

THE VILLAGERS' STORES

"At the heart of our community"



NEWSLETTER (26th November 2025)



West Somerset



As many of you are aware, over recent years, the kind villagers of Wootton Courtenay have shown great generosity through donating Christmas presents to Home-Start West Somerset.

One in four children under five in the UK has a difficult start in life, because their families are under pressure. Yet every child deserves the best possible start; to be loved, to play, to learn and to grow in confidence. Home-Start West Somerset provides friendship and practical support to parents with young children in our local community; you can learn more about this amazing charity by visiting their website [here](#)

Once again, the Villagers' Stores is delighted to support Home-Start and be the collection point for gifts, ***please drop off presents with Sarah and Mark by Monday 16th December 2025.*** Further information about this initiative is provided by Clare Pound, Home-Start manager, below. Please note that Homestart would prefer presents to be unwrapped, to make it easier to match presents to individual children. If you would prefer to wrap presents yourselves, please attach a tag suggesting the appropriate gender and age range for the gift.

If you have any queries or require any further information please contact Barbara O'Keefe: wcvboard@gmail.com

With many thanks for your continuing support.

Sarah and Mark and the Board of Wootton Courtenay Villagers' Stores

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25th November 2025

Dear Wootton Courtenay residents

Home-Start West Somerset – Christmas 2025

We would be delighted to receive Christmas presents for the children of the families we support again this year.

The families we support mainly range in age from babies to 5 years so it would be great to receive a mix of gifts suitable for these ages, perhaps leave unwrapped so we can easily match each present to a suitable child, we are more than happy to wrap ourselves.

If you could drop any gifts at the Villagers' stores by Monday 15th December, that would be extremely helpful.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

If you would like more information about the support our charity offers families with young children or if you might be interested in volunteering for us then please contact the office either by phone or email, details on letter heading.

Kind regards.

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