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Welcome to the July issue of our 'Thinking about Fostering' newsletter!

While the Independent Visitor team has been celebrating the milestone of reaching 100 volunteers, our specialist support team has marked a decade of service, revealing the extraordinary number of families they have helped remain strong in that time.

We'll be out and about hosting pop-up events across the county this summer, alongside our regular information evenings. Check out when we'll be near you!

With best wishes,

Denise

Fostering Recruitment Team Manager

Our Dedicated Placement Support Team turns 10!

Our in-house specialist support team works to strengthen relationships and ensure placements remain strong by offering practical support to young people in care, foster carers and birth families.

The eight-strong team is estimated to have supported more than **700 families** with a range of unique challenges over ten years.



Specialist fostering support team reaches decade milestone

Hundreds of families supported in last decade by specialist foster team



A decade of helping hundreds of Leicestershire families stay strong

Joss, Fostering and Adoption Service Manager, reflects on 10 years of DPST

Celebrating 100 Independent Visitors

The Independent Visitors team has seen their volunteer pool reach 100!

Independent Visitors are approved adults who spend a few hours a month with young people in care doing fun activities, such as walking in the park, going to the cinema or eating at a restaurant.

Between them, they have supported over 200 young people in care since 2020.



Children in care scheme reaches 100th volunteer milestone

Selfless volunteers supporting young people in care



'Consistency through change' - celebrating 100 Independent Visitors

Sally, the longest-serving Independent Visitor, reflects on the scheme and its future

Find Out About Fostering information sessions

Join the fostering team and a current foster carer to discuss all-things fostering, including the application process, available payments and allowances, and our 'consistent and reliable' (Ofsted, 2024) support and guidance.

All information sessions take place between 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

[In-person: Wednesday 22 July](#)

[Virtual: Thursday 13 August](#)

[Virtual: Wednesday 2 September](#)

Speak with the fostering team at an upcoming pop-up information event.

[Lutterworth junior parkrun \(LE17 4GP\), Sunday 19 July, 8:30am – 10:30am](#)

[Coalville Pride \(LE67 3JB\), Saturday 1 August, 12pm – 7pm](#)

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