



## Autumn Newsletter 2022

### HUBS — FREE Support for victims of Domestic Abuse at:

Spalding – Tuesday  
10am – 2pm

Boston – Wednesday  
10am – 2pm

Holbeach Thursday  
10am – 2pm

To book an appointment, please  
either call 01205 311272 or email  
[admin@bostonwa.co.uk](mailto:admin@bostonwa.co.uk)

### Dear Supporter, welcome to our Charity! Here's a little introduction...

Boston Women's Aid has been providing specialist Domestic Abuse Services since 1987.

Our services have grown over the years, as well as providing refuge for people from all over the country, we aim to reach people living in rural parts of South Lincolnshire which is reflected in our name SoLDAS (South Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service).

We support Men, Women and Children who are living with or have experienced Domestic Abuse.

#### We are here to:

- ✓ Support victims of abuse and their families
- ✓ Provide refuge for individuals and families fleeing Domestic Abuse which includes emotional and practical support
- ✓ Prevent future Domestic Abuse in the next generation through our work in schools
- ✓ Deliver integrated support for survivors through the Make a Change project
- ✓ Give one to one direct support in our Rural Community Hubs
- ✓ Help victims understand the effects of Domestic Abuse

### Can you help us create a Happy Christmas?

Imagine moving away from your family and friends at a moments notice and living in a place you've never been to before. Christmas is a very emotional and tricky time for our families in refuge and we'd like your help to make it a happy memory for them.

We do accept preloved items that are needed throughout the year but are appealing for **NEW** Christmas decorations and gifts for adults and children or vouchers so that the families can shop for themselves at Christmas.

Here's our wish list:

- ◇ Christmas trees and decorations
- ◇ Toys and Games for 0-18's
- ◇ Adult and Children's Pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers
- ◇ Make up
- ◇ Jewellery
- ◇ Craft packs and activities
- ◇ Sweet treats
- ◇ Vouchers for Tesco and Asda

You can also check out our Amazon Wishlist which can be found on our social media pages!



### Why not get involved in our Christmas Jumper Day?



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**Our New Refuge - we were proud to announce the opening of our new Refuge this summer!**

**Find out what our CEO had to say -**

*'As I look back over the last year, I find myself thinking WOW! It really has been amazing, so many achievements and so many challenges. The process all started four years ago and after huge amounts of work, we officially opened our new Refuge accommodation in May this year and what a journey it has been so far. The opening of our purpose built accommodation means we can offer amazing facilities to meet the needs of all victims that are referred to us. During the last financial year, we had over 230 referrals into the refuge service, this was before we had the facilities that we have now. The moment we opened the doors and admitted the families was so overwhelming. We can now accommodate up to 15 families at any one time, including being able to offer disabled facilities too. All families are supported by our dedicated team of specialist Domestic Abuse Workers and Child Support Workers. This new venture for our service and is a real achievement, so thank you to everyone that has been involved in the project'. I feel extremely proud of all involved.'*

**Find out what our first child in the New refuge had to say -**

*'Wow, this is amazing. I love the playroom and cannot wait to relax in the sensory room. I feel so happy and safe here.'*

**Halloween Fun!**

This year with your help we were able to host our first ever Halloween Party for our children in Refuge. Thank you to Sam at The Paintbrush's Dream, Sutterton PYO Pumpkin Patch, Lincolnshire Co-Op, Sills and Betteridge and to all of our other fantastic supporters who made the day possible. An amazing time was had by all!



**16 Days Of Action**

We are taking part in the national campaign from 25th November to 10th December. The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness and take a stand against domestic abuse. Check out our social media pages to find out more!

**Get in touch, we'd love to hear from you**

If you would like to contact us about anything you have read today or to have a chat about our charity and the work we do, please call 01205 311272 or email [admin@bostonwa.co.uk](mailto:admin@bostonwa.co.uk)

**Please help support us through the South & East Lincolnshire Community Lottery!**

50% of all tickets purchased is donated to our service! [Support Boston Womens Aid when you play South and East Lincolnshire Community Lottery - South and East Lincolnshire Community Lottery \(selcplottery.co.uk\)](https://www.selcplottery.co.uk)

**BWA QR Code**

Please let us know if you are able to display our QR code in a public place and we can send you a copy This is a great way for people to donate.



Scan. Pay. Go.

**Garden Project!**

A huge thank you to Sophia and her team at Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd for choosing us to complete their trainee challenge. We are overwhelmed with the result and generosity!



**Thank You!**



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Thank you to all of the above funders for your ongoing support to the service. Also a huge thank you to Holbeach United Charity and the many other financial donations that we have received during the year. Without you all it would not be possible!