



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**

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**Lorena Burlison-Manager**

## PRESS RELEASE

### Young Carers Will Receive Continued Support across South and West Hampshire.

Andover Young Carers is one of the partners in a Hampshire wide consortium that has been successfully awarded £999,989 from the Big Lottery Fund. For this aspect of our funding, Andover Young Carers joined a consortium of Young Carer Support Groups across Hampshire led by Basingstoke Voluntary Services and delivered by 6 partner charities; Andover Young Carers, Community First New Forest, Kids Fareham and Gosport, One Community Eastleigh, Romsey Young Carers and Winchester Young Carers.

This funding will mean £156,000 over three years being given towards supporting the work of Andover Young Carers and will help to secure the delivery of Young Carers support in Andover and surrounding villages.

Lorena Burlison, Manager of Andover Young Carers said, 'Times are difficult for charities and all of the 7 Young Carers charities were facing substantial funding losses in 2011 with a potential threat of closure due to lack of funding from 2012 onwards. The Big Lottery Funding will ensure that these charities continue to deliver their vital services to Young Carers for the next three years, ensuring some of our most vulnerable children and young people continue to receive our support'

Lorena added 'Although this funding will mean we can continue to support Young Carers by working with schools, helping support the Young Carers to achieve educationally and by working with families to where-ever possible reduce the Young Carers role, we still strive to deliver care to this very vulnerable group of children in the face of an increasingly difficult financial situation. We will continue to submit bids to other large funders.'

The 2011 census identified 3,300 Young Carers in Hampshire with many of the young people being unsupported in their Young Carers role.

Jay Price a Young Carers receiving support from Andover Young Carers said

'I am a young carer and this money means the world to Andover Young Carers!

I was really lucky to be one of the young carers who were involved in the process of bidding for the lottery money. I was asked by Lorena Burlison if I would like to attend a few meetings at which we would be looking to gain Lottery Money funding. I instantly agreed because I thought it would be a really good experience to be involved in how the Young Carers fundraise. I attended two meetings, one with Lorena. Another meeting with Lorena and Gina was also held at a later date to follow up on previous meetings and our bid strategy.

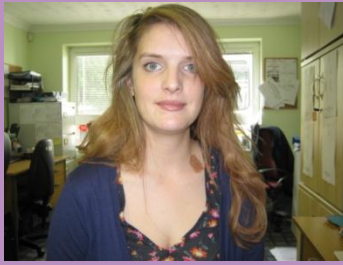
At the first meeting we participated in a group workshop with Basingstoke Young Carers, Winchester Young Carers and the New Forest Young Carers. We wrote down details about the support we got from our schools (which we found that different schools give different support to the Young Carers) and from the information gained we found out about the support systems currently within the schools.

We put a questionnaire together asking questions about Young Carers and the support they get, including questions like 'Do you know what a young carer is?' and 'Do you know of any support systems within your school?' This questionnaire was given to the young carers, who in turn took the questionnaires to school and obtained a wide range of opinions from the schools Head and other teachers to take to the next meeting.

FOLLOWING THIS FEEDBACK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS, IDEAS WERE FORMULATED FOR THE USE OF THE MONEY, IF AND WHEN WE WON IT.

As you know we were successful in our bid and that money will be put into establishing support systems within the local schools for the many young carers' within this area.

Hampshire Young Carers Forum will launch in autumn 2011. For more details, contact Andover Young Carers 01264 333788 e-mail [lorena.burlison@andoveryoungcarers.org.uk](mailto:lorena.burlison@andoveryoungcarers.org.uk) web: [www.andoveryoungcarers.org.uk](http://www.andoveryoungcarers.org.uk)



Gina Holton-Supervisor

As some of you maybe aware I am the supervisor and have been with Andover Young Carers for nearly 4 years

My role includes club leader for the Tuesday and Sibs Groups. Up and coming activities for May- July include

- Who wants to be a millionaire
- Bullying and friendship work
- Rounders at the park
- Chilbolton-Picnic
- Charlton Lakes-Crazy golf –Picnic
- Planting Pumpkins
- Anton Lakes-Feed the Ducks
- Father’s Day cards (Sunday 19th June)

I am also organising trips and outings for the Summer Holidays and these are:

**Thorpe Park- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July- Wednesday Groups (11-13yrs)**

**Cadbury’s World-Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August- Tuesday Groups (8-11yrs)**

**Summer Party- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August- All Groups**

**Bournemouth Beach- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August- Thursday Group (14-18yrs)**

Sibs group young people will be invited to a trip which fits their age group.

If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding future trips and activities please write this on a piece of paper and put it in the suggestion box which is in the entrance hall.



Johanne Côté-Lyne-Outreach Worker

Hello I am the Outreach Support Worker for Andover Young Carers.

I have 29 years' experience working with children and young people in different settings within Canada and England.

I have been at Andover Young Carers since July 2010. My main role is to support Young Carers in school.

How do I do this? Well, at the moment, I co-facilitate a lunch time Drop-in in 3 different schools:

- John Hanson / Monday
- Harrow Way / Tuesday
- Testbourne / Thursday

Each drop-in is adapted to the individual school's facilities. All offer a range of activities such as: Arts & Crafts, Board Games, Picnics, Quizzes and any other activities chosen by the young carers who attend.

The drop-in is also a place for Young Carers to get together and to help support each other.

When a Young Carer needs extra support, a meeting can be arranged by the school for me to meet the individual on a one to one basis at a mutually convenient time.

For the next three years, I am looking forward to developing my role within more schools in the Andover area.

You may also see me helping out with the Young Carers after school Club sessions.

This year I shall be attending the annual Young Carers Festival alongside my colleague, Jason Whiting, and volunteer, Darren Le-Petit and 12 of our Young Carers.



Hello I am Jason Whiting; I am the new Activity Worker at Andover Young Carers.

I have been in post since early February and I really enjoy working here.

I have built up a very good working relationship with my colleges and the Young carers.

I previously volunteered at Basingstoke Young carers for about 2 years, during my time at Basingstoke I helped out with club sessions after school and went out on trips etc. Since I have been at Andover I still volunteer as and when I can at Basingstoke.

I have now been working with Young Carers for just over 2 years, in this time I have become very passionate about working in this sector as I feel that Young Carers need all the support they can be given.

Over the next few months and during the summer I have lots of Activities lined up for the Young carers during their club sessions and throughout the summer holidays,  
Here is a look at some of the things we will be up to: Activity's  
May – July

- Football in the park
- Baseball in the park
- Trip out to the lakes
- Sports day in the garden
- Growing flowers
- Team challenge games
- Walks out in the countryside
- Summer painting (Pictures)
- Puzzle solving games
- Bingo in the lounge
- Bean bag race (Challenge)
- Time bomb (With tennis ball)
- Thorpe Park (summer holidays)
- Day trip to the beach (summer holidays)

I am also organising the 2011 Andover Carnival Young Carers float this year with the help of Felicity from the Edge project in Andover. Our theme is the book "The Borrowers", so if any one has any great ideas or wants to help out on the day and with the organising of it then please let me know! The carnival is on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> July so if you can, please come along and see out great float!!

I would also like to send a big thank you out there to all the parents of the Young carers and all the team and the management committee for the warm welcome and kindness I have been given since I joined the team.

Many thanks to everyone

Jason Whiting (Activity Worker / Club leader)

Let us present to you....  
**PARTY IN THE TOWN PARK!**

**August 6th 12.00 - 21.00**

ANDOVER

**young carers**

PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE  
WITH CARING RESPONSIBILITY

Live music 12.00 - 21.00 on stage

Acoustic tent

Inflatables to amuse the kids

Candy Floss Machine

Welly Wanging

Face Painting

Selection of Real Ales and Ciders

Table top (car boot style) sale

Magic from Allan Davis

Food vans

Picnics welcome

Music From local Andover bands TBC

*Andover Young Carers is an independent charity which offers respite and support for children and young people age 8 to 18 years who sadly have very little or no childhood because of their significant caring responsibilities for a parent, parents or sibling with a long term illness, terminal illness or disability; also children and young people who are affected by their parents drug or alcohol addictions, mental health problems and domestic violence. Our vision is to promote a culture in which children and young people are safeguarded by the prevention of undertaking inappropriate care of any family member.*

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