



Brighter Futures for Young People Leaving Care

## Nene Valley Care Trust Fund Raising News December 2014

So many thanks and a Happy Christmas to all of you. Fund raiser helpers, sponsors and patrons who have given us money, made and contributed food, moved furniture, contributed raffle prizes, printed tickets and a hundred other helpful and generous actions.

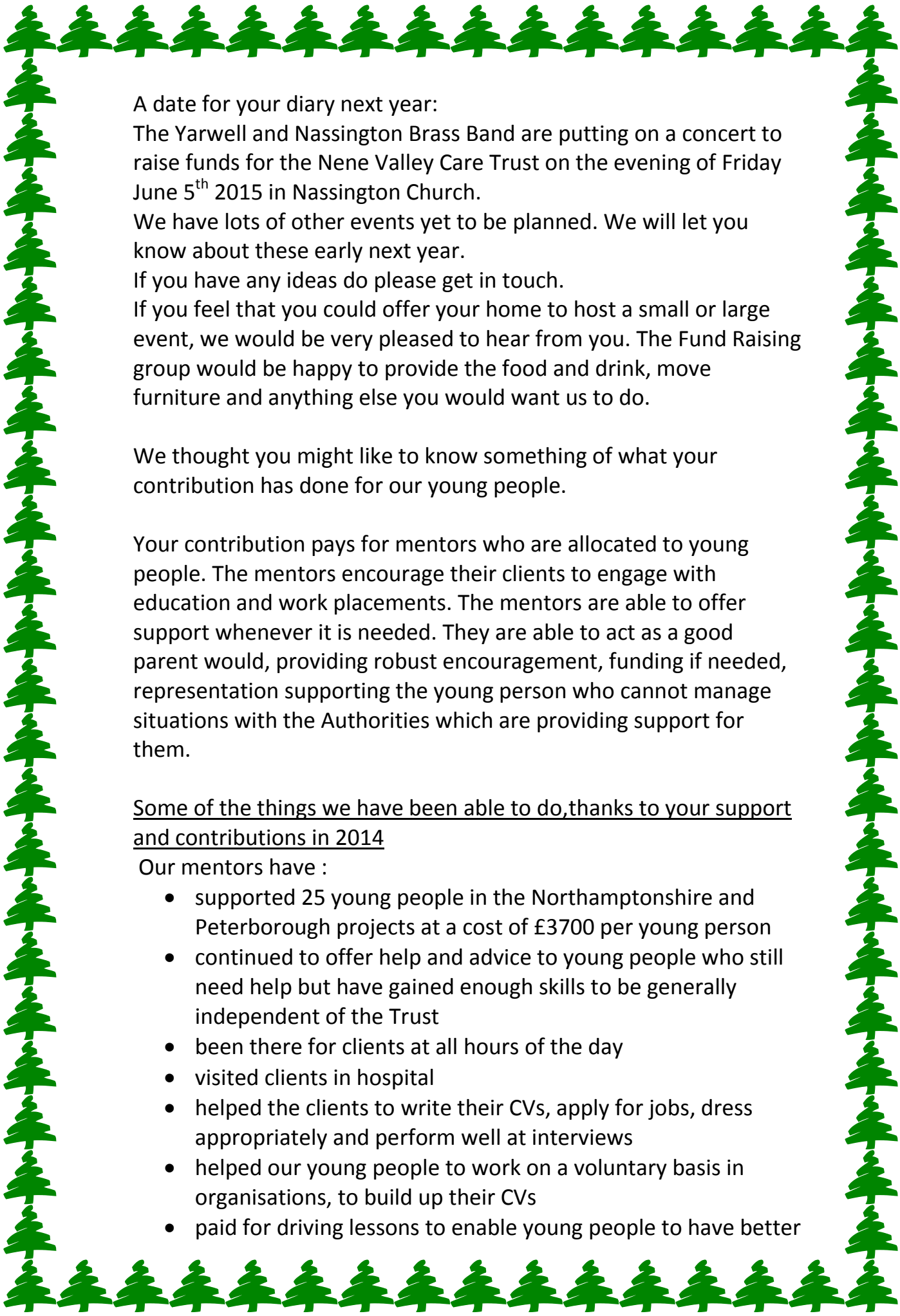
We have raised £ 12307 this year.

What a fantastic effort!!! Thank you all so much.

We have held lots of events, all of which would not have been possible without your help :

- ❖ Joan Kirkbride, Chairman of Northamptonshire County Council and Trustee of the Nene Valley Care Trust, hosted a garden party for the Nene Valley Care Trust at Grendon Hall
- ❖ Joan also contributed monies made by choosing us as one of her charities
- ❖ NVCT had a coffee morning at 2 Homefield Nassington
- ❖ Priscilla spoke to the Oundle Rotary
- ❖ An NVCT bric a brac stall was set up at the Nassington and Yarwell Summer Garden Show
- ❖ A lunch party was held at Three Mill Bills in Nassington
- ❖ The donations from two Nassington Church Fellowship meetings were given to the Nene Valley Care Trust
- ❖ A Friendly Bridge afternoon was held in Nassington Village Hall

A very big thank you to those who bought tickets and sent donations for these events



A date for your diary next year:

The Yarwell and Nassington Brass Band are putting on a concert to raise funds for the Nene Valley Care Trust on the evening of Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Nassington Church.

We have lots of other events yet to be planned. We will let you know about these early next year.

If you have any ideas do please get in touch.

If you feel that you could offer your home to host a small or large event, we would be very pleased to hear from you. The Fund Raising group would be happy to provide the food and drink, move furniture and anything else you would want us to do.

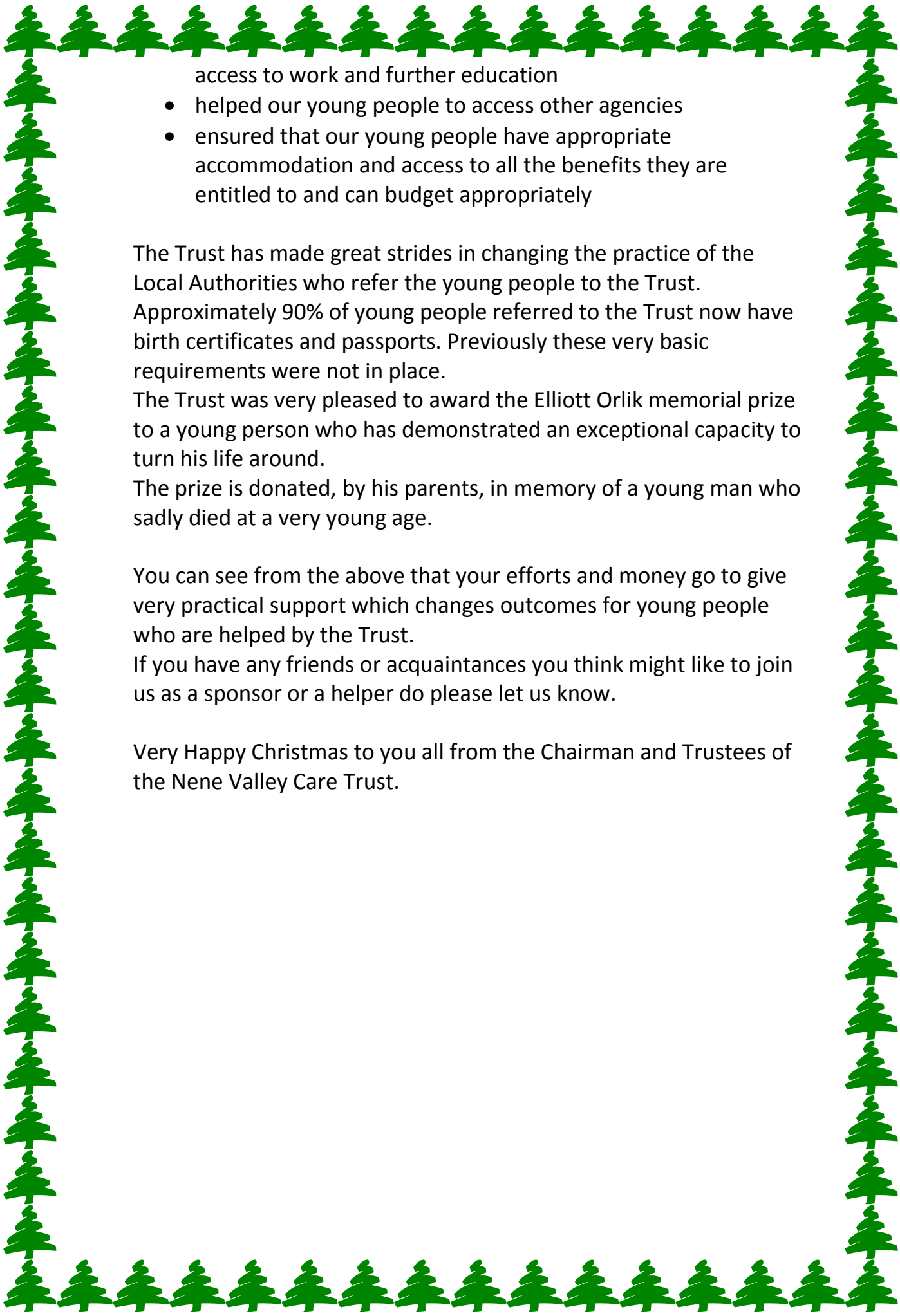
We thought you might like to know something of what your contribution has done for our young people.

Your contribution pays for mentors who are allocated to young people. The mentors encourage their clients to engage with education and work placements. The mentors are able to offer support whenever it is needed. They are able to act as a good parent would, providing robust encouragement, funding if needed, representation supporting the young person who cannot manage situations with the Authorities which are providing support for them.

Some of the things we have been able to do, thanks to your support and contributions in 2014

Our mentors have :

- supported 25 young people in the Northamptonshire and Peterborough projects at a cost of £3700 per young person
- continued to offer help and advice to young people who still need help but have gained enough skills to be generally independent of the Trust
- been there for clients at all hours of the day
- visited clients in hospital
- helped the clients to write their CVs, apply for jobs, dress appropriately and perform well at interviews
- helped our young people to work on a voluntary basis in organisations, to build up their CVs
- paid for driving lessons to enable young people to have better



access to work and further education

- helped our young people to access other agencies
- ensured that our young people have appropriate accommodation and access to all the benefits they are entitled to and can budget appropriately

The Trust has made great strides in changing the practice of the Local Authorities who refer the young people to the Trust. Approximately 90% of young people referred to the Trust now have birth certificates and passports. Previously these very basic requirements were not in place.

The Trust was very pleased to award the Elliott Orlik memorial prize to a young person who has demonstrated an exceptional capacity to turn his life around.

The prize is donated, by his parents, in memory of a young man who sadly died at a very young age.

You can see from the above that your efforts and money go to give very practical support which changes outcomes for young people who are helped by the Trust.

If you have any friends or acquaintances you think might like to join us as a sponsor or a helper do please let us know.

Very Happy Christmas to you all from the Chairman and Trustees of the Nene Valley Care Trust.