



## FESTIVE NEWSLETTER UPDATE



# 2025

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*Dear All, Welcome to our Festive Winter Newsletter.*

We want to take this opportunity to share with you what has been happening within Oasis since our last newsletter to you and we would like to update you from the Team below.....



### ABOUT OUR CRISIS PREGNANCY SUPPORT

We are able to currently offer remote Practitioner support for Crisis Pregnancy/Unplanned Pregnancy situations and we have a fantastic, experienced Support Practitioner who is contracted to do this work for Oasis. There is more information on this on our website, do take a look. If you would like us to send you a flyer on what we do, then please email us on [info@theoasis.org.uk](mailto:info@theoasis.org.uk) and we can email one to you. Do tell others about our FREE services.



### FROM THE SCHOOL TEAM

In September we were welcomed at Bohunt School in Horsham, where we gave our presentation to the whole of Year 10. In the new year we are going to Tanbridge House School, also talking to Year 10. This will involve 14 one-hour lessons spread over January and February. We are currently in contact with other schools in Horsham and Crawley, aiming to arrange sessions with more schools.

We are a team of just six enthusiastic presenters and assistants. We love talking to the students, giving them facts about pregnancy and abortion. We ask them to think about when life begins. Then we show the class a film about a teenage couple facing an unplanned pregnancy, and ask them to discuss the choices for someone in this situation. This film was

*made for us by students studying Media at Collyers Sixth Form College, and it has a really authentic feel. We find the students are really engaged with this topic; many of them ask thoughtful questions and make insightful comments. The content of our lessons is linked to the Government Statutory Schools guidance on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) which includes pregnancy facts and impartial information on pregnancy options.*

*If you would like to join our team we would love to have you! You don't have to be a presenter; most people join the team as an assistant, handing out sheets and running the Powerpoint presentation. If you are interested in finding out more, do contact us and we can arrange for you to observe a lesson and see what's involved.*

*Lynn Woroniecki - School Team Lead*



#### **FROM THE BABY CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT STORE IN CRAWLEY**

*The Baby Clothing and Equipment Store, which is based at the Charis Centre in Crawley, continues to open on Thursday afternoons, providing good quality equipment and clothing (up to age 2) for families who cannot afford to purchase these items. We also continue open once a month on Monday mornings, serving clients from the Happy Baby Group which meets at the Charis Centre and caters for refugee families. Crawley has the highest proportional number of asylum seekers and supported refugees in the UK relative to its population, so we are pleased to be able to play a small part in meeting the needs of these very vulnerable people.*

*Since our last newsletter we have lost two more volunteers from the team. These ladies had both served Oasis faithfully for many years, and we are grateful for all they have done. We are delighted to report that a young volunteer has recently joined us, and at the time of writing we have two others who are potentially interested in becoming involved. We have recently changed our opening hours on Thursdays to the earlier time of 12.00 - 2.00 pm and we are hoping that this will encourage more people with school-age children to volunteer, as well as being more convenient for our clients.*

*Elizabeth Watkins - Store Team Lead*



#### **FROM THE TREASURER**

*At the time of writing, we are operating with a small deficit this year, all within our budget for the financial year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026.*

*Our management team work hard to control our expenses, and we have been blessed with regular donations from 7 local churches, as well as a number of individual supporters.*

*The Horsham Co-op members generously voted for Oasis in their Community Fund campaign for 2025, resulting in a grant of £1574 this year, for which we are very grateful.*

*Our Fundraising Quiz in October raised a whopping £726! A BIG thank you to all those who supported us, especially Brighton Road Baptist Church who hosted the evening!*

*If you would like to view our accounts or consider supporting us financially, please get in touch!*

*Sue Gatland - Treasurer*



## FROM THE TRUSTEES

*The Oasis Trustees are aware that, over time, the demand for our services has been on the decline. We are conscious of our responsibilities to the Charity Commission as well as our staff, volunteers and supporters.*

*With this in mind, at the end of this financial year (31.3.26), we plan to undertake a review of all aspects of the work of Oasis and determine what changes will be appropriate for our future.*

*We are very grateful to you for your continued support of Oasis and will keep you informed of developments as they occur, as well as our plans for the future. Meanwhile if you have any concerns or questions, please email [info@theoasis.org.uk](mailto:info@theoasis.org.uk) -FAO Oasis Trustees. We would ask you to keep this information private & confidential for now.*

*Wishing you and your families a very happy Christmas and every blessing in 2026.*

*With best wishes from the Oasis Trustees.*



## PRAYER AT THE OASIS



*Now, more than ever, Prayer and God's guidance are fundamental and essential to all that we do here at Oasis and underline all the services that we deliver as well as essential for future guidance.*

*You are all invited to join us at our monthly remote prayer meeting on Teams, anyone can access it. The prayer meetings take place for an hour on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. The next Oasis Prayer meeting on Teams will be held at 7pm on 12<sup>th</sup> January. Please do email us at [info@theoasis.org.uk](mailto:info@theoasis.org.uk) to enable us to send you a link to the meeting for that month. These are usually sent out a week to a few days before the meeting. We would love to see you there if you would like to attend ♥.*

*The Oasis Team would like to say a huge thank you to all those who volunteer for Oasis or support us in other ways. You are all very much part of what we do and we feel so blessed.*



*Thank You*



## FROM THE CENTRE MANAGER

*We hope you have enjoyed reading about the different areas of Oasis and what they have been doing in our communities.*

*We advertise our services and events through our Website [www.theoasis.org.uk](http://www.theoasis.org.uk) as well as through HCT (Horsham Churches Together) and on Facebook and Instagram.*

*If you are interested in volunteering, or fundraising for any of the areas/services we provide, please do not hesitate to contact us, all our details are on our website, below or look for our posts on our Facebook page and Instagram and follow us for the latest up to date information.*

*Dawn Spouge - Centre Manager*

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