

The Vine

child contact centre



Newsletter April 2025



MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTS

During the session, the main focus of the activity was on Mother's Day. The crafts and activities were planned with this in mind for the families. From colouring, to writing, to decorating plant pots and potting a plant. A fun session was had that everyone got involved with.

As a Centre we support and encourage the positivity of both parents despite the separation. This shows they can put the child's needs as a priority.

Good News stories

The Centre has recently seen two families reconcile and move on. Both families have had different, but positive outcomes. One family, after ten fortnightly sessions, went from supported contact to handovers, to now arranging their time in the community amongst each other. The other family, after twelve fortnightly sessions, has gone from supported contact to handovers and now moved to another Centre that can offer weekly sessions.



Thank you

As always a big thank you is given to all our wonderful team of volunteers who are still supporting our families and keeping the Centre running. Without each of them, the Centre would not be running efficiently.

Welcome Back - A big welcome to the return of Anthony! One of our previous longstanding volunteers that took a break. We are truly grateful for his return as having a male presence at the Centre is not only valuable for the families, in particular the dads, but also for the children.



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15 children spent time with their non-resident parent

8 families use the Centre for supported sessions

5 families use the Centre for Handovers

4-6 weeks waiting time from first enquiry to first use

10 volunteers covering the contact sessions

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Would you like to volunteer once a month?
Are you a Male and would you consider volunteering?

Updates

Would you like to be a **'Secret Angel'** and have a guided prayers for the Centre? Please sign up [here](#) for our quarterly prayer newsletter.

WE ARE IN!

We have successfully moved into our new venue - [Vineyard House](#), still based in the Headingley area.

National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC) have completed the accreditation and given the Centre the green light.

Our families are settling into the new environment, and it is evident that this has been a great move for many, with the warmer, more home from home feel. There has been clear, visible signs and many of the families have given positive feedback.

Visible Signs:

- 1) A child struggling to stay in the session managed to stay the full two hours.
- 2) A child taking off their shoes as they move around the room engaging in play.
- 3) Adults getting down to the child's level and playing on the floor, instead of being sat around on tables.

Feedback:

- 1) More secure.
- 2) Child has more freedom to decide on what to play
- 3) Comforting and more relaxed space



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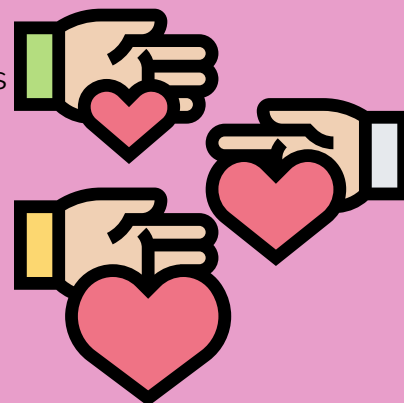
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Fundraising

We witness heartwarming connections between families and for many financial burdens can create a barrier.

That is where you come in! Your incredible fundraising efforts helps our Centre remain free for every family, removing the financial burden and focusing on what truly matters of joyful connections with their loved ones. By donating or fundraising, you're not just supporting the Centre, you're investing in family smiles and reconnections.



Your efforts big or small:

Sponsoring a family - Families on average attend for 3 months (6 sessions). The total cost is **£365**, which works out around **£61** (per fortnightly session). This figure covers all admin and communication, each session being fully resourced, a venue that is safe and fit for purpose.

Use our **JustGiving page** where you can get your supporters to donate to your event, such as a 10K run, sky dive, mountain climb, walking or skipping challenge, hold a coffee morning or table top sale.

Easy fundraiser - You can shop with 7,000 retailers who will donate to us every time you shop through their site.



Save The Date

We have the lovely support of **Vollans mediation** who are holding a fundraising event to support the work of the Centre, on the evening of **7th May 2025**.

Please see the poster attached.



QUIZ NIGHT & CAKE AUCTION

IN AID OF
THE VINE CHILD CONTACT CENTRE

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion?

Do you like cake?

Then gather your friends and join us for our fundraising extravaganza.

This is your chance to show off your knowledge in a fun filled event hosted by Vollans Mediation.

We will be auctioning off ENTIRE cakes for your delectation, so come prepared for some fierce competition.

WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY

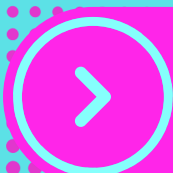
7.30-9.30 PM | HEART CENTRE, HEADINGLEY | £5 PER PERSON

Tea & Coffee Provided

Alcohol available to purchase at HEART ABK Cafe.

Teams of up to 8

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