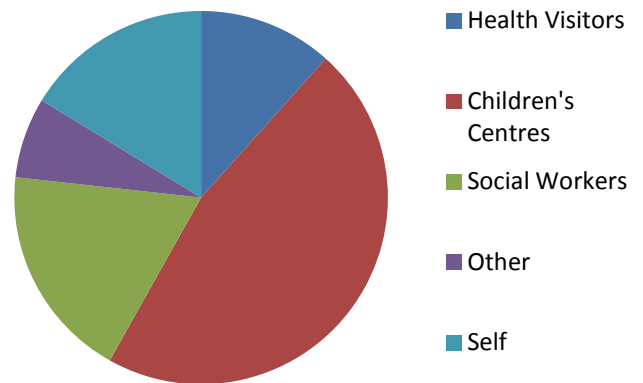
**SUPPORT STATISTICS 2015—2016**

Total Families Supported	32
Children Supported	117
Family Group	17

**Families Referred**

Children's Centres	20
Health Visitors	5
Social Worker	8
Self	7
Other	3

**Sources of Referrals 2015-2016**



Ten children who attended our swimming group had not been swimming before.

Three of the families who came on our trip to Blackpool had not taken their children to the Seaside before. (One had not been outside Birmingham before).

**GOLDEN MOMENTS**

Eleven volunteers have left due to becoming employed or increasing their hours at work and one family has now started volunteering for another local charity after Home-Start Support.

A Targeted Support Worker's support prevented one newborn going into care. Family continues to do well.

**THANK YOU  
TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SUPPORTING US  
DURING 2015-2016**

**FUNDING / IN KIND DONATIONS**

Birmingham Joint Commissioning Fund  
Doddington Children's Centre  
Four Dwellings Children's Centre  
Dickens Foundation  
Awards for All  
Fleur Ltd  
Children in Need  
Greggs Foundation  
And other Charitable Trusts

**MANAGEMENT BOARD MEMBERS 2015 - 2016**

Ian Marshall\* ~ Chairperson (Chair resigned July 2015)  
Lynn Openshaw\* ~ (Acting Chair)  
Ed Plumley\*~Vice Chair  
Sandra Wood\* ~ Company Secretary  
Annette Webb\* ~ Treasurer  
Ed Plumley\*~Vice Chair  
Bev Hart\* ~ Trustee (retired Oct 15)  
Kay Haynes\* ~ Trustee  
Julie Robinson\* ~ Trustee  
Yvonne Bacon ~ Safeguarding Adviser  
\* denotes Trustee

**MEMBERS OF STAFF**

Wendy Millichap ~ Scheme Manager  
Mindy Rai ~ Administrative Assistant  
Jenine Tulk~ Family Co-ordinator  
Jayne Timmins~ Assistant Targeted Support Worker

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