

Press Release

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CHILDREN'S OPEN DAY AT BUTTERFLY WORLD, SATURDAY 14TH JULY 2012

Saturday, 14th July was a special day for families and children who have recently suffered the loss of a close family member. The St Albans & District Bereavement Network held their first ever Children's Open Day at Butterfly World. Families came along in waterproofs and wellies to ensure the rain did not spoil the day.

The day started with children decorating butterfly biscuits and a host of other butterfly and bug related craft activities. The adults also worked in small groups on their own creations and from a profusion of tissue paper, glitter and glue emerged beautiful butterfly artwork. There were cheers all round as everyone proudly paraded their works of art.



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A treasure hunt followed and families competed to find the clues hidden through the amazing designer gardens taking in the Spangle Gal Garden, the Enchanted Garden and the Theatre of Insects. Along the way they had to count spiders' webs and butterfly balls; find Bill and Ben amongst the flower pots and then it was off to the large ant on the hill to find what he was wearing on his feet.

A trail of food clues then led the way back to the end of the treasure hunt at the Hungry Caterpillar and our hungry families then shared brunch. The day ended with a prize presentation by Dr Michael Elves, Chairman of SABN for winners and runners up of the Treasure Hunt and also for the winning Butterfly design.

The Children's Open Day was made possible thanks to funding from the Hertfordshire Community foundation. The day was a great success despite the weather; new friendships were forged and experiences shared. Everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion making this a happy and fun day for all the families. Vivian Lawman, SABN's Network Manager observed that a comment from one of the young guests "this is the best day of my life" was the best possible reward for her and her team of volunteers who helped to make the day possible.

The St Albans & District Bereavement Network (SABN) currently provides individual programmes of support to around 60 bereaved children and their families each year, as well as group work and support to schools and carers. Many of the children have had to face a life without a parent and SABN has helped them to develop strategies to cope with their loss and to move on with their lives with hope. If you would like to make a donation towards the work of the Network, or are interested in volunteering, please contact the administration office: telephone - 01727 841914, address – PO Box 671, St Albans, Herts. AL1 3ZX.

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Notes to the editors:

The consequences of the death of a close relative are huge for everyone but particularly for children whose lives may be totally disrupted. Now in its tenth year, SABN offers support to bereaved children, young people, adults and their families who live within the St Albans City and District, to enable them to make sense of their loss and move forward with hope. Services are provided free of charge and SABN is reliant on grants and voluntary donations, in addition to the services of a large group of highly trained volunteers.

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