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THE HUMMINGBIRD CENTRE

2017 saw an increase in footfall, double of that in 2016.

The Hummingbird Centre have increased their services that they provide to the people of Bicester and surrounding villages to include a dedicated team of 8 counselors, offering 1:1, group, family, bereavement, children all of which can be allocated an appointment with 48hrs of initial assessment.

Family Days take place during the school holidays for children from 7 to 11

Complementary Therapies now a team of 10

Volunteers at present 35 within The Hummingbird Centre – 45 outside of The Hummingbird Centre including a board of 7 Trustees. These are made up of those who help with social media, printing and design, website, Events.

Guests have been encouraged to take their own workshops, have become involved with The Hummingbird Centre at events which help with confidence and feeling as though they are part of a team.

We are the only centre in Oxfordshire accredited to run the HOPE Course accredited by Coventry University and Macmillan which stands for Help Overcoming Problems Effectively, from September last year we ran 8 courses covering Oxfordshire. We hope to double the courses in 2018 with a team of 10 volunteers, 4 of whom are guests.

We still continue to provide our services for free – no one is paid by The Hummingbird Centre not even myself (Mechelle) all that is raised or donated to The Hummingbird Centre is put back into the guests who use her and the training of the team who volunteer.

Awards Received in 2017

Cherwell Business Awards – Community & Charity Section – Winners

OCVA – Management in Volunteers – Winners

MQEM – Macmillan Quality Environment Mark – Outstanding

Queens Award – Nominated 2017/2018

Events

Held our 1st Summer Festival at Launton Playing Fields supported by the Sports and Social Club and The Harrison

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The Harrison and Launton Playing Fields, hosted our Fireworks night enabling us all to work together bringing the Community together.

Other establishments within Launton that have continued to support us by hosting an array of events these have been The Black Bull, The Bull, The Blue Texel collection pot, Costcutters collection pot, The Post Office collection pot before they closed, Launton Church of England Primary School made sensory flower pots for our courtyard and spent the morning with out guests, Peter Cox Grange Mews for our premises, Village Players and the businesses within Grange Mews such as Maskell Flooring, Steve from S & R Auto's, Bicester Glass, Launton Transport, Bicester Van Hire.

2018

We hope to be in a position to expand to meet the continued growth of our guests; new services have already been added to include a private Bra Fitting Service and Equine Therapy.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Community of Launton for their continued support of The Hummingbird Centre and for making us very much part of the community.

Mechelle Harris
Founder

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