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## ALTON CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

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### CO-Coordiators News

Since January I have been busy with various projects. I was involved with the CREW (Crime Reduction and Environment Week) in Alton and Bordon which I found to be an eye opening experience and which also gave me a chance to work along side other agencies including the Police, Drum Housing and the Youth Service. The week consisted of litter picking, graffiti removal, Fly tipping removal, abandoned car removal and a Road show in both Towns. On the Tuesday evening, a football match was hosted between the Police, Youth Service and some of the young people in Alton. Apparently, good fun was had by all.

Overall, the week was a success and hopefully another CREW is planned for next year, but this time, rather than have two CREW's in one week, Alton will have a full week and the same for Bordon, as trying to run two at the same time was to say the least a little challenging at times.

I have just finished running a Confident Parent's Confident Kids course at Wootey Infant School. Initially I had eight parent's sign up for the course, but unfortunately only three regularly attended and completed the eight-week programme. However, the ones that did complete the course said they found it very helpful, fun and made them more aware of how they can deal with their child's behaviour.

I am at present involved in helping write Hampshire Play Strategy with other agencies. The Plan is to help East Hampshire access funds to improve play initiatives in the district. The plan is an overview of what we would like to see available in our area and the plan will hopefully help us to achieve this.

Another project also on the go at present is a 'Working With Young People Surgeries'. There is an event on 11<sup>th</sup> May, where people who work with young people can come and discuss different aspects of working with young people and any problems they may be experiencing. The 'surgery' evening will hopefully give the groups support and help in these areas and offer possible solutions, but also to offer networking opportunities.

You may or may not be aware, but Wootey Infants and Juniors have an after schools club. It was called 'The Castle Club', but is now called 'The Tiger Club'. When the club was first set up, it was funded by the Children's Fund, but the money was held at Rowlands Castle with their 'Castle Club' and the two ran along side one another. However, The Tiger club is a separate entity all together and is funded separately (Still by Children's Fund). Liza Raper the co-ordinator is currently setting up a management committee and needs some people on board. She also needs guidance on Payroll so if any one can help or knows of someone who may be able to help, please can you let me know.

### MEETINGS ATTENDED

Children's Fund  
HomeStart  
Hampshire Play Strategy (New)  
Working With Young People Surgeries. (Flyer attached)  
Teenage Sex and Relationship Evening  
CREW

### CONSULTATION EVENTS (Sure Start)

The consultation topic for this term has yet to be set. The update of the Support for Young Parent's is a positive one. I visited the Teenage Bumps and Babes session where I spoke to some mum's and received great feedback and information to help complete my handout. The Youth Service and the Pregnancy Crisis Centre have asked for a completed copy. I have given them a copy. If any one would like a copy, please let me know. The mum's I spoke to said that it was just what they needed as they were forever having to find important numbers to help them.

### NEWSLETTERS

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](mailto:alton@hcff.org.uk), the deadline for the autumn term will be Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. At present only 500 copies are being printed due to funding. I am therefore looking for other sources of funding and thought I would approach Alton Town Council as a possible funder. If anyone has any ideas, please let me know.

### DIRECTORIES

I still have some directories left, so if you would like any then please let me know. I am considering updating the directory next year so I will be looking for funding. I have decided that due to funding issues (again!) I am going to print some copies of the directory and place them at various venues in the Town, so that if there any amendments/additions, people can amend the page as necessary. I can then pick up that particular page, amend and add as necessary then replace the page ant the various

venues. I thought that this would be a short-term solution as I am sure you will agree that to have three or four up to date directories is better than having nothing at all or a directory that is out of date. Again, if anyone has any ideas on funding avenues please do inform me.

### HELP!

I am STILL 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 him or her 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](http://www.hcff.org.uk).

I can place all listings in the area and advertise events, anything you want placing on there please let me know. It is an excellent advertising tool for events and information.

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