



Support and friendship
for families

Home-Start Lorn

Annual Report and Accounts

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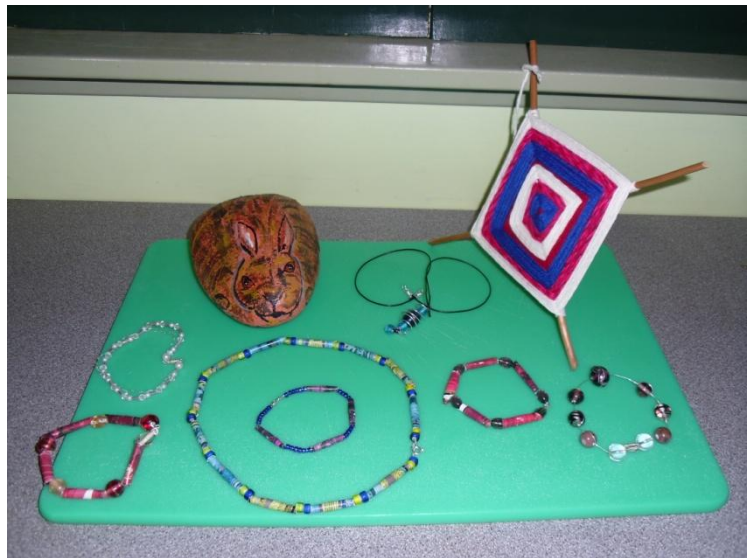
A Year with Home-Start Lorn 2010 - 2011

What we did....

Our statistics this year were very interesting. We supported 39 families. An increase of ELEVEN from last year. We supported a wide range of families -: 9 lone parents, 7 families whose ethnic origin was other than 'White British' and 2 of the families had children with a disability.

The Art Group continues to provide a wonderful opportunity for parents to discover or re-discover some amazing talents, whilst also providing a friendly and stimulating creche for the children.

Some of the creations produced by parents at our very successful Art Group.



After a lot of travelling and numerous meetings between ourselves, Fun First in Helensburgh, Argyll & Bute Council and Home-Start UK it was decided that now was not a good time to try to develop a Home-Start Scheme in Helensburgh.

On top of this valuable work with families we also had a very busy year of fundraising and social events.



Our summer picnic for families and volunteers to Ardchattan Priory - another dry, sunny day.

In December we had our Christmas party. Another happy afternoon.

In our efforts to raise our profile locally we partnered the Rotary Club in organising the Christmas Card Art Competition. As well as prizes for the winners generously funded by MacQueen Bros. Charitable Trust, we also held an Exhibition in St. John's Cathedral with a selection of the entries.

Fundraising events included Oban Charities Day and Appin Show, where Seonag's Jam is always a great attraction. The highlight of our fundraising calendar was undoubtedly the Burns Supper held in the Waterfront Restaurant. The food was exceptional and was well matched by the entertainment. It was also quite special that the two young pipers had benefitted from Home-Start support as babies. Not only did we have a very entertaining evening we also raised almost £1000 – so a great success all round. I would like to say a huge 'Thank You', to Alex Needham and the staff of the Waterfront restaurant for their tremendous support.

We also had a very special evening in October when Anne Hart, co-ordinator of Home-Start South Africa joined us for a celebration supper. Anne told us about the families she works with in Benoni and Daveytown. It made the challenges we might face seem quite insignificant. It was a both an emotional evening and yet also inspiring. We raised £400 on the night for Home-Start South Africa which will help to fund the work they do with traumatised children.

What did we achieve...

Three of the parents we have been supporting were encouraged to attend a Parenting Course locally. They were very proud to receive their certificates for completing the course.

We have introduced Home-Start's new monitoring and evaluation system (MESH). Although not without its problems, it will provide us with useful information in the future.

We recruited 5 new volunteers. Our volunteers have attended regular Home-Start meetings and have also attended external training for Safeguarding and Mental Health Awareness and Violence Against Women. Our Trustees have also attended Safeguarding Training and Trustee Training.

Financially, we have had another successful year. Despite the economic challenges we finished the year with a surplus. No mean feat in the current economic climate!

What lies ahead...

An exciting challenge facing us is the possibility of developing Home-Start on the Island of Mull. The Health Visitors on the Island have met with a number of families who would like to have the support of a home-Start volunteer. We face two important challenges, finding the funding and the volunteers to get the service up and running. Hopefully next year's report will have some positive information on our new service on Mull.

As ever, we must continually recruit Home-Visiting volunteers and raise enough money to meet our projected shortfall of approximately £20,000, two vital components of providing the quality service the families in Lorn deserve.

2010 - 2011

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Argyll & Bute Council	25000	Salaries	39271
Henry Duncan Awards	7200	Travel Expenses	3662
Robertson Trust	8000	Telephone	604
BBC Children in Need	5600	Insurance	724
Oban Charitable Trust	800	Rent	2400
Argyll Volunteer Centre	383	Repairs & Maintenance	50
MacQueen Bros Charitable Trust	150	Postages, stationery, etc	1087
Dunbritton Housing Association	1220	Advertising, Literature, etc	364
Donations	1786	Subscriptions, Fees, etc	1008
Fund Raising	1053	Training Expenses	258
Bank Interest	26	General Expenses	778
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Net Resources Expended	1012		
Total Funds Brought forward	18733		
Total Funds Carried Forward	19745		

TRUSTEES

Chairperson - Bob Clarke

Treasurer - David Hodge

**Gela Rose
Susie Hutchison
Fiona Campbell
Elizabeth Carson
Ann MacLeod (resigned)
Val Woodman
Robin King (resigned)
Ken Hunter (resigned)**

**Advisors- Andrea Lines (Health)
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