



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 August E Bulletin

In this issue we take a look at the latest initiative being developed by The Haven's Community Advocacy Support Team, find out who won at The Haven Hero Awards and tell you how you can get involved with the latest appeals and events in support of The Haven Wolverhampton.

Haven Launches Drop In Service

This summer The Haven Wolverhampton is launching a new initiative which aims to provide women with the opportunity to speak and discuss their experiences of Domestic Violence with a qualified member of Haven staff in the interim period before becoming full engaged with The Haven Community Advocacy Support Service.

Every woman or child who experiences Domestic Violence has different needs. Some women may not wish to access refuge accommodation and instead seek support to help them remain living independently in their own homes or in the community.



The Haven Community Advocacy Support Team is a specialist service which offers support to help female victims of Domestic Violence devise safety plans, progress with housing applications, support with taking

cases through the criminal justice system and access to various other community support services. The service also provides emotional support in order to empower female adult survivors to be independent and instill confidence in order to help women make informed decisions about their lives.

However demand for this service is high which can often lead to lengthy waiting lists.

Therefore, in order to be able to provide the best level of support during waiting periods The Haven has established a number of 'Drop In' sessions.

These sessions offer 30 minute appointment slots where women can talk through any issues relating to Domestic Violence with a member of Haven staff. The Haven is also delighted to be able to have established free legal advice sessions which will be lead and facilitated by representatives from a number of top Solicitor firms across the City.

Community Support and Legal Advice Drop In Sessions will alternate on a weekly basis commencing 3rd August.

For more information [email](#) The Haven Community Team or call **01902 572127**

Celebrating Local Male Heroes

In June this year The Haven launched 'Haven Heroes' - a campaign which aimed to promote and celebrate the importance of positive male role models. We asked you to nominate a male individual for a Haven Hero Award to acknowledge those who have made a positive difference and act as an inspiration to the local community.



After receiving a significant number of nominations the shortlisted finalists were invited to attend the first ever Haven Heroes Awards Evening. We are delighted to reveal that the winner of The Haven Hero Community Award is.....**Jason Brimfield**.



Jason is the Assistant Manager / Coach for Wyrley Junior Colts Under 10's Football team. He was nominated for this award by friend and colleague Scott Lyons.

Jason was chosen to receive this award by Haven staff because of his commitment to providing a safe and supporting environment for young people to play sports as well as his dedication to providing mentor and coaching support to the young players to help them deal with personal issues. Thanks go to Emma Reynolds MP for attending and presenting Jason with this award.

The second award of the evening was The Haven Hero Board of Trustees Award which was presented by Lord Bilston to Colin Brown – co founder of The Haven Wolverhampton. The Haven Board unanimously voted to give this award to Colin to acknowledge his dedication and support of The Haven over the last 35 years.

The final award of the evening was The Haven Hero Special Recognition Award which was presented to Frederick Taylor for his contribution to supporting his daughter Abigail through her experiences of abuse.

Special thanks to all who supported The Haven Heroes Campaign. For more information about the Awards evening please click [here](#).

The Haven Wolverhampton Summer Play Appeal

Over the summer months The Haven will support over 100 children across its refuge, community and counseling services. In order to keep the children and young people active and engaged over the 6 week summer holiday period The Haven produces a summer play programme. The programme will include a range of activities such as art and craft workshops, book clubs, cooking competitions, sports days and outings to leisure centres, theme parks and museums.

Play, fun and laughter are always high on the Summer Play programme agenda. The chance to play with great toys and meet new friends will help to ensure the children at The Haven remember summer for all the right reasons.

We appeal to all donors and supporters to make a contribution to the programme which lets 'children be children'. We appeal for donations of new games and toys, tickets to local attractions and also financial donations which will enable the children to visit and engage in events taking place across the UK.

Your support will help to provide a safe, stable and fun environment for children affected by Domestic Violence.

To make a donation call **01902 572140** or email info@havenrefuge.org.uk



Haven develops ICT Suite for Women

The Haven is delighted to have received funding from The Evan Cornish Foundation to develop an ICT suite for women and children affected by Domestic Violence. The funds will go towards the refurbishment of the ground floor of The Haven Women's Resource Centre to equip the area with the latest ICT equipment allowing Haven clients access to the internet, develop CV's, job search and complete applications for employment. The ICT equipment will also allow further training classes to be held helping to enhance lifelong learning skills.

What's On @ The Haven Wolverhampton

Training

The next Haven Multi Agency Domestic Violence Awareness Day will take place on **8th September**, from **10am to 4pm** at **Friends Meeting House, Summerfield Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 4PR**. Cost - **£50 per person**. Call **01902 572128** or [email](mailto:) The Haven Training department to secure your place.

Events

Sunday 4th September: Carver Wolverhampton City Marathon – The Haven is looking for people to take part in the marathon event and raise sponsorship for The Haven. We are also looking for volunteers to lend a hand on the day. For more information please [email](mailto:) Palie Dulai or call **01902 572123**

Saturday 24th September: Zumba Party – Have fun whilst getting fit. Join the party from **12.00pm to 2.00pm** at **the Mander Shopping Centre, Ground Floor (Old BB's Unit)**. **Adults £6, Children £3** – includes a free goody bag!

For more information please [email](mailto:) Kiran Laroya or call **01902 572123**

Thank You

HUGE thanks this month go to:

- * **Mid Counties Co-operative** who have so far raised £35,000 to support their national charity Women's Aid plus 11 other local Domestic Violence support agencies – of which The Haven is one.
- * **Marks & Spencers Store Wolverhampton** who allowed The Haven to hold a bag packing / store collection which raised over £300
- * **Wombourne Parochial Church Council** for their generous donation of £200
- * **Highfields School** for their end of term collection raising £160
- * **Dave Brooks** for his kind donation of £80

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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