

Autumnal October

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### Home-visiting volunteers

Our 68th preparation course finished in July. All the volunteers are now matched with families.

Our 69th preparation course began in September. We are looking forward to 12 volunteers completing the course in December



### Family feedback

*"We get on well, she plays with the children. I am able to get on with things, I use her as a sounding board. The support has been fantastic"*

*"My volunteer has been a lifesaver; she picked me up, dusted me off and made me laugh"*

July—Sept  
Donation and  
fundraising total  
**£2812.96**



### Up and coming events...

A Christmas thank you to our volunteers for all their hard work and the time they give to Home-Start families.

We will be having a fundraising stall at St Stephen's Church Christmas Fair.

Our 70th volunteer preparation course starts in January. Help us celebrate by forwarding on our details to anyone you know who is interested.



**Enquiries** to Sara Nash, our Volunteer Development & Recruitment Co-ordinator 01634 570 717.



### Out and about

You may have seen us...

Medway Youth Trust charity fete

Cuxton Children's Centre open day

Bligh Children's Centre open day

Job Centre Plus presentation

Twydall Primary School fete

### Free membership

Members can be parents, professionals, volunteers — anyone who would like to support the work we do.

Members are invited to our AGMs, where they elect the trustees who govern the service we provide.

For more information email [info@homestartmedway.org.uk](mailto:info@homestartmedway.org.uk)

Our trainers now self-evaluate - they are able to see what training styles have worked and what styles may need improvement. A valuable tool in the continual development of our preparation course.



### Christmas Budgeting



Home-Start Medway offers a financial drop-in service on the first Monday of every month.

If you know of a Home-Start family who is struggling to make ends meet, please tell them about our next drop-in session: 10am-12pm Mon 3rd Nov, 46 Green St.



### Half-yearly stats

Since April of this year we have received **66** referrals for volunteer support.



**Are you able to display our volunteering poster?**

If so, please speak to Wendy or Amber on 01634 570 717.

**Email** ✉ Please remember that our email address is [info@home-startmedway.org.uk](mailto:info@home-startmedway.org.uk)

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