

BiG KIDS Annual Report (Year Ending 31st March 2023)

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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4th May 2023

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