



Autumn Greetings from Home-Start Epsom, Ewell and Banstead!

Celebrating 28 Years Supporting Children and Families!

Home-Start Epsom, Ewell and Banstead was delighted to hold our AGM and Annual Celebration Event on Monday 4 November, celebrating 28 years of our work supporting local children and families! Our huge thanks go to Merland Rise Church for hosting the event.

We were honoured to invite to the Event the Mayor and Mayoress of Epsom and Ewell, Cllr. Steve Bridger and Carol Bridger, the Mayor of the Borough of Reigate and Banstead, Cllr. Eddy Humphreys and the Mayoress, Sarah Humphreys, and the Chairman of Mole Valley District Council, Cllr. Elizabeth Daly and Consort, Cllr. Paul Kennedy. Each dignitary gave an insightful speech outlining the importance of our work.



The keynote speech was given by HSEEB Senior Family Coordinator, Lesley Lane, who coordinates our Over 5's/ SEND Service and who outlined the lack of support currently available for many families with SEND children and the areas she can provide help with. For further detail please visit: <https://hseeb.org/over-5s-project/>

Those who attended really valued hearing from one of our Home-Start parents about the positive impact our Perinatal Infant Mental Health Service, and Coordinator Claire Stevens, has had on her family's life. For details of our perinatal project please visit: <https://hseeb.org/perinatal-mental-health-project/>

The Event was also a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our wonderful Home-Visiting volunteers; in particular Elizabeth; our Outstanding Home-Visiting Volunteer of the year, and Mary; who has now been volunteering with us for 20 years and who has helped so many local families in need of support. Congratulations also to volunteers Rachel and Jill who have each now been volunteering with HSEEB for over 5 years.

For details of our core Home-Visiting Service for local parents with a child aged 0-5, please visit: <https://hseeb.org/are-you-a-parent-in-need-of-support/> Please scroll down to Page 4 for details on how to volunteer with HSEEB; either as a Home-Visiting Volunteer or as a Trustee.



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Autumn Half-Term Soft Play Sessions for Families

HSEEB were pleased to be able to host two soft play sessions for Home-Start families during the October Half-Term holiday; the first a 'Fun in the Foam' Soft Play session at Leatherhead and Dorking Gymnastics Club for children under 7, and the second at Rascals Soft Play in Epsom for the under 5s. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable time and our thanks go to both venues.



HSEEB Volunteers Honoured at Local Award Ceremony



HSEEB is delighted that two of our wonderful volunteers were honoured at the Central Surrey Voluntary Action Volunteer Award Ceremony on 14 November 2024.

HSEEB nominated volunteers Mary and Emily for the awards in recognition of their outstanding support provided to families; Mary for her 20 years of service with HSEEB, during which time she has supported so many families, and Emily for her dedicated work supporting our Perinatal Infant Mental Health Project; helping out at our weekly Nest Nurture Group for parents with mild to moderate mental health needs.

Thank you to Mary, to Emily and to all our other wonderful volunteers! We would not be able to provide our services without you!

A Big Thank you to Retiring Trustee Nicholas Morgan!

It was with sadness that at this year's AGM we said farewell to Trustee Nicholas Morgan. Nic has served on our board of trustees since 2016. He has brought a wealth of knowledge to HSEEB in terms of IT and communications and has been instrumental in our risk management and governance, for example, by leading on the update of HSEEB's Articles of Association last year. Nic also provided regular support to the staff team with banking and IT.



We are so grateful for all Nic's help over the last 8 years and wish him all the best in his next ventures, though we'll be sure to keep in touch, of course!

In Fundraising News ..

HSEEB is pleased to announce its successful application for a grant from SGN for £22,944. Thank you to our Manager, Michelle Jones, for her hard work in securing this grant and to SGN - this funding will really benefit the families we support!

Sad News

It is with great sadness that HSEEB announces the death of one of our longest-standing local supporters, Mr Colin Sutherland, MBE. Colin, (aged 90,) passed away peacefully on Wednesday 6 November, his family said.

For the past 27 years, Colin had generously opened up his garden to the public, holding an annual Charity Garden Railway Open Day, with the proceeds being donated jointly to HSEEB and the Cochlear Implant Children's Support Group. Colin was also a keen supporter of other local organisations, including the Scouts, The Royal British Legion (Banstead) and the Local Business Forum.

Colin was awarded an MBE in April 2013 for services to his local community. On 27 August Colin (pictured centre) was awarded the exceptionally rare 'Honorary Freeman of the Borough' Award by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for his outstanding contribution and service to the community for over 60 years.



The Mayor of Reigate and Banstead, Cllr. Eddy Humphreys, has paid tribute to Colin and as a mark of respect, the borough flag was flown at half mast between 7 and 11 November. A Memorial Service was held in Colin's honour on Saturday 16 November. The Service was well attended and a beautiful tribute to Colin and his life of service to his community.

Thank you Colin - your generosity to HSEEB will always be hugely appreciated and you will be greatly missed by so many.

Dates for the Diary



Christmas Events

- **December 2024** - Ewell Rotary and Banstead Rotary Christmas Collections -- HSEEB will be collecting on Tuesday 10 December for Ewell and on Monday 16 December for Banstead - please donate to help HSEEB and other local charities supported by the rotaries.
- **February 2025** - start of **next HSEEB Volunteer Preparation Course** running weekly on Wednesdays from 26th February until 2nd April. To secure your place, please visit <https://hseeb.org/become-a-volunteer/> and apply to volunteer by **10 February 2025**. For further information please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Tracey Cobb, at 07804 519623 or at tracey.cobb@hseeb.org.uk.



Volunteers and Trustees Needed!



We are **recruiting new Trustees**, including a new Chair of Trustees - **CLOSING DEADLINE 30 NOVEMBER 2024**. Please visit <https://hseeb.org/become-a-trustee/> for further details.

We are also **recruiting Home-Visiting Volunteers**. Could you or someone you know volunteer with us? Do you have links with a local organisation which could share our volunteer poster below? All support is appreciated!

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Do you have 2-3 hours a week
to improve a family's life forever?

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We are committed to diversity and would particularly welcome
volunteers from under-represented communities

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