

DAVENTRY AREA BABY PROJECT NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024



Celebrating Voluntary Work in the Daventry Area

Dear Friends, Where do we look for the spaces in our lives in which to welcome and cherish experiences of love in action? Can taking time to pause before we act make a difference to how we welcome this world each day and develop confidence despite our surrounding circumstances?

May has revealed great examples of love in action in this region of West Northamptonshire. Kindness was patiently, waiting as an invitation to welcome all participants at a recent meeting of the Daventry Forum Voluntary Community Sector Voice (Daventry VCSE Forum). Compassion quietly fed into a number of relationships as we listened to speakers and exchanged experiences of our voluntary enthusiasms. Smiles broadened, even more, as we listened to the possibilities that were being shared. Could they provide a thread to weave into the life of **this small project** community? Was this a place where we could develop new relationships for the Baby Project that could continue to enliven our future work for the rest of the year?



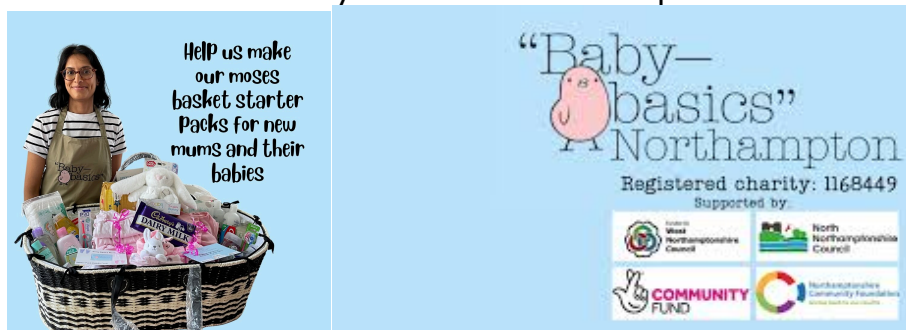
HERE WE ENCOUNTERED LOVE THAT ACTS ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

This Forum aimed to provide a space of welcome to the diverse voluntary groups who attended. The intention was to identify the pattern of need of our local communities, explore and understand them and so grow in partnership in the process.

Our speakers were from Orbit Housing Development currently involved in building a new estate community and the local Daventry North and West LAP lead coordinator. Local area coordinators support people with various needs e.g. public and mental health helping folk to create and work towards their own goals, decisions and choices to live life as they choose.

We listened by standing back pausing and appreciating this bigger picture, but in very practical ways. Many themes were common to our Baby Project families and for that matter some of our supporters. In post Covid times we are all accepting and adjusting to sudden unpredictable change, isolation, health and financial challenge.

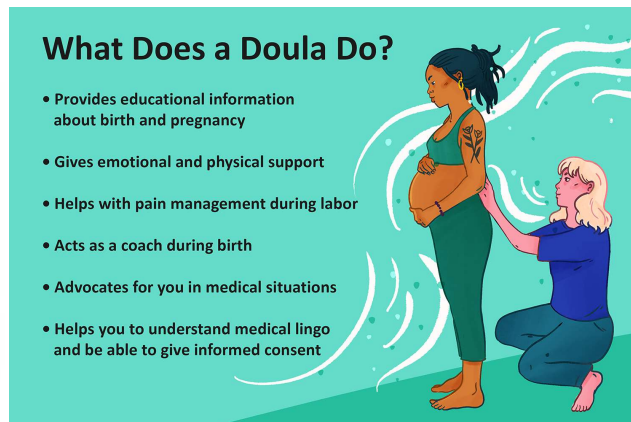
LOVE THAT UNITES OLD FRIENDS AND CREATES MUTUAL SUPPORT 12 years ago at a lay ministry training course a seed of inspiration was sown by a speaker who founded Baby Basics in Northampton.



It was that inspiration that led to the formation of the DABP project and since then both Baby Basics and the Baby Project have grown in very different ways. We, with them, now have a plan having reunited in person at the meeting, to reinstate a partnership that can then be expressed during the build up to our Christmas Challenge 2024.

LOVE THAT SHARES OUR EXPERTISE AND LEARNING We received details at the meeting of 30-minute, **online mentoring**

sessions that will have a mentor from a larger charity available to discuss a challenge that small charities are facing.



The Small Charity Week, are on a mission to create a conversation about the vital role of small charities in strengthening communities across the country. Because when small charities are stronger, the communities they support are stronger too. From 24-28 June, we'll be shining a spotlight on incredible charities and hosting an exciting slate of learning events. We've also launched a resource pack, brimming with templates and graphics that will help you make your voice heard. Visit our website to download resources, find events, and start planning your [#SmallCharityWeek](#) celebration www.smallcharityweek.com

LOVE THAT REQUESTED PAUSE FOR THOUGHT AND TEAMWORK

A MESSAGE TO THE DABP received in May.

Abbey who is the antenatal support and trained doula contact at Milk&You had need of a pushchair for a mum and a new baby who had nothing.

The DABP reply to Abbey was to use our Facebook contacts to share her request. Within 24 hours the Mum's needs in Northampton were met by another Mum here in Daventry. I have a whole travel system I'd be happy to pass on was her response.

As a result of using this kind of action, from now on, DABP supporters are encouraged to keep a watchful eye out for our requests for larger items as we communicate them.

If you can help in future **please contact Abbey direct (mobile 07939 0611127) If possible with a photograph of the kind of item requested that you can contribute. Thank you**

Abbey's final reply reads. The Mum in Northampton has been totally kitted out with **EVERYTHING** she needs! It was amazing. (Abbey also noticed a dove of peace tattoo on the arm of the Mum who shared her

unconditional love for a stranger in need. Here is the blessing echoing back approval for our teamwork within our new logo



THE REQUESTS HAVE RECEIVED FOR JUNE CAN YOU ASSIST?

We need more baby boy clothes made by hand freshly made or purchased.

We need bath contents of all kinds for a baby girl



In June Big Issue families now need **only items for 7 to 13 year olds.**

Please use Abbey's contact details (as above mobile) if you have a cot or push chair to offer.

Knitting and Crochet patterns are required for 2 Care Home residents who want to relax and use their skills again. They need any stashes of wool too *text Gilly if you can help 07807011205 We shall be visiting them again in July both ladies are in their 90's*



LOVE THAT REACHES FAR AND WIDE brought about by a long-term friendship between Vietnam and the UK. We have been given permission to publish these pictures taken in the Vietnamese orphanage after Abbey visited the children over Easter. We look forward to hearing news from her experiences. Thank you Abbey.

Our next stock take will be on June 5th between 12- 2 at 27 Claydon Road NN11 8AZ a member of our team will pick up items from the Methodist Church then.



Thank you Daventry Methodist Church and Holy Cross Daventry for your generosity this month.

Thank you all for the power of making a difference in our communities when we find compassionate space to put practical love into action.

COMING IN THE SUMMER THE DABP TEAM WILL BE TAKING A REST IN AUGUST in order to recharge batteries Donations can be made to the **Daventry Area Baby Project** by cheque to 27 Claydon Road Daventry NN11 8AZ OR online to

Account name: Daventry Area Baby Project Sort Code: 30-99-50 Account number 22798862 Contact Gilly 07807011205 or beardmoregillian@gmail.com if you would like to assist us in any way.

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