



Support and friendship
for families

SOUTH WILTSHIRE

Merry Christmas from all of us at Home-Start South Wiltshire!

As the year comes to a close and we all start getting ready for Christmas celebrations, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support for Home-Start South Wiltshire.

This year our volunteers have provided home-visiting support to 25 families, reaching over 50 children under the age of 5. Supported families reported positive changes to needs such as parenting skills, overall well-being and family management.

This life-changing work could not happen without the support of everyone who has given their time, donated funds, taken part in fundraising activities and raised the profile of the charity among local community groups. We are always being blown away by the generosity and commitment of our supporters and for this, we truly thank you.



Fundraising success in 2017!

It has been a great year for fundraising with over £3,000 being raised by our very kind (and very brave!) supporters who took on some incredible challenges.

In March our Chair, Lisa Helks, completed the Back to the Trenches Mud Run, a 10k run filled with obstacles like crawling through mud, dragging tyres and carrying sandbags. She successfully completed this very muddy and physically demanding challenge and still managed to keep a smile on her face!

In July, Kat Roberts swam, cycled and ran in the gruelling London Triathlon, completing the circuit in 3 hours 45 minutes! An Incredible achievement which raised vital funds towards supporting families.

Finally, only a few months into joining the board, our Trustee, Esther Horwood took on the fantastic fundraising challenge of completing The Great South Run in October. We are very fortunate indeed to have such a committed team!

If you've been inspired to take part in an event for us you can set up a fundraising page via [our Localgiving page](#) or [contact us](#) to find out more.



Grant Funding awarded to Home-Start South Wiltshire

This year we managed to secure funding focussing on our work supporting families across Salisbury from Salisbury Catholic Outreach (SCORE) and funding for the next three years from Salisbury City Council. This funding will go a long way towards furthering our reach in this area and being able to support even more families.



“Home-Start completely changed how I feel about myself as a parent, gave me confidence to deal with behavioural challenges head on and a new approach to deal with the behaviour. This transformed my relationship with my child. I don’t lose my temper anymore.”

As we look ahead to 2018, we are continuing our work to support military families working in partnership with Home-Start Kennet to cover the super garrison area. With new volunteers in place, we have also been able to offer support to families in more rural parts locations as well as continuing our work in Salisbury.

The board of trustees are working hard to continue seeking ongoing funding to help secure the future sustainability of our project throughout South Wiltshire.

In the New Year we will be launching a recruitment drive looking for people who want to help families in 2018 and beyond. We need volunteers with drive and commitment to join the board of trustees or our team of home visiting volunteers, as well as help with fundraising events. If that’s you or someone you know please [contact us](#).

[Visit our website to find out more](#)

Office closed over Christmas

The Home-Start South Wiltshire Office will be closed from 22nd December to 2nd January 2018.

