

Send a Child to Hucklow Fund

50th Anniversary Year

Charity No. 271585

Website: www.sendachildtohucklow.org.uk

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Annual Report
2011
&
Appeal 2012

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A Trust to arrange and administer holidays at the Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow, for disadvantaged children, having no regard to religion, race or creed.

In Memoriam Gifts and Legacies

Anne Harris
Trevor Jones
Philip Overbury
Maurice Pocock
Henry Charles Thomas Poynton

These gifts total £897, and this amount has been added to the ***In Memoriam*** Capital Account.

We have received a legacy this year from
Sir Cyril Smith

This gift totals £500, and this amount has been added to the Capital Account. The interest from this account is used entirely for the holidays.

The Trustees of the Fund are very grateful to generous donors, and to people who remember the Fund in their wills. A legacy leaflet is available.

“Send a Child” holidays –
“Far-off magic” brought close!

2011 Holidays

Thanks to the continued support of so many generous people, the Fund was able to provide holidays in the Derbyshire countryside in 2011 to groups of children from Mansfield, Nottingham, Manchester, the Wigan area, Birmingham and Liverpool.

Comment from the children

*"...Thank you for the lovely food it was delicious, especially the breath-taking chocolate cake..." *** "...beautiful rooms...and...the showers were nice and posh." *** "We loved our walk with Jim, even though it was very long!"*

From a leader

"... seeing disadvantaged children have a smile on their face all week and have the opportunity to play safely with no home worries"

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Appeal 2011-12

Anniversary Year Target

*****£50,000*****

Ways to give... are many and varied

Single donations # Monthly standing orders

Bequests # Donations "In Memoriam"

online via our website: www.sendachildtohucklow.org.uk

Fundraisers...

Coffee Morning Concert

Special Collections – Christmas, Lent, Harvest

Birthday/Anniversary gifts in lieu of presents on that "special" day

Celebrating that promotion "Thanksgiving" for **your** own holiday

Gifts of "residual" shares Register with "easyfundraising"

Some of the children who have enjoyed holidays at Great Hucklow take part in fund-raising activities in their own schools and groups.

We encourage UK taxpayers to "**Gift Aid**" donations, allowing the Fund to reclaim tax and thus increase the value of the donation.

All gifts are used for holidays except for legacies and gifts "*In Memoriam*", which are put into a Capital Account.
The interest from this account is used for the holidays.

Your generosity will help us to help more children enjoy a country holiday.

Thank you

**To everyone who helps to change a child's life
The Centre Staff at Great Hucklow
The Staff and Drivers of Andrew's Coach Company
All the leaders
Our donors and fund-raisers**



**...and not forgetting the Children themselves,
who often give as much as they receive.
Where are these '70s kids now...?!**

**The Golden Jubilee Appeal is now happening -
Look out for special presentations
at the Keele GA Meetings!**

Secretary's Report 2010-11

In 2011 we provided **11 weeks of holidays** at the Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow for children from the area around Wigan, Mansfield, Nottingham, Manchester, Birmingham (a new group with a London SACH leader from way back!), and five groups from Liverpool. For the first time we had a group in the month of October. One group, who in the past have had leadership problems, had to cancel as they felt they couldn't guarantee sufficient leadership cover; another could not take up our offer due to reorganisation in the wake of funding cuts, illustrating the often stretched situation in which our client groups have to operate. We sympathise. *** 11 weeks are anticipated for 2012. *** We welcome hearing of contact made by Unitarian groups with possible candidate groups of kids, from primary schools, community youth groups, or others; it would be gratifying to increase our geographical spread.

Responses from groups, including the participating children, always make interesting reading! Leaders are most positive in their remarks, often citing the helpfulness of the Nightingale Centre staff members, and the service received from Andrew's Coaches.

The **SACH Jubilee in 2012** preparations have progressed well, and I wish to pay tribute to the energy and creativity of my fellow members in "The Gang of Four" planning group, Trustees Rev Derek and Pauline Smith and Dr Judith Short, who met in March 2011. A special full meeting of Trustees was held in May 2011. As I write this, October, a celebratory package has been circulated to all Unitarian congregations and congregational leaders containing Anniversary Posters, Appeal leaflets, samples of the previously circulated "Kids" and Legacy leaflets, and a Celebratory Worship Service. We hope all will make use of these, and do something on our behalf. If you have not had them, please get copies from me. Our warm thanks are due to the "envelope stuffing team" who gathered at Altrincham to collate the sendout. Why there? The Fund had its origin in Altrincham when Rev Peter Godfrey was minister of the congregation there. *** We hope that even if folk feel they cannot raise money for us, though even token amounts will be welcome(!), they will **celebrate** a resounding Unitarian social responsibility achievement through which some thousands of disadvantaged children have now had an ameliorating experience. *** We shall be making special presentations at the Unitarian General Assembly Meetings in Keele in April 2012.

Information about the fund, and description of its history and Hucklow antecedents, can be found on our own **Website**: www.sendachildtohucklow.org.uk. Donations from the UK can now be made on-line. We again thank Shaun Case of Underbank Chapel, Stannington, Sheffield for maintaining this. The Fund is also listed on the Charity Commission-sponsored website, www.guidestar.org.uk.

Our warmest **thanks**, as always, go to the many people who have given help to the Fund during the past year: to Centre Manager, Stella Burney; to Mr Paul Andrew and the Andrew's firm coach drivers; the leaders and helpers of all the holidays; the Officers and Trustees of the Fund. *** Our grateful thanks are due also to the many folk who continue to support us financially, to make possible the continuation of the holidays, so well received. *** My personal thanks once again go to Chairman, Peter Godfrey, and the Fund's

Treasurer, David Ogden. *** We record our thanks too to Chris Goacher as Donations Treasurer, pursuing vital if mundane work on our behalf.

We have again sought **awareness of the Fund** through the Unitarian denominational press; and at the General Assembly meetings, though a feature in *GA Zette*. *** *The Inquirer* Editor kindly gave space in the letters column to the Treasurer's plea for a Fund Raiser, and we are delighted that **Sue Cooper** in Beverley has agreed to assist us in approaching large organisations. *** The ways in which funds are raised on our behalf by individuals and congregations remain varied: several non-Unitarian groups visiting the Centre have on their own initiative, prompted by Stella's information as to Send a Child(!), offered contributions: thank you all. *** I am due next month to offer to the York congregation a service illustrated with pictures, with an Advent theme. They are to make full use of the occasion for local publicity purposes. *** Thanks to you all once again some 200 young people have been able to savour the, still special, "Far-off Magic" of Hucklow.

Ernest Baker: October 2011

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30th September 2011

I am pleased to be able to report that we have been able to pay for holidays for 11 groups of children this year. We received a total of £28,762 in donations, including £644 online through our new Virgin Money Giving account. That is 10% more than the previous year. Thank you to all our supporters.

While the income from donations did increase, once again, we had to sell some shares to have sufficient cash to pay for all of the holidays. This is not a problem, as we still have substantial investments and their value only changed marginally as a result of stock market fluctuations last year.

On an income and expenditure basis, our outgoings exceeded our income by £25,770. This is almost exactly the same as last year.

Using the basis preferred by the Charity Commissioners. Our deficit was £29,000 compared to £13,700 last year. This figure reflects changes in share prices, which have little impact unless we are selling shares.

I would like to mention the generous donations from the trustees of Mr & Mrs AER Goulty's Charity, the Joseph and Ann Slater Memorial Fund, the Dagney Raymond Charitable Trust and James Henry Blake's Charity. We received money from Share Gift, which accepts unwanted shares, amalgamates them into holdings worth selling and then gives the money to charity. We also received donations from Sutton Freemasons and Mansfield Lodge.

We received donations from a number of individuals and congregations. Year after year, I see the same names and we do appreciate the regular donations.

We received a legacy of £500 from the estate of Sir Cyril Smith, a longstanding supporter of the Fund. We received £897 in donations in memory of Anne Harris, Trevor Jones, Philip Overbury, Maurice Pocock and Henry Poynton.

There have been more special occasions and events where we have received donations in lieu of the people celebrating receiving gifts. Happy birthday to Celia Cartwright. We have

also raised money by selling CDs of music by Trevor Jones collated by John Hewerdine. Some are still available – contact the Secretary.

Our expenses have been higher this year as we have been preparing for the 50th anniversary celebration and major fund raising effort. We have had two meetings of the trustees and we have spent money on publicity, including distributing material across the Unitarian movement.

I would like to thank Chris Goacher for his help through the year. Chris receives and pays in hundreds of donations and looks after all the day-to-day administration. I would also like to thank Mike Georgiou for auditing the accounts once again.

In spite of the deficit this year, the fund is still in a healthy financial position. We can still afford to pay for at least eleven weeks' holiday next year.

We raised over £28,000 this year. As has been widely publicised, 2011-12 is our golden jubilee year. We have been offered matching funds up to £50,000 and I am sure that, with everyone's support, we will be able to reach that target.

Fund raising notes

We are always looking for ways of raising more money and, where possible, making it easy for people to give money to the Send a Child to Hucklow Fund.

Last year, we set up a link for online donations via Virgin Money Giving. You can access that through the home page of the website. Including Gift Aid (which Virgin claims on our behalf) we raised £644.

If you are doing an event and you can get sponsorship, then you can set up your own Virgin Money Giving page and your sponsorship can be directed to the Fund. Contact me if you need help.

Some people have accounts with Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). You can give directly online from your CAF account. When looking for a charity, quote the keyword "Hucklow".

The Fund is now registered as a "good cause" with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). You can use this link: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sendachildtohucklowfund/> or access the site through our website and find the fund using the keyword "Hucklow". The Fund receives a small percentage of what you spend when you shop online at no extra cost to you.

There are companies who give to charities and trusts that make donations to organisations like the Send a Child to Hucklow Fund. Following an appeal in *the Inquirer*, Sue Cooper has volunteered to help with our golden jubilee fund raising effort. If you know of a company or trust and need help in approaching them on our behalf, Sue will be able to help. Contact me for Sue's details. She has already had some success, but it takes a lot of effort and I appreciate the amount of time Sue is devoting to the Fund.

David Ogden: October 2011

Ways for YOU to help!



Display the Anniversary Poster! Involve the kids!

Projected Holiday Dates for 2012

Mon 26 - Fri 30 March	4 nights	Liverpool
Mon 2 - Fri 6 April	4 nights	Hull
Tues 10 - Fri 13 April	3 nights	"Aim Higher": Wigan
Mon 14 - Fri 18 May	4 nights	t b a
Mon 21 - Fri 25 May	4 nights	Nottingham
Wed 6 - Fri 8 June	2 nights	Hinckley
Mon 18 - Fri 22 June	4 nights	Mansfield
Mon 9 - 13 July	4 nights	Towcester
Mon 30 July - Fri 3 Aug	4 nights	Southend
Mon 13 - Fri 17 Aug	4 nights	Manchester
Tues 28 - Fri 31 Aug	3 nights	Birmingham
Mon 10 - Fri 14 Sept	4 nights	Liverpool

A donation of **£250** pays for a much-needed holiday for one child in a group.
Sponsor a UK child now, in the way you might support one in the third world
Needs are diverse...
single parent family: parent in prison:
refugee status: "special needs"...

Donation Form

I enclose a cheque for £..... as a personal donation to
The Send a Child to Hucklow Fund

(Cheques payable to: "Send a Child to Hucklow")

FULL Name:

Address:

Post code:

Signed:

Date:

Please treat (a) the enclosed donation
(b) all donations I make after 6 April 2000
as **Gift Aid** donation(s) and reclaim the tax *

[Delete (a) and/or (b) if not applicable – if you do not pay tax, are making a donation on behalf of a group, or you do not wish us to reclaim the tax].

** You must pay income tax or capital gains tax equal to the tax that we reclaim on your donations (25p for every £1 that you give).*

Please send to: Rev Chris Goacher, Donations Treasurer,
SACH, 19 Demontfort Road, Hinckley, Leics. LE10 1LQ

Or donate on line, via the website:

www.sendachildtohucklow.org.uk



SACH Chair, Rev Peter Godfrey and GA President, Rev Ann Peart help at the Altrincham envelope-stuffing session prior to the Anniversary mail-shot



A SACH holiday some time ago.....smiles continue through the years!