

BIG KIDS

England & Wales · Charity number 1172383

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-04-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO WORK ALONGSIDE SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO EDUCATE AND ASSIST THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (AGED 0-18 YEARS) IN MIDDLESBROUGH IN CREATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE WAYS, TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES, SO THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, AS EMBODIED IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH TRADITION.

Activities: BiG KIDS strives to support local schools in Middlesbrough in their delivery of Christian faith teaching. We hope to connect children and young people with their local parish church. We also aim to develop community through joining other projects focusing on simple acts of service. In addition we hope to facilitate collective learning as children and young people explore their journey of faith.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Middlesbrough
- North Yorkshire
- Redcar And Cleveland
- Stockton-on-tees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£78,679	£77,560	-	-
2024-03-31	£67,134	£69,117	-	-
2023-03-31	£47,836	£48,644	-	-
2022-03-31	£38,276	£41,856	-	-
2021-03-31	£30,018	£37,791	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alistair Bolton	Chair	2019-04-01
GRAHAM HASSALL		2017-04-03
Margaret Eva Morrell		2023-05-17
PETER RUSHTON		2017-04-25

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BIG KIDS Annual Report – Year Ending 31st March 2025

The work in schools continues to play an important part in the work of BIG KIDS'. Providing lessons, assemblies and after-school clubs at a number of schools, many on a regular basis, were much appreciated by both children and their teachers. A particular highlight of the year was again the 'Boro cereal' initiative that helped pupils from four schools develop their ideas for projects to help their local communities, culminating in a major public event where they presented their plans to a large audience of parents, teachers and local dignitaries and then seeing their plans put into action.

Partnerships with the local churches continue to thrive across a variety of activities and a range of denominations. At St Oswald's and St Chad's the relationship with the Genesis Trust is ongoing with their work in the community. At St Barnabas links have continued to be strengthened with the work including toddler group, working with school-aged children and a new after schools club at a local primary school.

A brand new initiative this year, in partnership with St Barnabas Church, is the formation of Barney's Baby Bank. It supports families of Linthorpe and Ayresome for children under 5 years old providing them with essentials that many are not able to afford. Over 50 families are registered with the baby bank and it has given out over 10,000 nappies, clothes bundles, prams cots and highchairs. The scheme drew the attention of Sky News who did a piece on child poverty in Middlesbrough being twice that of the national average. It has been a real blessing getting to know the families but it's often difficult listening to their real stories.

Beyond the regular commitments the team answer specific calls for their services. It is encouraging that these opportunities have arisen as the quality of their work and the resources they call on has been recognised by others.

The Trustees continue to be thankful for the talents, commitment and dedication of the team as well as the many volunteers whose involvement makes it possible for events to take place. We must not underestimate the contribution made by many individuals who support our work with their prayers and through regular giving, many have journeyed with us ever since the charity was established. We are also grateful for those institutions who have provided generous grants to support our work.

I am pleased to report that our annual accounts show our finances remain on an even keel, but we are always looking to boost our income to meet any new and challenging opportunities in the future.

We look forward to the year ahead with renewed enthusiasm, thankful for the positive impact we have been privileged to witness on so many young people.

Big Kids		
Finance Statement @ 31st March 2025		
	April 2023 - March 2024	April 2024 - March 2025
Income		
Grants	2,500	9,250
Donations	19,468	8,757
Regular Giving	10,943	12,554
Gift Aid	2,917	2,607
Activity / Events	30,576	44,339
Fund Raising	306	790
Gap Year Fees	-	-
Bank Interest	425	382
Loans	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	67,134	78,679
Expenditure		
Payroll	63,225	71,096
Staff Expenses	182	939
Activity Cost	5,174	4,868
Publicity	-	183
Insurance	284	411
Admin incl P&S	251	63
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	69,117	77,560
NET INCOME	(1,983)	1,119
	24,447	25,568
Closing Bank Balances		
Community Account	2,027	2,645
Business Money Manager	22,421	22,923
TOTAL BANK BALANCES	24,447	25,568

Examined and Verified by Gary Cox (Independent Examiner)

GARY COX

4th June 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Big Kids for the year ended 31st March 2025

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The Trustees have determined that an inspection of the accounts is satisfactory.

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This year saw BiG KIDS' work in schools not only fully recover from the Covid-19 hiatus, but grow far beyond pre-pandemic levels. For example, in the final week of the Easter term we interacted with over 2,000 pupils and at harvest we accommodated 600 from a single school. Over the full year we visited 15 different schools, many on a regular basis, providing lessons, assemblies and after-school clubs that were hugely appreciated by both children and their teachers. One particular highlight was the 'Boro Cereal' initiative that helped pupils from four schools develop their ideas for projects to help their local communities, culminating firstly in a major public event where they presented their plans to a large audience of parents, teachers, supporters and local councillors, and secondly in continuing support to turn their plans into action.

Partnerships with local churches also thrived across a variety of activities and a range of denominations. At St Barnabas, links were strengthened and the role expanded to include toddler groups as well as school-age children. At St Oswald's and St Chad's the relationship with the Genesis Trust was formalised and we were delighted to have played a small part in their success as their community work was recognised with the award of the King's Medal, presented by the Lord Lieutenant.

Beyond the regular commitments, the team also found time to answer a last-minute call to run the children's work at the Cedarwood Festival and have also been involved in the forward planning for Festival Teesside in June 2024 where they will co-ordinate the provision for young people. It is encouraging that these opportunities have arisen as the quality of Big KIDS' work has been recognised by others. This is also shown by the fact that BiG KIDS' resources have been used by other groups from as far afield as northern Scotland and the southwest of England.

The trustees continue to be thankful for the talents, commitment and dedication of the three principal BiG KIDS, but are also extremely grateful for the many volunteers whose involvement makes it possible for events to take place. Nor do we underestimate the contribution made by those individuals who support our work with their prayers and through regular financial giving. Many have journeyed with the charity ever since it was first established seven years ago. We must also thank those institutions who have provided generous grants to support our work. In particular, the 'Boro Cereal' initiative would not have been possible without funds provided by Westhill (westhillendowment.org).

Although our annual accounts show a small deficit for the year, finances remain on an even keel. They will however require boosting if future opportunities are fully to be grasped.

We look forward to 2024/25 with renewed enthusiasm, thankful for the privilege of serving in ways that have a positive impact on so many young people.

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Finance Statement @ 31st March 2024			
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Income			
Grants		4,131	2,500
Donations		24,114	19,468
Regular Giving		12,324	10,943
Gift Aid		2,763	2,917
Activity / Events		3,226	30,576
Fund Raising		1,181	306
Gap Year Fees		-	-
Bank Interest		98	425
Loans		-	-
TOTAL INCOME		47,836	67,134
Expenditure			
Payroll		46,430	63,225
Staff Expenses		185	182
Activity Cost		1,500	5,174
Publicity		-	-
Insurance		284	284
Admin incl P&S		244	251
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		48,644	69,117
NET INCOME		(808)	(1,983)
		26,430	24,447
Closing Bank Balances			
Community Account		820	2,027
Business Money Manager		25,610	22,421
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This year saw a return to some relative normality after the huge challenges stemming from the restrictions imposed for the global Covid-19 pandemic. It took some time to rebuild relationships with local schools, but over the year this was achieved so that by Spring 2023 we were regularly visiting at least seven primary schools. Church work also sprang back into life and we were particularly pleased to see our roles grow substantially in both St Barnabas and, through the Genesis Project, in St Oswald's and St Chad's. Our key purpose is to present the Good News of Jesus in exciting ways to youngsters in our home town, to let them ask any questions, explore what faith means to them and walk alongside them on their journey. We were therefore delighted that the final month of this year saw us interact with a total of 2,039 children. These were all in Middlesbrough, but we were also excited to receive requests from different parts of the country to share our video resources, from as far afield as Aberdeen and Dorset.

The year has not been without its challenges, most notably that one of the charity's founders had to suddenly and unexpectedly step back for a substantial period. Most fortunately, we were blessed that Debs Smith who had recently taken on some of our administrative tasks was able to step up to a very different role and had the background and skills to do so superbly. Huge thanks are due to her and to Sam Durant who shouldered his increased responsibilities with positive, determined resolve and without complaint. Thankfully, we were able to welcome Ste Corner back by the end of the year and can look forward with renewed optimism.

We welcomed another new face towards the end of the year when Margaret Morrell was invited to become our fourth trustee. Already a familiar face as a volunteer, she will bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to her new role.

None of what we do would be possible without the continued support of many generous individuals. We are so very grateful for their time, their talents, their prayers and their financial donations. This year many also provided extra support through using their local Co-op supermarket who nominated us as one of their linked charities. We have also benefitted from a couple of substantial grants from Christian trusts which enabled us to very nearly break even for the year.

We look forward to 2023/24 with enthusiasm and a continued resolve to make a difference in many young lives.

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Finance Statement @ 31st March 2023			
		April 2021 - March 2022	April 2022 - March 2023
Income			
Grants		-	4,131
Donations		20,434	24,114
Regular Giving		12,144	12,324
Gift Aid		2,684	2,763
Activity / Events		2,925	3,226
Fund Raising		87	1,181
Gap Year Fees		-	-
Bank Interest		3	98
Loans		-	-
TOTAL INCOME		38,277	47,836
Expenditure			
Payroll		39,375	46,430
Staff Expenses		130	185
Activity Cost		1,495	1,500
Publicity		-	-
Insurance		284	284
Admin incl P&S		571	244
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		41,856	48,644
NET INCOME		(3,579)	(808)
		27,237	26,430
Closing Bank Balances			
Community Account		10,015	820
Business Money Manager		17,221	25,610
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As BiG KIDS headed into its fifth year as a registered charity, we continued to seek normality in a COVID-aware climate. Overall, this past year perhaps brought fewer challenges than the last; however, some obstacles still remained.

This year appeared to be a rather stop-start journey. With isolation rules and the setback of the Omicron variant, schools in particular seemed understandably reluctant to return to previous routines. The majority of BiG KIDS schools work was therefore in a larger, year group setting – such as church tours or assemblies.

In the spirit of ingenuity, we have brought a hybrid approach to 2021/22 – combining video and digital resources, resource parcels, with distanced “family bubble” gatherings. As such, we have continued to work closely with St Martin’s, St Barnabas and the Genesis Project in Grove Hill, delivering “at-home” resources, with links to content accessible online. So far, this has brought great success and is allowing more families to engage with us and the message we seek to deliver. As we look forward, a challenge will be to sustain such a reach, when things, hopefully, return to an increasing normality.

In partnership with St Barnabas, we have recently launched “EXPLORE”, a new kids club for 7-11 year olds. This began with 3 monthly events, followed by 2 “at-home” sessions – due to the Omicron concerns. We hope for this group to grow to become a weekly gathering, and a natural progression point between schools work in the parish and the church’s long establish Sunday school groups.

Financially, we have been blessed by the sustenance of our regular sources of income, personal giving and donations. We are very aware how fortunate we are and regularly extend our thanks to those who generously contribute to BiG KIDS. We have recently linked with our local Co-op representative, and have become this years “Community Partner”. This is a small funding opportunity that allows our local community to “give as they live”, with a small proportion of their money used for purchases in the Co-op, being allocated into the BiG KIDS pot.

At the turn of the year, we brought a part-time administrative assistant onto the team. They have already made a valuable impact, covering the bases that can easily get missed in the business of everyday life. As this role grows, we hope to explore different avenues of funding, allowing BiG KIDS to expand its reach in manageable ways. A commitment of this role is to keep in touch with supporters and donors, creating a monthly newsletter which can be accessible via our newly revamped website.

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Income			
Grants		-	-
Donations		12,684	20,433
Regular Giving		12,122	12,144
Gift Aid		3,033	2,684
Activity / Events		2,009	2,925
Fund Raising		156	87
Gap Year Fees		-	-
Bank Interest		15	3
Loans		-	-
TOTAL INCOME		30,019	38,276
Expenditure			
Payroll		36,450	39,375
Staff Expenses		-	130
Activity Cost		944	1,495
Publicity		-	-
Insurance		277	644
Admin incl P&S		120	211
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		37,791	41,856
NET INCOME		(7,772)	(3,580)
		30,817	27,237
Closing Bank Balances			
Community Account		862	10,015
Business Money Manager		29,954	17,221
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So with the need to stay home, BiG KIDS moved online. Sam & Ste reworked the previous monthly roaming youth group (Friday Night Live), to become a half an hour weekly stream on Facebook that kids and families could tune in to at home.

Once the summer months came and restrictions changed, a 'hybrid' holiday club was created based loosely around the Wizard of Oz film. Kids received a box of crafts and activities, with videos to enjoy watching at home released each day.

September brought fresh optimism of what a 'new normal' may look like. Conversations with schools started back up, and churches were exploring what could be done that people would feel comfortable attending.

BiG KIDS produced seasonal music videos for Harvest and Remembrance and tailored 'virtual church tours' for local primary schools. They also worked closely with The Genesis Project to create weekly videos and activity packs that were delivered to 30 children each week.

However, another lockdown came along. With the uncertainty again of what Christmas would look like, more videos were made for use in schools and churches. A Christingle song, short Christmas poem videos and a Christmas Eve puppet show were created and recorded.

Once January 2021 arrived, another lockdown was announced and more videos were created. More activity bags were sent weekly to families through The Genesis Project, plus a Lent music video was produced as well. Plans for spring and summer included videos for Easter plus meetings to explore what summer activities would look like, and when weekly School visits could restart, with the realistic expectation that this would be around September 2021 for the start of the new academic year.

Throughout the year, the videos were made available for free online via Facebook and YouTube. The videos went far and wide, across our local area, nationally and internationally as well. Thought was given to how this venture and the creative output of BiG KIDS could become a permanent feature of the charity's resources.

Finances remained reasonably strong considering the face-to-face work had mostly stopped due to covid and national restrictions. Almost all regular givers continued to support the charity, though fundraiser events had to stop, one-off donations were less frequent and income from activities was obviously less than it would have been if people had been allowed to meet in person. We were extremely thankful for all those individuals and churches that continued to give money and support the work of BiG KIDS throughout this challenging year.

Trustees Meetings moved online via Zoom, where virtual reports were given. Support was offered to the team, and discussions included thoughts on how best to support churches and schools both through the pandemic and afterwards, as well as how the charity could increase income to further the reach and strengthen the output in new fields.

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Finance Statement @ 31st March 2020			
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Income			
Grants		2,205	-
Donations		21,594	12,083
Regular Giving		11,969	12,722
Gift Aid		3,552	3,033
Activity / Events		1,682	2,009
Fund Raising		159	156
Gap Year Fees		-	-
Bank Interest		56	15
Loans		-	-
TOTAL INCOME		41,216	30,018
Expenditure			
Payroll		29,700	36,450
Staff Expenses		896	-
Activity Cost		2,684	944
Publicity		156	-
Insurance		261	277
Admin incl P&S		24	120
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		33,721	37,791
NET INCOME		7,496	(7,773)
		38,589	30,816
Closing Bank Balances			
Community Account		2,162	862
Business Money Manager		36,427	29,954
TOTAL BANK BALANCES		38,589	30,816

Examined and Verified by Gary Cox (Independent Examiner)

GARY COX

22nd April 2021