



Hampshire Children and Families Forum  
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## Minutes of the HCF (Alton & Bordon) Branch Meeting Held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at Alton Community Centre

1. Introductions
2. Apologies:
  - Marion Runnalls - Petersfield Children's Centre
  - Martin Goodwin - Extended Services Special Schools
  - Janet Easton - Community First
  - Cay Byford - Contact-a-family
  - Sharon Goodchild
  - Eileen Torbet - St Marks Church Family Worker
  - Alison Joy
  - Liza Raper - After School Activities
3. Present:
  - Sarah DeMacros - HCF
  - Julie Cunnah - HCF
  - Karen Cunningham - Portage
  - Glynis Blake - Extended Services Bordon
  - Liz Roles - East Hants Locality Team
  - Gemma Garnett - East Hants Locality Team
  - Kim Wallis - Relate Basingstoke
  - Karen Beeders - Relate Basingstoke
  - Nicola Beal - CIS
  - Heather Bevis - CIS
  - Ann Blackman - Family Support Alton
  - Lesley Bird - Bushy Leaze Children's Centre
  - Marie Nottridge - Alton Community Centre
  - Ella Palmer - Wooteys Infant School
  - Doreen Steel - Chase Children's Centre
  - Angela Small - Homestart Weywater
  - Karen Mabbott - Pre-School Development Worker
  - Alison Cliffe - Extended Services Alton Buckle
4. Matters arising - there were no matters arising from last meeting.
5. Co-ordinators Report - copy attached.



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## 6. Guest Speaker - Kim Wallis from Relate Basingstoke.

Relate Family Counselling is for families, parents and children and siblings, extended families and blended families.

All families are unique and have unique problems - counsellors are experienced relationship experts and are specially trained to work with families.

Before beginning relate family counselling you have an initial consultation after which you set appointments with the counsellor. ]

Relate 'Family Counselling' is a charged service, however some subsidies are available.

An outreach service is currently provided in Alton with a view to extending to Bordon.

Relate - Basingstoke and District can be contacted at:

The Old Orchard, White Hart Lane, Basingstoke RG21 4Af Tel 01256  
324364/[www.relatebasingstokeandaldershot.org.uk](http://www.relatebasingstokeandaldershot.org.uk)

## 7. Agency Feedback & Information Sharing

Heather and Nicola from the CIS shared information and freebies with the group - they are now CIS Outreach workers and will help families' access childcare. They are able to supply booklets and free materials and can be contacted on [heather.bevis@hants.gov.uk](mailto:heather.bevis@hants.gov.uk).

Liz Roles/Gemma Garnett from the East Hants Locality Team - they help groups complete CAF's and put actions into place.

Karen Mabbott - Pre-school development worker - assists pre-schools and offers support.

Ella Palmer - Head Teacher at Wootey Infant School - currently involved with Extended Services.

Angela Small - Homestart Weywater - has just finished 2 preparation courses and another 3 are underway. They are moving to Chase Children's Centre in October. Currently based at Mill Chase Technology College in Bordon.

Glynis Blake is the Extended Services Co-ordinator for Bordon. Currently working with schools and community. Glynis will be based at Chase Children's Centre once the building has been completed.



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Doreen Steel - Manager Chase Children Centre - building work has started due to be finished in September. They are very much looking forward to their new building.

Lesley Bird - New co-ordinator for Bushy Leaze - Lesley is very new in post and just finding her feet.

Marie Nottridge from Alton Community Centre- Offering parenting skills classes free to families. Offering early intervention for the 0 to 16 years. The course tutor will also offer crisis 1 to 1's if necessary. The pre-school is celebrating its 30 birthday in September!!!

Alison Cliffe - Extended Services in Alton - looking at what services are available and what is needed, and how to extend them.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Chase Children Centre, Bordon 11am



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## **EAST HANTS CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

### **24<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

#### **CO-ORDINATORS NEWS**

In January HCFF published 'Data Sheets' entitled: 'Pre-schools' and 'Places to Go' in and around Bordon. These have been circulated to information points such as Libraries/Health Visitors etc - should anyone require copies then please let us know.

We have received several telephone/email enquiries, particularly from families with children/grandchildren in the Alton area who are looking for support and information on playschemes. We are publishing a listing of local playschemes in our summer newsletter, so please let us know of any schemes you might know about, particularly not for profit schemes.

#### **MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED**

Alton Buckle - Swift & Easy Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Holiday Play Provision at EHDC - met with group of local parents to discuss play provision locally for children 12yrs and over with special needs.  
Visit to Disability Challengers site in Farnham.  
Home-Start Weywater - Advisors Meeting  
HCFF Branch Meeting - Petersfield & Liss Branches  
Children's Centre Information Event at Peterfield Library  
EECU Roadshow @ Alton Maltings - results of the childcare survey available at [www.eecu.org.uk](http://www.eecu.org.uk).  
County Co-ordinators Meeting @ Intech, Winchester.  
Workforce Development Council - Child Protection Training in Liphook

#### **NEWSLETTERS**

10,000 copies of the 'Spring' newsletter have been delivered to:- Alton, Bordon & Liphook and their surrounding villages. Most copies went into Schools and pre-schools. The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, so if you have got anything you would like to put in, please email it as soon as possible to:

[Julie.Cunnah@btinternet.com](mailto:Julie.Cunnah@btinternet.com)



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### **FUTURE EVENTS**

'Aiming High for Disabled Children' - Alton Maltings on 26/4/08 - info circulated  
'Hampshire Festival of Playwork' Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am-4m @ Kingsworthy Primary School, Winchester - free of charge booking via Meynell Games, Hosted by Hampshire EECU Team. Tel: 01323 730500 or email: [carolin@meynell-games.demon.co.uk](mailto:carolin@meynell-games.demon.co.uk)

### **DIRECTORIES**

Unfortunately our bid for funding via Hampshire Community Foundation was not successful due to the very high number of applications this round. We will continue to seek other sources of funding to publish the directory, focusing firstly on Bordon & Liphook (where the data is more complete). Please pass to us any listing you feel should be added via Julie. We particularly need listings for the Alton area.

### **HCFF WEBSITE**

Don't forget the HCFF web site at the following address: [www.hcff.org.uk](http://www.hcff.org.uk).  
We can place all listings in the area and advertise events on the web site, so if there is anything you want listing please let us know. It is an excellent advertising tool for events and information.