

Harvest 2019

Welcome to our Harvest Newsletter

A few words from the General Manager....

The first day of September is known in meteorological terms as the beginning of Autumn. August and September are, I believe, the months most associated with the harvest. So, I would like to commend to you our Harvest 2019 Newsletter.

It is through our newsletter that we have an opportunity to share our news with you of what has been happening here at CARE: what we have been doing within our services to help and support vulnerable local people, the things we have achieved, like the granting of a further three years of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (see the piece on page 2); the people that we are sadly saying farewell to and on the other hand the people that we have welcomed into the charity in recent months.

I particularly want to thank our retiring Director, Stephen Franklin, who has given twentyseven years to CARE as a Trustee/Director. Stephen has given his time on a voluntary basis since the charity was formed. (See the message on page 4)

In July we changed the way that we operate the Daily Bread Food Larder, by no longer having public access to emergency food parcels here at our offices in Hainton Avenue. Instead, we have now set-up new partnerships with other food providers in the area. We are also very pleased that we teamed up with a group of National Citizenship Service students during the school holidays to get food out into the community. (See the article on page 3).

Autumn is a time of thanksgiving for the harvest and the blessings it brings to us. It is also a time of sharing what might be our abundance with those who have not.

CARE will never have enough resources to satisfy the needs of the needy in our area; we will also be grateful for your help. You can help us by **VOLUNTEERING** your time to us; by **DONATING** goods and money to us; by **SHOPPING** with us in our charity shop.

Thank you and enjoy... Stephen Durkin

"We are dedicated to reliving poverty, hardship & distress"



SUPPORT VULNERABLE PEOPLE THANK THE PLAYERS OF THE NATIONAL LOTTERY





We are delighted to announce that earlier in the Summer we found out that we had been successful in securing a National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) grant for three years, totalling £415,000. This will allow us to carry on offering our Housing and Community Support services, here in North East Lincolnshire, to the many local people that we assist with obtaining housing for them and supporting them with what can be quite complex, associated needs.

Stephen Durkin, CARE's General Manager, says: "When people approach our services, very often they are at a crisis point in their lives. This grant means that we will be able to continue to help prevent people's homelessness, improve their health, wellbeing and finances, their life-skills and just as importantly, their confidence."

This and other NLCF grants are made possible through the players of the National Lottery, the people who buy their tickets each week. By doing so they are not only purchasing the chance of a dream, what could be a life-changing win for them, but they are helping numerous good causes locally and up and down the country, like CARE, to potentially have a life-changing effect on vulnerable, needy and often marginalised sections of the community.

Kim Ward, who is the Housing and Community Support Manager at CARE, told us: "many of our clients report to us as they leave our service that what we have done for them has been life-changing for them. So, we just want to say thank you to all the players of the National Lottery."

CARE offer a housing service that works mainly with private-sector landlords who make their properties available to the people we help; there is no advance rent or deposit required and in return CARE offer the landlord a limited damages guarantee, and will then offer one-to-one floating support to the tenant to help them maintain the tenancy and sustain the person's independent living. The Community Support also includes an Open-House drop-in facility through which people have access to help Monday to Friday.

Louise Law, one of our Community Support Workers, who like everyone at CARE is over the moon with the news of our successful bid said: "securing funding for a further three years has been a God-send-for struggling families in our area. As public funds are cut back across the board, our service is increasingly important to the people we support."



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YOUNG PEOPLE HELPING WITH FOOD FOR FAMILIES DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A group of fourteen 15 to 17-year-old students, along with three mentors, part of the NCS - National Citizen Service, have recently been based at St Mary's on the Sea presbytery for the past two weeks. As part of their social action programme partnered with CARE's Food Larder project. They raised money by putting on Coffee and bingo morning's in the hall and spent time parish Cleethorpes seafront offering face painting. They also made up several food bags, which involved thinking about the food items that would allow a low income family to put together some basic meals.



The summer holiday's put pressure on families, some of whom may already have to rely on emergency food providers in the area. These food bags were delivered to Families First East Marsh and West Marsh centres on Friday, 9th August 2019. On receiving the food bags at the East Marsh centre in Victor Street, Grimsby, Jenny King, Locality 2 Lead was delighted, she thanked the NCS group and told them, "I know just the families that we will give out the bags to today. This will be a big help to them." Similar thanks were given by Emma Kennedy, one of the three managers in Locality 4, upon receipt of some food bags at the West Marsh centre in Macaulay Street, Grimsby.



CARE's General Manager, Stephen Durkin said, "It is so encouraging when you see what a difference a group of local teenagers can make when they pool their resources and put their minds to helping others, less fortunate than themselves, in the community."



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Farewell

We are saying farewell to Stephen Franklin as he retires from trusteeship of CARE. Stephen has served well as a Trustee since the CARE charity was founded in 1992. 27 years is a long haul and Stephen has always been supportive, encouraging and wise as he shared with others in guiding the affairs of the Charity. CARE would not be where it is today without the expertise of people like Stephen who served unstintingly in a voluntary capacity. Thank you Stephen for all your endeavours.







Pictured above showing our Immingham Access point Co-ordinator Elaine receiving generous donations from the Immingham Community

Immingham Daily Bread Food Larder offers a valuable service to the residents of Immingham and surrounding villages. This service is run Access from Immingham Point Immingham Civic Hub 12-3:30 Monday to Friday. It runs alongside our Support 'Open House' sessions offering advice and guidance to people who need it. We have been very blessed to have continued strong community support receiving regular food donations from individual residents, local shops, churches, businesses and organisations. This enables us to continue to meet the needs of those most vulnerable in our area who are facing financial hardship.

Immingham Access Point offers Volunteer opportunities for those wanting to get involved in a hands on way. We are very excited to be holding our 5th Toys for Joy scheme at Christmas and we are very excited for the upcoming Harvest Festival session and the opportunity to raise awareness of the service we provide with the schools and the community.

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Since the beginning of January 2019, we are excited to report that we have taken on 12 new properties, with a further 4 new properties heading our way soon. We have created 19 new tenancies and newly housed a total of 32 adults and children, who are a mixture of single people and families. Not bad going for a little charity on Grimsby's East Marsh! Housing people who don't have the means for a deposit and rent in advance changes lives. One of our newest CARE clients spoke to us about being housed and supported through our charity, they said "It's made a very, very big difference to me and son. We are a lot happier. My son knows I am happy and that makes him happy too.



I wouldn't have been able to do this on my own and I would have been stuck in the same position I was without CARE. My depression has improved a lot now". The landlords also tell us that they get a lot of satisfaction from housing vulnerable people alongside our charity. Recently a very grateful client we housed brought in a thank you card and chocolates for Anita our Tenancy Support Officer, who felt it was lovely to be appreciated.

WORKING WONDERS TOGETHER ON THE WEST MARSH



Darren and Nathan, a father and son, were housed through CARE with one of our long-time landlords, Tonya. The scheme, in partnership with local landlords, provides no-deposit, low-cost housing in the North East Lincolnshire area for people without the means to access private-rented accommodation.

Tenants are also provided with a CARE Community Support Worker for the first year in the property. When Darren moved in, he expressed that now he had a place with some outside space, he looked forward to having a barbeque out the back.

Darren and Nathan, have worked tirelessly alongside their new landlord, Tonya, to transform the area behind the property as it was filled with refuse and junk from fly-tippers. They also weeded the whole area and Tonya provided them with the tools and weed-killer they needed for the job and to keep on top of it into the future. A gate and chain were put in place to discourage further dumping. Tonya said the guys had been absolutely brilliant. She is delighted to have tenants who care about the property as much as she does. Darren and Nathan look forward to having a barbeque in their newly cleared back yard, weather-permitting!



During the summer holidays following her GCSE exams, local student Robyn Ward approached CARE to do some shadowing within our Community Support team. Robyn is taking up Biology, Chemistry and English Literature A level's in September, with the ultimate aim of studying medicine. Robyn wanted to gain experience of working with people in our community experiencing mental health or physical health difficulties and wanted to understand more of the barriers and challenges people face when trying improve their wellbeing and life style.



Robyn went out into the community to visit people in their homes with Anne, one of our CARE Community Support Worker's. Anne took Robyn, together with our CARE Community Support clients, out to partner agencies where work needed to be done with our people to move them forward. When reviewing her time at CARE Robyn commented "It was a true learning curve and interesting insight to see how physical and mental medical impairments often cause hardship in almost all walks of people's lives. However, it also gave me an understanding of how support workers can help alleviate that hardship. It was a great opportunity to work alongside CARE's support team, as I have come to understand different problems faced and how they are solved"

GOODBYE TO LES AND HELLO TO YVONNE



On 26th September, we say goodbye to our Community Support Worker Les Nixon, who is retiring. Les has been with us since April 2010 and has been an absolute asset to our team, with her wealth of experience, particularly in housing, mental health and benefits, together with huge compassion and a true desire to help people. There will still be plenty keeping Les busy however, as she plans to be spending lots of time with her twin grandsons keeping them in order. She has told us she may even pop back to CARE to give a bit of time volunteering in the future. We hope so, because Les will be really missed by the team.

Her ability to tell a cracking joke never failed to make us laugh! Happy retirement Les and wishing you lots of adventures.

We welcome Yvonne to the Community Support team!

Yvonne began her new role as Community Support Worker at the beginning of September, and after a few weeks of shadowing with Les, she will be out visitng clients. Glad to have you on the team Yvonne!





Community Space Progress







We are really excited about Grimsby Institute helping CARE to develop our Community Space within our Grimsby Access Point in line with what our community have told us they need and want. When we carried out stakeholder wide surveys last Autumn, our clients told us that they would like a confidential space within CARE, where they could be supported to do things that they needed to do online, but that they struggled to do alone. Many people come to us who find literacy, numeracy and IT challenging, plus many people are digitally excluded by virtue of poverty. The things they need to do can range from applying for benefits, housing or charitable help online, to researching things with their Community Support Worker which will help them know what to do next. Grimsby Institute heard about what our clients need us to enable them to do and have come to the rescue to provide the means to do this!! On Friday 6th September Harshad, Adrian and Dave from Grimsby Institute came to visit us and look at developing our community space. They are helping with making the room both practical with computers and desks, as well as with the soft furnishings needed to make the room versatile, to make a space where they can meet for groups they decide they would like. It will also give our retired Franklin College GCSE Maths and English tutor Colin somewhere to hold his lessons for our clients instead of them having to 'hot desk'! Harshad's team are also going to provide IT training to our staff and give IT support to improve the performance of our existing equipment. We could not be more pleased and grateful for the help Grimsby Institute are giving CARE to help the community we support. The visit from Harshad, Adrian and Dave was really fun and practical. They met staff, made us laugh and talked about our joint plans going forward. Here they are measuring up to see how the room is going to work out. These are the before pictures and we will show you the after in the coming months!! Our student assistant Robyn Ward also got busy decorating the room!

We say goodbye to our Customer Support Officer, Rachel, after 10 months advising, guiding and signposting our clients at the Grimsby Access Point. We wish her well in her new job at Cobalt Cat Media in Macclesfield.





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We welcome Antony our new Retail Van Driver available to collect your donations Monday, Wed, Friday



Your donated goods that we have collected will be put to very good use:

 they will either be sold in our charity shop helping to raise funds for us to help house and support homeless and vulnerable local people, or

they will be donated free of

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TOYS FOR JOY 2019

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PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING A NEW TOY TO A LESS FORTUNATE CHILD THIS CHRISTMAS THROUGH OUR TOYS FOR JOY PROJECT!

WE ARE NOW TAKING DONATIONS AT OUR: **IMMINGHAM & GRIMSBY ACCESS POINT**



TOYS FOR JOY 2019

Are you able to volunteer at our Christmas project?

Each year CARE collects brand new toys to give out to children in North East Lincolnshire who are known to agencies to be the most vulnerable and likely to receive nothing at Christmas due to their families financial circumstances.

> WED 11TH DECEMBER 2019 13:00 - 16:00 SETTING UP AND DISPLAYING TOYS

THUR 12TH DECEMBER 10:00 - 16:00 HELPING PARENTS AND SUPPORT WORKERS CHOOSE TOYS

HOLY TRINITY PARISH HALL, CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH, GRIMSBY ROAD, CLEETHORPES, DN35 7LJ

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