



GLOSSOP WOMEN'S AID NEWSLETTER

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Welcome ...

to the second edition of
Glossop Women's Aid's Newsletter

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter. If you have any comments or questions about it, please email us on gwa@f2s.com, we welcome any comments, including details of how you can get involved and provide your ideas on how we can improve our services, have your say and make things happen.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
www.glossopwomensaid.org.uk

DONATIONS

At this time of
year we really
appreciate
donations
received from
local
organisations



This year Glossop
Women's Aid are
celebrating 25
years since the
opening of the
refuge.

If you would like a copy of our Annual Report April 2007 to March 2008
please contact us or
download a copy from our website.

FEED BACK FROM THE PARTNER AGENCIES SURVEY

Thank you to all our Partner Agencies for responding to our survey.

- 87.5% of respondents find it easy to access our service
- 75% of partner agencies find that we offer fair and equal access to the service
- 100% of agencies found the staff helpful and cooperative when they contact the service
- 62.5% find it easy to check on the progress of a woman they have referred
- 75% of partner agencies find that they are happy with the support they receive
- 38% of partner agencies would not know how to complain about the service. We need to be clearer to agencies about how they can complain if they need to.

Accreditation Success

In June this year we were able to offer our volunteers the opportunity to gain a Level One qualification in Domestic Abuse Awareness, accredited by the Open College Network. The course was run in-house as part of our 12 week initial training course for volunteers and we are delighted to say that all of our six volunteers achieved their qualification with flying colours. The OCN moderators commented on the high quality of the portfolios submitted by our volunteers and as a result we are now working in partnership with Open College to design a Level Two qualification.



Domestic Abuse Awareness Training for Organisations

Our awareness training is suitable for any organisation - voluntary, statutory or private company - which provides a service to the public.

Whatever your service you will almost certainly, from time to time, meet someone who is experiencing domestic abuse. That person may, or may not choose to tell you that they are suffering abuse. Victims are often too scared or ashamed to tell anyone, or feel that no one can help.

If that person did choose to tell you, are you confident that you or your staff would know how to support them and which support services you could refer them to?

If they don't say anything, what might indicate to you that the person is experiencing domestic abuse and what might you be able to do?

We tailor the content and length of all sessions to meet the needs of each individual organisation. For more information about the range of sessions we offer download our training leaflet from www.glossopwomensaid.org.uk

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM this year was again held at the Central Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Glossop on Wednesday 1st October 2008, followed by a buffet from Gamesley Community Café.

The guest speakers were Garry Staples, Partnership Sergeant HPBC and Ian Tucker, MARAC Project Manager who both gave an interesting presentation on the work they do..

Glossop Women's Aid on Show

This year GWA have attended various events, below are just a few of the highlights

- High Peak CVS Special Event, Saturday 17th May 2008, the Dome, Buxton. This event was primarily a networking opportunity, a chance to make links with other Health and Social Care organisations and voluntary and community groups who operate within the High Peak. This event was not open to the general public.
- 18th New Mills One World Festival, High Lea Park, New Mills, 21st June 2008
- High Peak and Derbyshire Dales Liberation Day, Friday 4th July 2008. This was a free event for everyone over fifty, providing access to information and advice on personal, home and home fire safety, health living, housing and benefits.
- We did not attend Glossop Carnival and Country Fair due to bad weather
- Hathersage Gala, Saturday 12th July 2008
- Protect and Respect Summer Conference, Friday 18th July 2008
- Multi Agency Conference Event—Hard to reach groups, 12th September 2008
- Volunteer Coordinators Network Forum, Friday 26th September 2008
- World Mental Health Day Roadshow, Tuesday 30th September 2008, Methodist Church, Hope



Above is our stall at The One World Festival, New Mills 21st June 2008

Mayor drops in to meet the ladies



MAYOR DROPPING IN: High Peak Mayor and Mayoress Councillors Robin and Linda Baldry have been hitting the streets since their installation in May visiting good cause groups all over the borough. Here they are at Glossop Women's Aid meeting officials Ishbel Cooke, Allison Binns and Mary Chitsunge.

On Tuesday 30th September Mr Clown's Fun Zone held a Charity Fashion Show in support of Glossop Women's Aid. Fizz Fashions of Hyde showcased their new winter clothing range for all ages and sizes.

Mr Clown's very kindly donated the proceeds from the evening to Glossop Women's Aid.

The learners at Juniper Training Ltd, Surrey Street held a fund raising and awareness coffee morning on Wednesday 29th October 2008 to raise money, collect donations of clothes, toiletries, children's toys to assist the women and children we support.

WITH FIZZ FASHIONS OF HYDE PRESENT

FABULOUS CHARITY FASHION SHOW

TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
7.45PM
IN SUPPORT OF
GLOSSOP WOMEN'S AID



Fizz Fashions of Hyde will be showcasing their new Autumn and Winter clothing range for all ages and sizes. Clothes will be available for purchase on the night by cash or cheque.

MR CLOWN'S FUN ZONE
UNIT 14C, EMBROW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,
WOOLLEY BRIDGE,
HADDERSFIELD
GLOSSOP,
S613 2NS

Tickets £5 (Entry by Ticket Only)
Ticket price includes a glass of wine supplied by Wines Direct or a hot drink from the Big Top Cafe.

Tel: 01457 856675
www.mrclovnfunzone.com

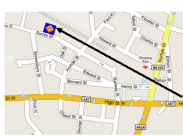
 

Coffee Morning

Fund-Raising and Awareness Event
Wednesday 29th October 10am-1pm
@ Juniper Training Ltd., Surrey Street

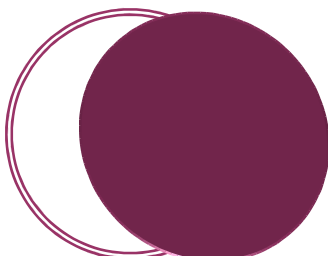
- Quality Snacks and Refreshments from £0.50
- Support your local community
- Please Give Generously!

In addition to raising money, Glossop Women's Aid will also be collecting items to assist families who come to the refuge. Donations of Clothes, Toiletries, Childrens Toys, Books and DVD's are welcome.

 WE ARE HERE (JUNIPER TRAINING (SURREY STREET))

Glossop Women's Aid is a local charity helping victims of Domestic Abuse.
In addition to counselling and support services, we also run a refuge for women and children seeking safe accommodation.

Glossop Women's Aid would like to thank everyone who has kindly made donations over the year



Child and Family Support Worker Case Study

* The name has been changed to protect identity

Rachel was a young girl of 4 years, with behavioural difficulties and development issues. She came to the refuge with her Mum, sisters and brothers. The whole family had been living quite a chaotic and unsettled life for some time. Rachel had never been to Nursery or school and was very behind. She also had problems with her speech. We noticed early on Rachel's difficulties, and worked along side the resident Health Visitor to get Rachel on the CDU assessment waiting list. A referral was also made to a Speech and Audiology Therapist in the local area, which is now on going. In the mean time, we helped Mum get the other children into a nearby school, and supported her with their emotional and social needs.

Finding a place in a school for Rachel however proved difficult, as she would need extra support. As no assessment had been made yet regarding her development issues, we were stuck in limbo, chasing the authorities for a resolution. As a result Rachel was going to be falling further and further behind.

We worked closely with Mum on a daily basis spending time with Rachel, introducing new skills and learning through structured play sessions. Mum also enjoyed learning different positive interaction and disciplining techniques that she could continue to use. Within a few months Rachel's ability to communicate had come on in leaps and bounds. Her behaviour had also settled immensely.

We are still continuing to visit the family on a weekly basis, to continue development work with Rachel, and to support Mum in chasing up a school place and the necessary assessments. The other children also benefit from our visits, in particular the self esteem work through play we encourage Mum to do with them.

Student Social Worker Report

My name is Mary Chitsunge. I am a final year undergraduate student at Sheffield University reading Social work. I am currently on my 100 day practice placement at GWA.

GWA has provided many learning opportunities for me eg

- 'Safeguarding Children' training
- 'Counselling Skills' training

I was able to attend a case conference which broadened my knowledge and understanding on how social work procedures are undertaken.

My skills concerning communication and team working have been developed and sharpened through supporting women and children and also by shadowing the Outreach and Floating Support Workers.

GWA have given me opportunities to build my confidence. Through this placement I have been able to develop my advocacy skills.

Through working with the women I have also learnt to complete Risk Assessment and Risk Management forms and had the opportunity to work with professionals from different agencies.

Working at GWA has also given me the chance to have 'hands on' experience in working with women and children who have suffered domestic abuse.

In my opinion GWA is a conscientious organisation, both towards its Service Users and undergraduate students like me, they have also helped me to pay particular attention to things I would otherwise have over looked or taken for granted.