



HEY, YOU!

Welcome to your
BTW newsletter



Thank you for taking the time to read and get to know us.

Some of you lovely folk will already be aware of what we do and offer here at Bourne This Way. However, for the fabulous new members of this ever-growing community we want to extend a massive HELLO and welcome!

Each quarter you should expect us to drop into your inbox with a round-up of the previous month, important dates for your diary, and any news, pics, or events that may be of interest.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or would like us to share any info on your behalf, please get in touch. Dont be shy, we are all better together.

Love and happiness,
BTW Committee



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OCT, NOV, DEC

As the sun gave way to the chill of winter and the earth grew damp beneath our feet, the monthly meetups at Bourne This Way persevered. Donning hats, scarves, and wellies, we embraced the autumnal season in the sunny south east with open arms.

October brought with it a spooky Halloween celebration at the muddy Sharnfold farm. Despite the chilly weather, the children played freely, interacting with animals and each other, exploring, playing, and relishing in the muck. And what is Halloween without pumpkin carving and chocolate consumption?

In November, we took over Hailsham soft play. The children could enjoy some freedom in a fun and safe environment, allowing parents to unwind, chat, and support each other while their little ones forged new friendships.

December brought the festive season, and with it, a joyous Christmas party at Bexhill soft play! Merriment was had by all, and rumour has it, we all made it onto Santa's "Nice" list.

As winter settles in, we are thrilled to announce an exciting new location for our monthly meetups. Starting January 28th, we will meet on the last Sunday of each month at the Willingdon Trees Community Centre, where we will offer fun activities for the children and their more distinguished companions :)



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IN OTHER NEWS...



We took part in our first LGBTQ+ focus group in Eastbourne at the end of 2023 to discuss the support already in place within our town and what measures we can take to improve any services offered. As we all know collaboration is key to making positive change and we were proud to be joined by representatives from MIndOut, Eastbourne Pride, Allsorts Youth Project, 3VA, Sussex police, The Hart, The rainbow group for over 50's and Eastbourne Beacon. Also joining us was Local parliamentary spokesperson- Josh Babarinde OBE We focused on action the town can take to be a safer space for our community. We only scratched the surface but feel this is a fantastic springboard for great things.

If you are interested in making your community group/workplace/business more welcoming for the LGBTQ+ community, please get in touch. Together is where the magic happens!



SPOTTED....at the conquest hospital. It's so important for the community to be seen, heard and know how to access local and National support.

A massive thanks to The Lighthouse Team Midwives & East Sussex Maternity Voices.



Big shout out to Planahead- creative print & copy/Signs & designs (you can find them on FB) for a great job with our car Magnet and the super quick turnaround.

Don't forget to beep and/or wave if you see us around.



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EVENTS

As always we will have our Wednesday drop-in sessions, running weekly at various locations, throughout the year so be sure to check in.

As mentioned earlier, Monthly meet ups will take place on the last Sunday of the month, at Willingdon trees community centre.

We hope to see you soon and welcome everyone!, faces old and new!

Wishing you a happy, healthy, prosperous 2024

*Any changes to scheduled times/locations will be updated on socials, keep yor eyes peeled.



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