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ALTON CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

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HCCF RESTRUCTURE

At present, HCFF is in the process of restructuring and as a result I have moved on to a new position of Area Manager. The Alton Coordinators position is at present being advertised and we hope to appoint a new coordinator by the end of June. Until such time, I will continue to cover the key duties of the coordinators role.

FOCUS DAY

The HCFF Focus Day was held on the 11th March at Intech, Winchester and was a resounding success. Robin Thomas gave a presentation on the 'Every Child Matters' paper, which was followed by a choice of workshops and concluded with action and learning points from all the workshops. If you would like more information on the day please visit our website www.hcff.org.uk and the bulletin board.

INFORMATION EVENT

For last terms information event I organised a speaker on Drugs Awareness. Graham Nice from the Basingstoke Drugs Centre came and gave a very informative talk, although the attendance was rather disappointing. We received positive feedback from those who did attend and it was felt that it had been very helpful.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

East Hants Compact
Homestart
Training Group Meeting
Childrens Fund Meeting
Young Carers Event
Alton Community Partnership

HOMESTART

Unfortunately Homestart were not successful with their bid to the Community Fund and consequently are having to look elsewhere for funding. There is a desperate need for Homestart in Alton and Bordon, so if you are aware of any funding streams that may be relevant please contact me on 01252 874005.

CHILDRENS FUND

I have continued attending the local partnership group for the Childrens Fund, which after a worrying start regarding a cut in funding, is now moving into its second year and is continuing to support some very worthwhile projects. See the next HCFF newsletter for more information.

NEWSLETTERS

Thanks to funding from the Childrens Fund, we delivered 2500 newsletters again last term. Don't forget if you would like to put anything in the newsletter give me a call or email me at alton@hcff.org.uk, the deadline for the summer term is the 10th May and the deadline for the autumn term will be approximately the 1st October.

DIRECTORIES

The directory is now out in the community and has been very well received. It was officially launched during the February half term, at an event run in partnership with the Library and the Pre-school Learning Alliance. It was an extremely successful event where the children enjoyed, face painting, arts and crafts and trail around the library, all linked to the Chinese New Year.

There are still directories available so please ask if you are in need of some.

THIS TERMS INFORMATION EVENT

I have not finalised an information event for this term, but am hoping to take part in the Alton Fun Day on the 30th May 2004.

HELP!

I am searching for a Chairperson for the Alton Branch, if you know of anybody who has a few hours (2-3) per month spare please encourage them to step forward. I would desperately like to get the Alton branch up on its feet and active within the community, but need someone with local knowledge and as they say two heads are better than one. On that note, if you would like to see anything happen within your community and have ideas of what might be able to be done, please let me know.

HCFF WEBSITE

Don't forget HCFF are now on the web at the following address: www.hcff.org.uk

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