



The Haven Wolverhampton E Bulletin

Supporting women and children who are vulnerable to violence and abuse

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Keeping you up to date with the latest news, events and developments at The Haven Wolverhampton

Welcome...to The Haven's May E-Bulletin

In this issue we welcome new Chair of the Board, Ann Dawson, to The Haven. Ann will help guide The Haven through the coming months and ensure that the organisation continues to meet the aims of its Business Plan of delivering quality and sensitive services to women and children affected by Domestic Violence. This issue also includes information on new events, fundraising activities and job opportunities at The Haven which you can involved in.

Haven Welcomes New Chair of The Board

At The Haven Wolverhampton's Annual General Meeting on 2nd April 2011 Gill Atkins stood down as Chair of the Board. With over 10 years service as Chair of The Haven Board Gill has been instrumental in guiding the organisation through difficult times and has contributed to the growth and improvement of the many services that support women and children affected by Domestic Violence and Homelessness in the City. The Haven would like to thank Gill for her commitment to supporting the charity over the years and as a member we look forward to her continued support and wish her well.

We are delighted to announce that on 2nd April Ann Dawson, a current Haven Board member, was nominated to the Chair's position. Ann brings a plethora of transferable knowledge and skills to the role having been a trustee for over 7 years during which time she has sat as Chair of The Haven Personnel Committee. In 2009 Ann represented The Haven at The International Women's Conference in Madrid and most recently attended the United Nations Commission on The Status of Women in New York where she chaired a presentation on The Haven Wolverhampton's Financial Inclusion project.

Ann is currently Chair of Adsis - a registered charity operating in the County of Staffordshire which operates to enhance the life of people affected by alcohol and other dependencies through a programme of harm reduction. Ann has been a member of the Adsis Board since 2005. Previously Ann has been a member of the Staffordshire Crime Prevention Committee serving as Chair of the Cannock branch for over two years. Ann's career in the Staffordshire Probation Service has included work with high risk offenders, victims of crime and training of staff and trainee Probation Officers.

Ann has been a member of Soroptimist International since 1983 and in this time has served as President and Federation President of her local club in the Staffordshire Region. Soroptimist International is a worldwide service organisation for women which is committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realise aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide. In her role Ann has been responsible for the work of her club which has members across 27 International countries. She has travelled extensively visiting Soroptimist projects and conferences in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

Ann is looking forward to her role as Chair of The Haven Wolverhampton and in the coming months will be reviewing, with Chief Executive Kath Rees, the organisations operations so as to ensure The Haven is fit for purpose to deliver its refreshed Business Plan for the next 3 years.

A word from our new Chair

'Involvement with the Haven Wolverhampton allows us to tackle controversial issues and make a significant difference to the lives of others by working together and forming partnerships with other organisations that share our values and our vision. Such work serves to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable women and children in society and I am committed to this aim.'



New Chair of The Haven Board Ann Dawson (Left) with Haven Chief Executive Kath Rees.

To contact Ann please call 01902 572171 or email ceo@havenrefuge.org.uk

Surviving Financial Abuse

Much has been done over the years to raise awareness of Domestic Violence. Often regarded as a 'private' issue Domestic Violence has received increased attention from campaigners, researchers, the government and the media alike which in turn has led us to challenge the 'what happens behind closed doors' philosophy and acknowledge the prevalence of this social problem.

However Domestic Violence can still often be subject to a restricted analysis based on stereotypes. Domestic Violence encompasses a range of behaviors including physical, emotional and sexual abuse, in which the abuser seeks to gain power and control over the victim. However, little has been publicised about financial abuse and its implications for those currently in or trying to escape abusive relationships.



Surviving Financial Abuse - Promoting Financial Inclusion: A Collaborative Approach to Supporting Victims of Domestic Violence & Financial Abuse is a new innovative conference organised by The Haven Wolverhampton which aims to raise awareness of Financial Abuse as an intricate part of Domestic Violence and share best practices and examples of work being done to address this issue in Wolverhampton.

Download the event programme [here](#)

The half day conference is free to attend and will feature presentations from those working to raise awareness of financial abuse and promote financial inclusion in the City.

Date: Thursday 12th May

Time: 9am – 2pm

**Venue: Wolverhampton Science Park,
Wolverhampton, WV10 9RU**

To book your place at this event please contact Tracy Groom, Financial Inclusion Project Coordinator, on **01902 572145** or email FIC@havenrefuge.org.uk

Please note that seating is limited therefore booking is essential

JOB VACANCY: ICT Technician

Sessional work, hours to be agreed, £6.50 per hour

The successful candidate will provide ICT end user support and ICT maintenance within the organisation's desktop computing environment. This includes installing, diagnosing, repairing, maintaining, and upgrading all PC hardware and equipment to ensure optimal workstation performance.

Closing date: 10am on Monday 16th May

To make an application click [here](#)

Running shoes at the ready!

The Haven Wolverhampton is calling on local athletes and budding sportspersons to pledge their support for the charity at this year's Carver Wolverhampton City Marathon. The Haven is looking for participants to join in one of the many marathon events taking place on **Sunday 4th September** at Wolverhampton's West Park. We are looking for runners to raise sponsorship to support women and children affected by Domestic Violence in the City.

For more information and to complete an entry form please [click here](#)



Thank You

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to our Easter Appeal 2011. We were overwhelmed by the response to the appeal which saw over 500 eggs being donated!



That's a Haven record! With so many eggs being donated we were able to give the children of every client accessing refuge, counselling and community advocacy support services at least 2 eggs each.

The children at The Haven were delighted to receive the donations which were used to put on Easter egg hunts as well as fun and tasty cooking activities.

Thank You

Thanks for Reading!

If you have any comments or feedback about this or any previous issues of The Haven E-Bulletin please get in touch on publicity@havenrefuge.org.uk or call **01902 572173**

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