

**2017-2018 Report for the Annual Members Meeting (AMM)
Huddersfield NCT Branch**

Committee as at June 2018

All the following members of the Committee are stepping down at this meeting

Branch Co-ordinator – Sally Turgoose

Treasurer – Louise Elliott

PSA Link – Helen Roy

Membership Secretary – Sarah Fatica

Coffee Group Co-ordinator – Deborah Crompton

Secretary – N/A

Social Secretary – Sarah Fatica

General Committee Members – Amanda Edmondson; Donna Milligan

NCT Huddersfield Groups

Huddersfield Branch Coffee Group – Mondays 10-12am

(Report compiled by Sally Turgoose)

Branch Co-ordinator's Annual Report and Summary – Sally Turgoose

The key priority of the Branch this year is to appoint a new committee; all the above listed members have now stepped down from their positions as their children have reached school age and their commitments have changed. They have all supported the committee for a number of years and a big thank you must be passed on to them for all that they have done.

A meeting has been called and is taking place on **Tuesday 26th June at 8pm Lindley Methodist Church Centre, East Street, Lindley, Huddersfield HD3 3ND.**

The following report provides an update on Branch activities, finances and fundraising.

Coffee Group Report

Huddersfield Branch Coffee Group is a friendly group where local parents can meet, socialise, network and support one another. New members are always welcome.

The Coffee Group meets every Monday morning between 10am and 12pm in members' houses. Our members live across Huddersfield from Bradley to Salendine Nook and Lepton to Crosland Moor. We meet every week with the exception of bank holidays. During the Summer Holidays the Group is held in Greenhead Park playground, weather permitting. Most attendees of Coffee Groups also host, so that members are only asked to host approximately once every two months.

A Yahoo group is used to keep everyone up to date and is an invaluable reminder of future dates and venues. Files can be accessed including a flyer welcoming new members, contact details, coffee rota and the latest update. There is also a closed Facebook group as a quick and convenient way of communicating such things as venues and hosting changes or to reunite lost property with its owner.

The past 12 months:

Most new enquiries have occurred via email although there have also been a few new attendees through word of mouth. Numbers have fluctuated during the year but it is hoped that the group can continue, if a new Committee is established.

We continue to suggest a donation of £1 per coffee morning attended.

Deborah is stepping down from her role as Coffee Group Coordinator so someone new is needed to organise this group. There is also a need for more people to come forward and offer to host the group. A rota is set up every 6 months to share out hosting between the different parents who attend and numbers have dropped over the last year.

Fundraising

Coffee Group – Proceeds from the weekly Coffee Group have raised £121.

Nearly New Sales (NNS) – A Nearly New Sale was held on 14 October 2017 in Huddersfield. The March Sale didn't go ahead due to a shortage of volunteers to organise it, so this is a priority if the Sales are to continue this year.

Profits from the October NNS were £544 plus donations on the door of £99 giving a total of £643. Competition with eBay and other local baby sales has had an impact and footfall was down to 120 this year, so this is the area that needs to be focused upon in future sales. However, the NNS remains the main way to raise Branch funds. The Sales offer good quality nearly new bargain items and of course ensure that the Branch does its bit for recycling. The Branch is constantly looking for more volunteers to help, sellers who want to sell good quality items and of course buyers.

The October Sale was advertised in local magazine Mumbles with the aim to bring in more buyers.

Advertisers were once again asked if they would like to place flyers in the goodie bags and this brought in additional income.

A new Sales Committee is needed to organise and promote the event going forward so please do come to the meeting on 26th June to find out more and to share your ideas.

Membership Co-ordinator

The Branch has 39 membership households which remains the same as this time last year.

Yahoo e-group and Facebook Groups

The Huddersfield NCT Branch e-group currently has 90 active members (4 less than in 2017). It is used predominantly for communication and updates between Coffee Group members both past and present.

The Coffee Group Facebook group now has 55 members (11 more than last year) and is an excellent way of passing on messages quickly between the group members, it was a great initiative of Deborah's to get it started.

We also have the branch Facebook page 'NCT Huddersfield Branch' which has 294 followers and 288 likes (75 more likes than last year).

Social Events

Social activities are popular with the group, giving parents the opportunity to socialise over food and drinks. Positive feedback from the group confirms how valuable parents find these evening get-togethers, enabling them to get to know one another better and strengthen friendships.

In the past 12 months the group has held 2 evening social events. Details of the events that took place are listed below:

Date of social night	Location	Number of attendees
Friday 6 th September 2017	Med One	11
Saturday November 27 th 2017	Trattoria Domenico - Christmas meal	8

Another social activity which has continued is a Book Club. This is not an NCT Group but many parents who attend met through NCT groups. This active group has a number of regular attendees who meet once a month.

Treasurer

The Huddersfield Branch was created on 1 January 2011. Initial income was provided by a £500 grant from Head Office which is awarded to all new branches.

In this financial year the Branch has contributed the following amounts to NCT:

- Parent groups - £121
- Fundraising events as detailed above - £643
- The Branch generated an overall net total of £764 for NCT from all sources, in this financial year.

Outgoings/expenditure are primarily from UK head Office who take a proportion of all proceeds which goes towards national projects, services and expenditure. (For every £100 profit raised from an event £70 goes to the charity UK office 'Branch Transfer of Funds' with £30 remaining in the branch. Additionally, a calculation is done each quarter to assess how much a branch needs to retain in order to run its services and the rest goes to the UK Office, this is called 'branch sharing'). The total taken this year is £535.

The Huddersfield Branch closed the period with an account balance of £1633, prior to deductions by NCT of branch sharing and transfer of funds. The Branch will be left with a balance to carry forward into the next financial year of at least £550 to support local activities and services.

Annual Meeting (AMM) 2018 – NCT Members and Non-Members welcome

The 2018 AMM is taking place on:

Tuesday 26th June 8pm

Lindley Methodist Church Centre, East Street, Lindley, Huddersfield HD3 3ND

Please do come along to support and meet your Huddersfield Branch team. There will be tea and biscuits too!

Please contact Sally Turgoose – Branch Co-ordinator for further information:

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