

Issue 35  
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The summer holidays will soon be with us, and we hope that you are able to use this time to take a break, spend time with your own families and enjoy all the summer has to offer. At HSSW HQ we will also be taking breaks and finalising plans for the start of the autumn term in September.

Read on to find out more...

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*We are currently supporting...*

*...32 families with 1-2-1 support,*

*...40 families in our group services, inc. PEEP, Stay & Play and perinatal groups,*

*...and 16 parents with counselling sessions.*

*We currently have 9 families on our waiting list.*

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### **Safeguarding and DBS updates**

As you know, safeguarding is a priority at Home Start South Warwickshire. We have been in touch with many of you recently asking you to complete your annual safeguarding training update and/or apply for an up-to-date Enhanced DBS check.

Please check your emails (including your junk folder), to see if you have had an email from us about either of these. In order to remain a volunteer with us, in any capacity, we require you to have completed annual safeguarding training and have an up-to-date Enhanced DBS check.

Please could you email the office if you have been contacted and let us know how you would like to complete the training, or if you are no longer able to volunteer. If you have any questions or want to talk to us, please contact Emma on the details at the end of the newsletter.

*If you are taking time off this summer, please ensure you have updated your Coordinator and your family, so we are all aware and can make any arrangements as necessary.*

*And of course, enjoy your holiday!*

## Volunteer Get-together – Wednesday July 12th

We look forward to welcoming many of you to our summer social on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at the Church Centre. We hope to see you for lunch to catch up on your volunteering stories, and we will also have a visit from Refuge, who will be telling us about the support they offer, how people can get help, and how to recognise signs and symptoms of Domestic Abuse. Please RSVP to the office email to let us know if you can come.

HSSW  
Summer  
Volunteer  
meet-up

**HOME START**  
South  
Warwickshire

All volunteers are invited to our  
summer social for lunch and talk  
from REFUGE.

**Date:** Wednesday 12th July  
**Time:** 12pm - 2pm  
**Venue:** St Peter's Church Centre,  
Wellesbourne, CV35 9LS

RSVP OFFICE@HOMESTARTSOUTHWARWICKSHIRE.ORG.UK

## Monkeys need you!

We are recruiting for an enthusiastic group leader to take the reins on our Arty Monkeys play group in Southam from September.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Gemma on the details in the advert.

**The GRAHAM ADAMS centre**  
the heart of Southam

**HOME START**  
South  
Warwickshire

**We are looking for an 'Arty Monkey'**  
to support our Monday morning group

**Are you....**

- All about messy play?
- Able to sit on a yoga mat?
- Able to sing Nursery Rhymes with a smile?
- Someone who knows the power of positive touch?
- One of those people who will talk to anyone?
- Ready to go on a bug Hunt? Under the sea or to the Jungle?

**We can offer...**

- Term time only contract
- 3-4 hours per week (including preparation and clearing up time)
- £11 per hour
- Training and support
- An opportunity to be creative with messy play
- Ongoing mentoring and support
- Working as part of a fun team
- Immediate start (subject to DBS checks)

Contact Gemma for more details and an informal chat  
gemma@homestartsouthwarwickshire.org.uk

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*“I’m so grateful she (the volunteer) has been in my life. She’s helped me learn to read, get to appointments, got me out of the house, given me the confidence in myself and in my parenting. I’m now reading bedtime stories to my child most nights – I wouldn’t have had the confidence to do that before.”*

*A quote from a HSSW family who has just finished support.*

*From the big things like learning to read, to the little things like getting out of the house, whatever you do makes a huge difference.*

*Thank you!*

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## Group volunteers required!

We are getting ready for the launch of several new groups in September and need lots of helping hands to make them a success. If you would like to volunteer at a group, we need help at the following:

**Post-natal Support Warwick** – Naturally Baby, Tachbrook Park – Wednesdays 12.30pm-2pm (2 regular volunteers needed)

**Post-natal Support Stratford** – It Takes a Village, Sanctus Road – Tuesdays 1pm-2.30pm (2 regular volunteers needed)

**Antenatal Support Stratford** – Prospero Lounge – Day and Time (evening) tbc (2 regular volunteers needed)

**Antenatal Support Warwick** – Venue, Day and Time (evening) tbc (2 regular volunteers needed)

**Freedom Programme Creche** – Wellesbourne – Thursdays 9.45am-11.45am, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov (4 volunteers needed per week on a rota basis)

If you would like to be involved in helping with any of these, or for more information, please contact Sarah on the details at the bottom of the newsletter.



## Childminder request

One of our families is looking for a childminder for between 16-22 hours a week in Heathcote. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please contact Emma.



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*Liking, sharing and reacting to our posts on social media, really helps to spread the word about what we do.*

*If you are on any social media platforms, please search for us, follow and like us.*

*The more we spread the word, the more we can raise awareness, raise funds and help those families who are struggling.*

*Thank you!*

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## Setting up a Fundraising Volunteer Group

Over the next few months, Jemma will be recruiting for and setting up a Home Start South Warwickshire fundraising group in Stratford and then in the future Warwick/Leamington.

Fundraising Groups are established committees with set roles who help organise fundraising events and activities within the local community throughout the year. The group act as ambassadors, helping to spread the word about the work of Home Start South Warwickshire and encourage and support local people, clubs and organisations who want to fundraise for us too.

If you know anyone who might be interested in joining this type of volunteer group, please do drop Jemma an email (at the bottom of the newsletter) and she will be able to send you more information to pass on.



## EasyFundraising – it's easy!

Did you know, you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/home-startsouthwarwickshire/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=rm-gs-e1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/home-startsouthwarwickshire/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-gs-e1)

Members of the team will be taking annual leave throughout the summer.

If you are unable to contact your Coordinator during this time, please call the office on



## Contact us

Home Start South Warwickshire  
St Peter's Church Centre, Church St, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9LS

Your Family Coordinator will be able to help you with questions or advice about your HS family.  
For any other questions, please see below:

Staff member and job role	Email and phone number	For questions about...	Working days
Ted Tuthill, Operations Manager	<a href="mailto:ted@homestartsouthwarwickshire.org.uk">ted@homestartsouthwarwickshire.org.uk</a> 07564 543 806 (office number)	HSSW, Safeguarding	Mon, Weds, Fri
Emma Gurdag, Family Support Manager	<a href="mailto:emma@homestartsouthwarwickshire.org.uk">emma@homestartsouthwarwickshire.org.uk</a> 07907 616 922	General volunteering, family support, Safeguarding	Mon – Fri
Ros Bishop, Family Coordinator	<a href="mailto:ros@homestartsouthwarwickshire.org.uk">ros@homestartsouthwarwickshire.org.uk</a> 07857 041 578	General volunteering	Tues – Thurs
Kate Smith, Family Coordinator	<a href="mailto:kate@homestartsouthwarwickshire.org.uk">kate@homestartsouthwarwickshire.org.uk</a> 07719 731 098	General Volunteering	Mon, Weds, Fri
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