

Annual Report

Home-Start Bracknell Forest annual report 2017/18



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 All Saints Church, Ascot
 Alan and Rosemary Gunner
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 Young People and Learning)
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 Frank, George and Jacob)
 South Berkshire Scouts
 Southern Co-operatives (Binfield
 stores)
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 Centre, especially Gill and Lesley
 TDK Ltd
 Tony Levene
 Waitrose (Head Office)
 Warfield Parish Council
 Winkfield Parish Council
 Zofia Modelska

To all those volunteers who 'donate
back' their expenses

Everyone who has donated through:
 BT My Donate, The Giving Machine,
 Local Giving or Recycle for Charity
 And.....

*Everyone who has volunteered
for us in any capacity*

Staff and Board of Trustees

The Staff

Tessa Dove	Scheme Manager
Val Callan	Family Co-ordinator
Julie Pizzey	Office Administrator
Alison Sellers	Family Group Co-ordinator (<i>resigned April 2018</i>)
Lynn Nicholas	Family Group Play Worker (<i>resigned March 2018</i>)
Helen Whitfield	Family Group Play Worker (<i>resigned May 2018</i>)

The Board of Trustees

Hilary Mason	Trustee (Chair)
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Tony Levene	Trustee
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Our Advisors

Sarah Bird	Volunteer Representative
Philip Cook	Involve
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Cllr Jennie McCracken	Bracknell Forest Council
<i>Vacancy</i>	Health Visiting Team

In setting its plans for areas of work, the Trustees of Home-Start Bracknell Forest have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public statement benefit, as reflected in our strategic planning. Home-Start Bracknell Forest sets out to fulfil its principal charitable objective, that is: the relief of children or parents in despair or in distress and/or mental abuse of such children

Chair's Report



As we celebrate 25 years of Home-Start in Bracknell Forest I have been looking back over those 25 years, the 4 years I have been Chair and this last year since our last AGM.

A Home-Start for South East Berks was first put forward in 1992 when Social Services, as they were then, hosted an open meeting. This meeting generated huge enthusiasm for a local service and a Steering Committee was duly formed. Home-Start UK, in the person of Kay Bews, gave support and guidance in setting up the scheme which rapidly acquired charity status and then was successful in attracting joint funding. The first AGM was held in 1994. Our name changed to Home-Start Bracknell Forest following Local Government reorganisation.

Overall there have been ten Chairs of Trustees, one serving twice. From their annual reports over all those years I see life in Home-Start has always been very busy and there have always been challenges. We have been inspected twice by Home-Start UK and both times come through with flying colours. Our next Quality Assurance review will be in 2019/20. We have been nominated three times for the Queen's Award. Throughout the years there has been great support from the Local Authority and from local Councillors. There have been many dedicated staff members and literally hundreds of volunteers. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all the trustees, staff, volunteers and friends who have supported us over 25 years.

This AGM I stand down as Chair after four incredibly busy years. The first year in addition to retaining charitable status we became a Company Limited by Guarantee, as recommended by Home-Start UK. We recruited a new administrator, we put in place a review cycle for policies and action plans, we developed our website and we started negotiations over our office premises. We also completely revamped our Strategic Plan, setting out our aims and principles with clear targets not only for the day-to-day maintenance of a quality service but also for how we wanted to enhance and develop the service over the next three years.

In the second year we moved premises to our current location at The Open Learning Centre, which has proved a very positive move. Our Quality Assurance review by Home-Start UK took place, looking at 8 Standards and 156 Performance Indicators, and we scored the full 100%. Another big focus that year was on measuring the impact of our work. We had always had measures of our output and glowing reports from families but we started gathering good quality evidence of our impact on children and families. We

saw substantial improvements in a range of areas, significantly around health, mental health, self-esteem and feelings of isolation and there were improvements in parents' coping skills in relation to children's health, development and behaviour. This is now standard reporting practice.

At the time I became Chair we were down to just five trustees so recruitment of trustees was a clear priority. The role of trustees is crucial to the smooth running and oversight of the scheme and as part of the development of the board we continued to look at our skill set and training needs and carried out a performance review of the Board. We successfully recruited two trustees who complemented our range of skills and each trustee took on a specific area of responsibility within the Scheme.

In the third year we concentrated more on our publicity, our partnerships and reaching out to families in the community. Now families and the community as a whole could enjoy our website, follow us on Facebook and on Twitter. Regularly posted items kept families up-to-date with matters that might affect them. We also embarked on a three-year contract with the Local Authority. For the first time the LA reduced our funding. We managed to negotiate a reduction in the proposed cut for one year with the full cut falling in 2017/18. This inevitably concentrated our minds on raising funds and careful financial planning.

Now we come to this last year. Obviously with the large cut in LA funding finance has been a major concern but our bid-writer sourced a considerable amount for us and the new Bracknell Town Centre and a local supermarket have been very generous, providing some very welcome one-off funding. The local town and parish councils have again supported us.

This has been a year of welcomes and farewells. All three staff members of the Family Group have moved on to other challenges and we wish them all the very best in the future. Their leaving put us in a somewhat difficult position but current staff, a volunteer and one of our trustees have kept the group running. We are now planning our deployment of staff and volunteers for the future. At this AGM we say good bye to Tony Levene, who has been a trustee with us since 2012 and has been responsible for everything relating to IT. Last July we welcomed two new trustees, Mabbast Merzaai and Jenny Inglis.

At the end of July our Scheme Manager Tessa retires after five years in which she has contributed much to our development. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye and we do owe Tessa a huge debt of gratitude for all she has done. Over the last few months we have been recruiting process for her successor and have appointed Sharon Kearins, who we will be welcoming from Home-Start Ealing and has a wealth of experience.

Finally, as always, I want to thank everyone – trustees, staff, volunteers, friends, funders and partners for all they do to make Home-Start Bracknell Forest such an excellent scheme.

Hilary Mason

News and Events from 2017/2018

The Christmas Party

Always a highlight in the Home-Start Bracknell Forest calendar, the Christmas Party is loved by families, staff, volunteers and guests alike. With entertainment from Jo Jingles, Christmas-themed games and activities, party food and the all-important 'special guest,' everyone was able to enjoy the morning with family and friends.



Father Christmas was happily able to join us for the morning (although we nearly had to have a last-minute deputy!) and the children all visited him in his grotto to take away a special present. All presents had been individually chosen and wrapped by staff at GE Energy. Additional presents for all family members were donated by members of All Saints' Church in Ascot.

The Easter Egg Hunt



The traditional end to the spring term at Family Group involves a morning of Easter activities including our Easter egg hunt. This year was no different and parents and children both searched enthusiastically for eggs. At the end of the session families supported by Home-Start were given Easter eggs to take home from a selection kindly donated by the staff of General Electric in Bracknell. The remaining eggs were delivered to families supported in their own homes by their volunteers.

Teddy Bears' Picnic



Bracknell Town Council's Teddy Bears' Picnic has become a favourite event in our annual calendar.

With near-perfect conditions this year, the crowds came out and the stall was busy throughout the day, selling cakes, toys, and also with a lucky dip and teddy tombola. We provided playdough activities and bubbles and handed out our helium-filled orange and pink balloons, which could be spotted all around the event. Staff, trustees and

volunteers all contributed to the success of the day and demonstrated the great teamwork that Home-Start prides itself in.

Funds raised on the day totaled just over £200. However, our presence at this event was primarily about showcasing simple activities for families to enjoy together and raising awareness of Home-Start's work with young families. We were delighted to be able to talk to parents and to staff from other organisations about the support we offer and to potential volunteers about how they can become part of our team.



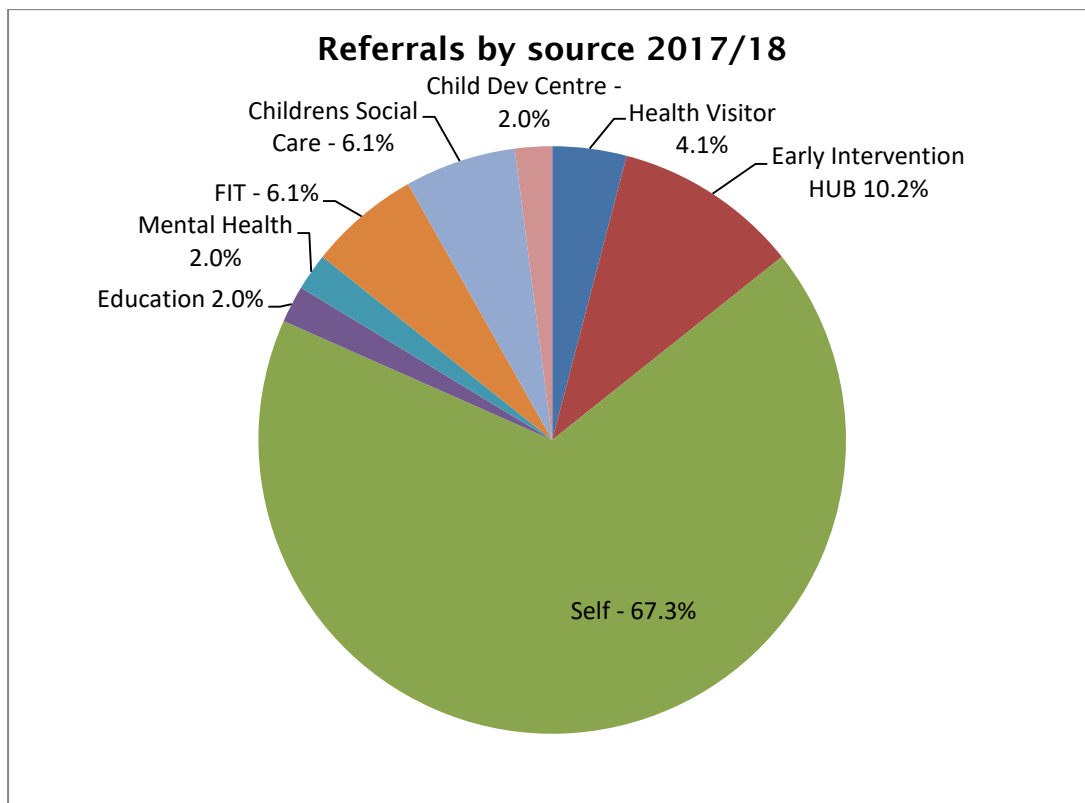
Staff and volunteers with Bracknell Town Council Mayor, Cllr Sandra Ingham

Facts and Figures

Referrals 2017-18

Total number of families supported during the year	69
Total number of children supported during the year	154

Sources of referrals



The trend towards greater numbers of self-referrals has continued this year, as awareness of our service in the local community has grown. However, we are once again beginning to witness an increase in referrals from partner agencies, either through direct referral or through signposting to our service. There has been a noticeable improvement in “joined up” working, which both benefits families using services and avoids duplication. We expect this trend to continue in the current year.

Areas Covered

Binfield, Bracknell Town, Crowthorne, North Ascot, Sandhurst, Warfield and Winkfield

Referrer Quote

“The Early Intervention Hub refers to Home-Start and this is invaluable when there are younger children in the family. I am always pleased to note (from feedback) that, where families engage, the support and dedication of the volunteers means work takes place in the household to improve things for the children and adults.”

What people say about us

Volunteer Quote

"It's the fact that you are so appreciated from your family and the lovely guys from Home-Start too! I enjoyed the continuity I had with my (most recent) family and watched them grow in confidence each week I would visit. I liked being able to lend a caring ear to any trouble or difficulties the family were facing and support them (when needed) accordingly."

Family Quote

"I was really struggling with my children while on maternity leave, when a nurse at my GP practice told me about Home-Start. My volunteer was a breath of fresh air and made me laugh a lot and that was so important. I confided in her about a lot of things and it was a great relief to be listened to. My 3 year old really bonded with her – she was perfect!"



Volunteer Quote

"I really enjoyed the training course and having the regular support meeting is great and important to attend (if you can). A long term family I helped was very rewarding and a strong bond was formed with the mum as well as the children"



Family Quote

"(My volunteer) provided me with vital support and assistance by allowing me time to maintain household chores and also a second pair of hands to get out to groups. I feel it helped me not get PND (post-natal depression) as I did with my first"

Our Volunteers and Community Links

We could not continue to provide our service to families in the Borough of Bracknell Forest without the dedication of our wonderful volunteers.

Our thanks go to:

Abi, Amy, Anne, Carole, Caroline, Catherine, Charlotte, Chrissy, Connie, Dick, Fay G, Gareth, Hilary, Jeanette, Jemma, Jenny, Jim, Jo, Judi, Julie, Kelly, Leonie, Lesley, Leticia, Linda G, Linda H, Linda S, Mabbast, Mandy, Marion, Michael, Michelle, Nicola, Patricia, Rosemary, Sarah B, Sarah C, Stuart, Tracey, Tony and Zoe

And special event volunteers:

Barry, Lynn, Shane, GE company volunteers, Boehringer Ingelheim volunteers and parents and children at Easthampstead Baptist Church



Our Volunteer Team

Recruiting and retaining a team of active, committed and reliable volunteers is an essential part of the work of any voluntary organisation and one that many public bodies are beginning to tap into as well. However, our experience has shown us that it is not only attracting the right volunteers initially that is becoming more difficult but that many organisations are failing to appreciate that good volunteers need nurturing!

With more people in work and many continuing to work past retirement age or helping with childcare, the pool of potential volunteers is probably shrinking. Added to that, the range of opportunities open to those looking for voluntary roles has grown, so keeping experienced volunteers is becoming more of a challenge. However, at Home-Start, our team of active volunteers has exceeded 30 for the second consecutive year and we have also managed to maintain our team above 25 throughout this year, and 7 volunteers have also supported more than one family or offered additional group support at some point during the year, once again this is higher than

in previous years. We put our success down to careful recruitment procedures, a comprehensive training programme so volunteers feel well prepared for their roles, careful matching of volunteers and families to ensure volunteers' skills and experience are relevant and regular support and supervision to help them refine and develop new skills. In addition to this we offer regular group support and training, as well as annual social events, allowing our volunteers to meet up and establish new friendships with like-minded people. Each year, a number of our volunteers are able to use the highly valued skills and experience they have developed through their voluntary work with Home-Start to move into or change roles in paid work. Over the past year this has applied to three of our home-visiting volunteers.

Local families are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated team of highly skilled and widely experienced volunteers, without which so many in the Borough would not receive the support they need. We have seen this need grow during the year, with referrals reaching record levels in several months. Although overall numbers of families supported remain similar to last year, there has been an increase in the number of families requiring support in the home, rather than group support.

We continue to be very fortunate in having a stable and dedicated team of trustees who take a lead in the governance and strategy of the charity, an essential contribution which is often overlooked by those outside the organisation. Our trustees all have their own roles and each makes a significant contribution to the smooth running of the organisation, many giving generous amounts of time on top of other commitments.

Offering voluntary opportunities to those unable to make the regular commitment to home-visiting or who can offer us other valuable skills on an ad hoc basis has always been a priority. We enjoy the support of volunteers who are just as dedicated but who help us in other capacities at various times, such as regular IT and admin support, DIY skills, photocopier rescue services (!), as well as our special event volunteers such as Father Christmas, volunteers who help with wrapping and preparing for the Christmas party or with preparations for the Teddy Bears' picnic and our photographer, who records major events during the year.

A very **big “thank you”** to you all!

The Volunteer Preparation Course

Our annual Volunteer Preparation course took place once again over 6 weeks during the autumn term, with 10 volunteers and 1 staff member completing it. This meant that we had new volunteers ready to place with families before Christmas and all those who were available had been suitably matched with their first families before the end of January. With our highest ever monthly total of new referrals that month, it was certainly very timely to have more volunteers available!

Volunteer Support, Supervision and Training

Since February 2018, we have increased the regularity of our volunteer supervision, in line with Home-Start UK guidance. All volunteers now receive supervision every 6 weeks and this alternates between telephone and face to face sessions. Volunteers are also able to access support from a member of staff 24/7, should they need it.

Volunteers are also encouraged to attend our bi-monthly group support sessions. These meetings involve a speaker from another local organisation or service, who increases our volunteers' knowledge and awareness of the services provided locally. Over the past year we have welcomed speakers from Hoarding Disorders UK, Bracknell Foodbank, CCB Energy project and Thames Valley Police. We have also delivered our annual safeguarding update for staff and volunteers, including information on the new GDPR.

Staff and volunteers have also accessed a wide range of courses including various Safeguarding courses, Domestic Abuse awareness, Post-natal depression, Mental Health awareness and Substance Misuse provided by the LSCB, Bracknell Forest Council, Involve and the Home-Start network, ensuring we are all keeping abreast of current issues across the sector. Within our own organisation we have provided training on Autistic Spectrum awareness and Paediatric First Aid, using external expertise.

Community Links

2017-18 was a year in which our community links were expanded and strengthened. Alongside our longstanding relationship with GE, we made further new connections with business and built on the already strong links with voluntary, community and faith groups which have long supported our work. Local businesses GE Energy, Waitrose Ltd, International Copiers and Lloyd's Register have continued to offer regular support through a mix of financial or in-kind donations and volunteering. TDK Ltd, The Co-operative Group, Southern Co-ops have all offered financial support this year too, through donations and longer term partnerships.

We are hugely grateful for the support of these local organisations and the many individuals within them who ensure that the needs of families in Bracknell Forest continue to be highlighted.

Members of Easthampstead Baptist Church, All Saints' Church in Ascot and Crowthorne Baptist Church have continued to support our work through a variety of means. We were also invited to speak at St George's Church in Owlsmoor (and enjoyed a very tasty breakfast with their members!) We regularly provide vouchers for local food banks and the clothes bank in Bracknell. Local scout groups have also supported our work, both financially and with in-kind support.

A new venture has been the introduction of group support volunteers to both the local Twins and Multiple Births group and in our own Family Group. We hope to develop this further in the future.



Last summer, a team of staff from Boehringer Ingelheim held a charity 'Build a Bike' day building eight bikes which were donated to some of our families with older children. This link with businesses in the area helps to continue to spread the message about our work in the local community.

In August 2017, Home-Start Bracknell Forest was invited to take part in the opening event of The Entertainer toy store in Bracknell's new Lexicon Shopping Centre.

Mum Zofia and daughter Amelia, one of the families supported by Home-Start, completed a 'Trolley Dash' in the store before it opened. With just 1 minute to go around the shop, Amelia managed to pick up over £250 worth of toys. As she was also celebrating her birthday with a party later in the day, it really was a special day for her, although she may have been persuaded to collect a few toys for her sister Annabel too!



Also as part of the Bracknell Regeneration and the opening of the Lexicon, the new Primark Store decided to donate £5,000 to our work with local families in September last year. Val Callan our Family Co-ordinator and Julie Pizzey our Administrator went along to a Family and Friends event to be presented with the cheque by the new Store Manager.

Family Group

Our group sessions continue to provide a safe meeting place for families who are isolated or find it difficult to access other groups. The supported sessions provide a stepping stone to community groups and a place to meet and make friends for those parents who need a helping hand.

Quotes from some of the families we support

"It made me feel human again. Going to the group and feeling welcome there was what I needed. To be able to talk to other mums and play with (my child) was great."

"It helped me by getting out and socialising again, it also helped me with introducing (my child) to new things."

Our Family Group over the year...



Case Study



Amy

(Names of the family have been changed to protect confidentiality)

Background to the Referral

As an older first time mum and following a traumatic birth, Amy was finding it difficult to adapt to motherhood from her busy and sociable work role. She felt tremendously isolated with no local family, and a friendship group based around her work. Her husband had returned to work in a demanding role and having to travel some distance meant the days were long for her. At first she tried to keep herself busy by going out every day with her new baby but this meant things at home suffered and made her feel even lower. Struggling with this, she had gone to stay with her parents during the Easter break, returning at weekends when her husband was there for support. Amy had also recently been diagnosed with post-natal depression. Her husband, Steve, rang to see if Home-Start could offer any help, so that Amy and baby Phoebe could be at home more again. He was concerned that she would find it hard to cope at home when her mother returned to work after the holidays.

Length of engagement

Home-Start supported Amy and her family for 21 months. Following an initial visit to identify her needs, her volunteer, Helen, was introduced and continued to visit for 2 hours each week for the following 5 months. Once she felt able to cope better at home and no longer needed her volunteer, Amy started to attend Family Group and continued to do so for a further 16 months.

Support Given and Engagement of the Family

Amy was always very open to Home-Start's support and engaged fully with any help she was offered. Initially, Helen prioritised supporting Amy's emotional needs and providing reassurance – she was very anxious about most aspects of parenthood. She was attending Talking Therapies sessions and a local support group for mums with post-natal depression but also found it useful to talk through her worries on the more practical aspects of parenthood with her volunteer. Helen was also able to suggest when she should see her GP again to review her medication, or a Health Visitor when she was concerned about baby Phoebe's health. Amy gradually grew to trust Helen and was happy to go and have a little time for herself during her visits. This gave Amy a much-needed break and allowed Phoebe to learn to be with other adults. Helen was also able to provide Amy with some practical support following a minor operation.

When Amy was threatened with redundancy during her maternity leave, Helen was able to listen and to provide reassurance that she was justified in wanting to seek legal advice.

Later, attending our weekly Family Group meant that Amy and Phoebe were able to get out each week to a supportive group, where she was able to make friends and find out what was going on locally for parents and children.

Outcome

As Amy and Phoebe started to enjoy attending Family Group, they both grew in confidence. Amy's warm and friendly personality meant she began to make friends in the group and was able both to support other mums and learn from them. Knowing that everyone attending the group was there because they were struggling with something helps enormously and the support of staff and volunteers means that parents are never left with no-one to chat to, which is really important to isolated parents.

Gradually Amy and Phoebe found friends to go to other groups and sessions with, including Children's Centre courses and 'Sport in Mind' sessions, signposted through the Family Group. She tried to get out every day so that both she and Phoebe were able to socialise but now she was able to keep more on top of things at home too, as she was less anxious.

As she started to feel better and more confident about her parenting, Amy started to reduce her medication, under guidance from her GP, until she no longer needed it. She continued to attend our group for a little while until she felt confident things were going to continue to go positively.

After a very stressful time over her redundancy she finally had a positive outcome from that too. This has allowed her to pay for some nursery hours for Phoebe and do some part-time work in an occupation she loves.

Feeling better in herself has meant Amy wanted to get fitter and started to get out for some exercise and was recently able to complete a 5K run, which had given her something to aim for and a real sense of achievement when she completed it

Impact

Child Development

Phoebe is happy, healthy and achieving all her developmental milestones. Amy has ensured that she has plenty of opportunities to socialise with other children and is now attending nursery for a few hours a week. This was a real achievement for Amy, as her anxiety made her struggle to 'let go' of Phoebe.

Parenting Aspirations, Self Esteem and Parenting Skills

Amy is now able to enjoy being a mum more and is much happier and healthier. Phoebe loves her time at nursery and has settled well there. She has become used to being with other adults and children and her social skills are continuing to develop well. Steve felt that having Home-Start's help took a huge pressure off family life. Knowing that Amy was getting regular support mid-week gave him peace of mind and made getting

through the working week seem a lot more manageable for them both, particularly in the early days.

Child and Family Health and Life Chances

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Quote from mum

"We just wanted to say.....how amazing all the staff and volunteers have been towards us. It's sad to say goodbye and we will miss our regular group however it's on a happy note to leave feeling much more confident as a mum and able to cope better with challenges of parenthood! We think (Home-Start staff and volunteers) do such an amazing job and service to the community and feel truly grateful to have such an excellent charity to have helped us through difficult times."

Treasurer's Report for Financial Year 2017 - 2018

During 2017-18, funding from Bracknell Forest Council and Bracknell and Ascot CCG continued into the 2nd year of a 3 year contract, although with a planned reduction of £20,000 on 2016-17, (a total reduction of £30,000 over 2 years). This contributed core income of £44,334, giving us a secure base with which to access other sources of funding to enable us to offer a safer and more timely service to local families and support to volunteers over the financial year. More resources had to be utilised to secure other funding and a fundraiser was engaged on a short-term contract for this purpose, alongside greater emphasis on raising our profile.

A number of individuals supported our work through their efforts in sponsored events and these contributed significantly to our income in 2017-18, something that cannot be relied on in the coming year. Likewise, the opening of the new Lexicon shopping centre generated additional one-off donations which are unlikely to be repeated. In addition to funding of more than £4,000 from our supportive Town and Parish councils, income from other sources generated a further £44,888. After allowing for the 6 months of running costs (currently about £47,000) specified in our reserves policy, our free reserves stood at around £17,600. However, this currently offsets our budget shortfall of £18,000 in 2018-19

For the current year, 2018 - 2019, our core funding will remain at £44,334 (including £13,344 from Bracknell and Ascot CCG). However 2018-19 is the final year of our current 3 year contract for Early Help services with Bracknell Forest Council and we are working with a Fundraiser again this year to secure additional funding for current and future years.

During this year our projected expenditure is around £89,000, but, with the outlook for the future becoming more difficult, we are continually trying to raise the profile of the charity and seek alternative sources of funding to ensure we are able to continue helping local families to achieve the best possible start for their children.

<u>Summary Accounts</u>	<u>2017 - 18</u>	<u>2016 - 17</u>
Opening Balance 1st April	£54,105.13	£63,848.31
Income	£94,969.34	£81,413.90
Expenditure	-£84,475.81	-£91,157.08
Closing balance 31st March	£64,598.66	£54,105.13
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Decrease in Funds		£9,743.18
Increase in Funds	£10,493.53	

Full accounts for 2017 - 18 are available on request from the office.

How you can help

Home-Start Bracknell Forest relies on funding and donations which are essential to our vision of enabling every parent in the Borough to have the support they need to give their children the best possible start in life.

Whether you are an individual, a company, or a charitable trust we would welcome the opportunity of discussing ways of working with you. Some ideas can be found at:

<https://www.home-start.org.uk/Pages/Category/fundraising-guide>

We are particularly keen to engage with local businesses which, through their Corporate Social Responsibility programmes, are able not only to bring sustainable benefit to the community but also benefit their own employees and companies.

Some of the ways you can support our work

- ☐ Make an online donation through
 - LocalGiving
 - BT Mydonate
- ☐ Do your online shopping through The Giving Machine at no extra cost and support Home-Start Bracknell Forest as your nominated charity <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>
- ☐ Sell unwanted goods through Ebay for Charity and avoid seller's fees by donating the proceeds to Home-Start Bracknell Forest
- ☐ Hold an event in aid of Home-Start: contact us for a fundraising pack
- ☐ Does your workplace provide matched funding for volunteering or event fundraising? Could you persuade them to?
- ☐ Nominate Home-Start Bracknell Forest to benefit from funds raised as Charity of the Year/Charity of the Month in local banks, supermarkets or other organisations. Talk to friends and family, as many companies do this
- ☐ If you are a taxpayer, remember your donations may qualify for gift aid

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