

We're celebrating ten years of caring

THE Foster Care Co-operative, based in Malvern, has been placing children in family homes for ten years throughout England and Wales.

It is part of a very small number of foster care agencies that work on a not-for-profit basis - a unique business in the county.

Anne Bard, director of child care and registered manager, said: "We are hosting a celebration tea for some of our longstanding carers and staff on October 19.

"It's a good opportunity for carers from across England and Wales to get together and share their experiences and we get to say a big thank you."

Set up by Laurie Gregory after taking early retirement from Worcestershire Social Services the aim of the organisation remains the same - to increase the number of foster carers and give more children the chance of family life.



Julie Steele, Jane Herron, Giles Staddon & Anne Bard

Mr Gregory is now taking a step back from the daily running of The Foster Care Co-operative as they welcome new executive director Ian Brazier.

The Co-operative has grown over the last ten years.

Anne said: "We now have more than 150 placements across England and Wales with numbers increasing steadily.

"We've helped hundreds of children and young people,

offering homes for a weekend or many years. We are proud that, where we can, we strive to keep siblings together."

Anyone can foster and carers come from all walks of life. You need to have patience and a 'can do' approach to life and a spare room is required. You will have training and support while you foster.

If you think you would like to be a foster carer take a look at the website for more details.

Could you keep these sisters together?

The Foster Care Co-operative is a not-for-profit independent fostering agency.

We are actively seeking carers in this area.

Could you look after teenagers as well as younger children?

Can you offer a child or children a room of their own and a stable home environment?

Could you offer patience, time and commitment to young people?

In return, we can offer professional support, training and a generous financial package.



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