

## BIG KIDS Annual Report – Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

<b>Big Kids</b>		
<b>Finance Statement @ 31st March 2025</b>		
	April 2023 - March 2024	April 2024 - March 2025
<b>Income</b>		
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	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>67,134</b>	<b>78,679</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
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
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>69,117</b>	<b>77,560</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(1,983)</b>	<b>1,119</b>
	<b>24,447</b>	<b>25,568</b>
<b>Closing Bank Balances</b>		
Community Account	2,027	2,645
Business Money Manager	22,421	22,923
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**Examined and Verified by Gary Cox (Independent Examiner)**

**GARY COX**

**4<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Big Kids for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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