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Dear Councillors,





Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire Grant Award 2023 Report

We are writing as requested with a report for our grant award from Abingdon Town Council in May 2023. Thanks to the grant from Abingdon Town Council, Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire has been able to continue supporting families in Abingdon who have young children and are experiencing difficulties.

Over the last year we have supported 12 families in Abingdon and have two trained volunteers from Abingdon.

One of our volunteers supported a Mum in Abingdon who had recently separated from her husband due to domestic abuse. This Mum had 4-month old twins and one twin had a medical condition. Mum did not drive and had relocated to Abingdon where they had no network, family or friends. Our volunteer was able to take Mum and the twins to hospital appointments and went out for walks to the park with them so Mum could familiarise herself with the area. Our volunteer helped Mum by taking her to do her weekly food shop, which helped with budgeting. The support helped increase Mum's self-esteem and feel less alone during a very difficult period of her life.

Our home-visiting volunteer support outcomes show that out of the families we supported with a home-visiting volunteer over the last year (who have had their first review to allow outcomes to be measured):

-  70% felt less isolated
-  84% had improved outcomes for being involved in the children's learning and development
-  64% had improved mental wellbeing (average across 5 coping scores)
-  65% felt better able to cope with parenting in the earliest years (average across 9 coping scores)

We're extremely grateful to Abingdon Town Council for this grant, which has enabled us to continue supporting families in the area and for the Town Council's continued support of our work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'FGKing'.

Faye Golding-King
Development Manager

