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THE PROJECTS outlined in this newsletter continue to thrive and develop, in particular the counselling services which are in great demand. The significance however for all social care projects in the Diocese is the decision by the Bishop and Trustees to engage more fully with Caritas Social Action Network. This is an agency of the Catholic Bishops Conference for England and Wales.

CSAN is the national focal point for social action in the Church. It offers information, support and the latest briefings for the sector.

An audit of social action in Hallam was commissioned and the response from our priests was 100%. I am informed that no other diocese has achieved this response. It revealed one hundred and forty-three projects associated with social action in our parishes, many of which the Diocese were unaware.

Caritas Diocese of Hallam will be launched by Bishop Ralph on Saturday March 3rd and will be a celebration of all the good work undertaken in Christ's name in our parishes and an affirmation of the Church's commitment to the principles of catholic social teaching. Its aim is to enhance the effectiveness of existing work, encourage new initiatives and bring to light examples of good practice that others can share.

Laura Rendell and Bernie Ware (seen above with Cardinal Nichols) attended



Cardinal Vincent Nichols with Laura Rendell and Bernie Ware at the CSAN parliamentary reception

the parliamentary reception for CSAN where special mention was made of Carmel Care. Based in Hillsborough, this project offers unconditional welcome, acceptance, nurture and growth to those experiencing social isolation, loneliness or addiction.

All our projects are reliant on the generous giving of benefactors, the annual parish appeal and the Good Shepherd collection in our schools.

Please visit our website:

www.hallam-diocese.com/hallam-caring-services to find out more about the many and various projects which respond to some of the social care needs in the Diocese.

With renewed thanks for your continued support.



Stuart Hanlon

Co-ordinator, Hallam Caring Services



Marriages Family Life

(support for all stages of the family life cycle)

Susan Tym: Tel: 0114 256 6407

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Family Support Worker: Laura Rendell

Tel: 0114 256 6408

email: l.rendell@live.co.uk

Schools and Community Service

Manager: Bernie Ware

Tel: 0114 256 6408

email: bernieware@btinternet.com

(providing advice, support and counselling for children, young people, parents/carers and teaching staff within schools and parishes)

Carmel Care & Counselling Centre

(support for stress, depression, anxiety, addictions and social isolation)

Interim Co-ordinator: Stuart Hanlon

Tel: 0114 233 5727 / 0114 256 6407

Counselling Services

**Doncaster Counselling Service
Sheffield Deanery Counselling Service
Counselling for Women: Bernie Ware**

Tel: 0114 256 6408

email: bernieware@btinternet.com

Rainbows South Yorkshire

(support for children who have suffered traumatic loss)

Sandra Ferris or Sadia Asghar

Tel: 0114 256 6445

email: rainbows@hallam-diocese.com

Pastoral Care for Deaf People

Sr Clare Smith

Tel & Fax: 0114 235 1540

Mobile text only: 0774 516 6890

email: clare.smith38@btinternet.com

Marriage Care – Sheffield

(counselling at times of distress or difficulty)

To make an appointment:

Tel: 0800 389 3801

www.marriagecare.org.uk

Coping With Loss

(support/counselling for adults who are experiencing loss)

Catherine Hand

Tel: 01298 872 645



AFFILIATED PROJECTS:

St Wilfrid's Centre

(practical help, support and education for homeless and vulnerable people)

Josie Brooks: Tel: 0114 255 5720

email: stwilfs@btconnect.com

Pathways

(help to those who are homeless or rootless)

Emily Gilpin

Tel: 01246 498 204

email: manager@pathwaysofchesterfield.co.uk

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