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NEWSLETTER AND  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2020

Readers will notice a difference in our title this year – Caritas Diocese of Hallam. We launched Caritas in 2018 and have now decided to re-brand all caring services and social action projects under this name. Caritas Diocese of Hallam combines both sections in one agency, and signifies our association with the Church's national social action network (CSAN).

During the past year Caritas has arranged meetings to discuss the refugee crisis, services to deaf people, pastoral care for retired clergy and lunch clubs. In due course we hope to report on developments in these areas. We are making links with CAFOD and Justice and Peace and the Medaille Trust (supporting people trapped in modern slavery). All this with very limited capacity in the smallest diocese in England and Wales.

Experience informs us that the most effective projects come from the grassroots and we have been surprised at the range of parish based initiatives, one hundred and forty-three were recorded last year. Michael Murphy (Trustee) is currently gathering details of all such projects, and these will be available in an online Directory later this year.



**Sean Ryan** - National Coordinator for Community Sponsorship



**Michael Murphy** - (Trustee)



**Stuart Hanlon** - Director





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**Bernie Ware** - Assistant Director  
Counselling and Schools Services

## The counselling service to schools...

continues to expand and we are now working regularly in fifteen of our primary and secondary schools. In 2019 three hundred and fifty children and young people improved their well-being as a result of this service. It will be interesting to see if the new government will offer funding to increase the provision of mental health support work in schools. Demands for adult counselling in our parishes and student counselling at the University Chaplaincy have risen yet again with forty one people seeking our help from our team of professional counsellors who delivered 350 sessions.

At Caritas Hallam we understand and appreciate the emotional impact that our teachers face and we are now offering supervision for school staff. We provide a safe space and dedicated time for staff to off load. We are currently working with two of our High Schools providing supervision to their Pastoral staff.



Caritas Diocese of Hallam, is currently making bids to the Lottery and other grant making bodies to fund a diocesan wide counselling service for adults and children. This would also benefit visitors to St Wilfrid's Centre, Carmel Care and our parishes.

Annual Hornsea holiday



# Celebrating Marriage



We responded to fifty-one couples getting married in the Church by providing them with marriage preparation or signposting them to other providers. The annual Marriage Mass at the Cathedral in July was a great success with nearly two hundred people attending and celebrating significant anniversaries.

Annual Marriage Mass  
at the Cathedral

We are deeply indebted to our diocesan schools, who respond to the Good Shepherd Collection, our box holders, the annual parish appeal and donors and benefactors. This year we are especially grateful to the Duke of Devonshire's Charitable Trust for granting us £3000 for counselling in the Chesterfield Deanery. None of this work could be undertaken without your generosity.

## **Please visit our website**

For more about Caritas Diocese Hallam  
visit: [www.hallam-diocese.com/caritas/](http://www.hallam-diocese.com/caritas/)

## PROJECTS

Schools and Community Service  
Diocesan Counselling Service  
University Chaplaincy  
Counselling Service  
Carmel Care & Counselling Centre  
Clergy Care (for sick & retired clergy)  
Marriage & Family Life  
Pastoral Care for Deaf  
Post Adoption Support  
St Wilfrid's Centre

### *Affiliated Projects*

Rainbows Bereavement Support SY  
(Charity No.1058476)  
Pathways of Chesterfield  
(Charity No.1118638)  
Marriage Care  
(Charity No.218159)  
The JP2 Directory  
(Counselling & Pastoral Care for Catholic clergy)



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