

Reach Community Projects

Tackling poverty in and around Haverhill

October 2018 News



Dear <<First Name>>,

Welcome to our October Newsletter. What an amazing summer it's been, especially if you like it warm, I certainly do! It's a packed newsletter with pictures from our summer party, a few pictures from local supporting events and a great story of hope.

It's one of our busiest times of the year at the moment with approximately 1/5 of our annual stock of food received within a 6 week period! Amazing support as ever from churches and schools celebrating their Harvest Festivals, like Castle Camps School where Jo popped by to speak with the children and receive their generous donations.

Donate Here

If you'd like to support Reach and our projects, please **click the donate button** above. We would greatly appreciate the support.

Upcoming

Save the date - MBE Reception

If you didn't know already, our Projects Director Henry Wilson received an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in the summer. To mark the occasion we will be hosting a reception at Hall Farm Barn (on the estate of George Vestey DL the High Sheriff of Suffolk) on 29th November from 6.30pm. More details to follow shortly.

I find it an amazing privilege to lead such a great team of people who tirelessly serve some of the most vulnerable in our community, some of whom are in a desperate situation. Thank you for all your support whether it's [food](#), [financially](#) or [volunteering](#)- we really couldn't do it without you.

Kind regards



Henry Wilson MBE
Projects Director

A Story of Hope



Cat & Dan's Story

Tina our Community Outreach Adviser first met Cat & Dan in October 2017 when they were desperately worried about enforcement agents (who used to be called bailiffs) knocking on their door. They had a considerable number of debts despite both working and trying to juggle looking after their 3 young children (all under the age of 8) and 2 cats. They were overcrowded in poor housing with mould and damp issues and were all very downhearted and stressed.

During the course of the next 8 months we managed to stop the enforcement agents taking action and negotiate re-payment plans for council tax and rent arrears. We also helped them to set up re-payment plans with their other creditors as well as delivering food parcels with nappies when times were hard. We treated the family to a pantomime outing at Christmas and a food hamper.

By the end of June 2018, Tina had visited the family to see how things were progressing and were pleased to hear that they had managed to get on top of their finances and as a result had moved to a bigger house in a new area which was more suitable for them as a family. Dan now has a new better paid job and has given up smoking in a deliberate attempt to look after his family, his own health and budget better. Both Cat and Dan are now much happier. Dan said: *'the help from Reach has been amazing, Tina has gone way above and beyond.... it's meant that we could tackle our problems and it got us where we wanted to be - in a new home and on top of our finances.'*

What's Been Happening

Local Support for REACH

Once again we have received excellent support from the local community including a cheque for £1000 from the [Haverhill Show](#) and a further £100 from [Ipswich Building Society](#).



Summer Garden Party

We didn't have too many cool evenings in July, but we did for our Summer Garden Party in July. Around 50 of us gathered in Henry and Angela's garden for a fantastic feast provided by Jo and Linda. One of the team commented; *"It was a nice social event with delicious food where all the team got together and met with other team members that they rarely get to see."*





Recycle Your Tec

We are now working with [Recycle Your Tec](#) to raise money through donations of tech devices (mobile phones, tablets, televisions, laptops, monitors, PC's, etc.) which are then turned into real cash by Recycle Your Tec.

For more information, click [here](#)

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We need your help with donations!

You can now help Reach raise money through donations of old electronic gadgets



Regular Giving

Can you help us support more local families in and around Haverhill?



Could you support the work of lifting people out of poverty locally? We are very grateful to you all for your support, as we really couldn't do this without your help. We currently have 35 people/organisations giving a total of £1680 per month which is fantastic. Could you too help us regularly with a gift? For example, £5 per month would enable us buy feminine products for a lady who can't afford to purchase these. £10 would enable us to buy a bedding pack, £25 would help with electricity for up to 1 week whereas £50 would help us keep the foodbank van on the road for a month.

Whatever you are able to give would be gratefully received and help us lift people out of poverty in and around Haverhill. Please click [here](#) to learn more.

Thank You!