

Send a Child to Hucklow Fund

Charity No. 271585
www.sendachildtohucklow.org.uk

Annual Report 2016 & Appeal 2017

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

**Broadening horizons -
Changing lives!**

In Memoriam Gifts and Legacies

During 2015-16 gifts were received in memory of

**Sylvia & Stan Bateman
Brenda Beales
Elaine Bentley
Mary Burns
Maureen Cassidy
Norman Chart
Anne Eyre
Sheila Farrell
Lilian Hodgson
Edward Jones
Joan Kereki
Sheila Latta
June Midgley
John Roberts
David Skelton
Eric Wild
Roddie Wilkie
Rev Pat Womersley**

These gifts total £3,837, and this amount has been added to the *in memoriam* Capital Account.

We have not received any legacies this year.

Any such are added to the Capital Account. The income 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.

**This year our
Appeal raised £55,000**

The continued support for yet another post-50th Anniversary Appeal year has encouraged us all! Many thanks!

Trusts and other charitable organisations: We are very grateful to the many Trusts and other organisations, both Unitarian and other, supporting our activity. These include:

Brethren of Notts Conclave 166, Dagny Raymond Trust, Elliott Masonic Lodge 8569, Joseph & Ann Slater Memorial Fund, the Leonard Chamberlain Trust, Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire, Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, South Birmingham Friends Institute Trust and the Zochonis Charitable Trust.

(If we have inadvertently missed someone out, please accept our apologies and heartfelt thanks).

Special mention: very generous donations were received from at least two individuals; three District Associations; and two Unitarian congregations. We have received another tranche of our 50th fund-raising doubling. Sales of the *Faith & Freedom* calendar, which includes SACH pictures, benefit us too. And then there was a 6-year old's savings...!

Sponsorships: none this year, again; we always live in hope!

Events: You are all so imaginative! - gifts at a child naming ceremony; “*0-up” birthday gifts; Golden Wedding anniversary; Carol-singing; Christmas Services, Coffee Mornings and...preaching fees!

Our 2016-2017 Target

***** £50,000 again! *****

The Holidays!

In 2016, thanks to your continued support, the Fund could provide holidays in the Derbyshire countryside for groups of children from Mansfield, Nottingham, Accrington, Rotherham, Southend-on-Sea, Manchester, Birmingham and Liverpool.

Comment from the children

Can we stay here forever?

I liked the caves because we learned lots of knowledge even though we were on holiday

If I could change one thing it would probably be the weather...the rest was very enjoyable

From leaders

"They had experiences they wouldn't usually get... just loved the drive to our visits, seeing the beautiful Derbyshire countryside, sheep, cows, pheasants, and the squeals of excitement at seeing a squirrel; things that we just take for granted...the independence of being away without their family - they had to be responsible for their clothes, toiletries, ensuring their rooms were tidy, beds were made, etc. They had to decide what clothes would be suitable for the visits...the holiday also gave...an opportunity to apply key skills we teach in school: showing consideration, respect (towards each other, property and members of the public we encountered), listening, team work, resilience and communicating, to name a few."

Projected Weeks for 2017

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|----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 27 Feb – 3 Mar | Liverpool tba | 30 May – 2 June | Manchester |
| 8-10 March | Liverpool | 19-21 / 26-28 June | Nottingham |
| 13-17 March | Liverpool | 10-14 July | Accrington |
| 20-24 March | tba | 17-21 July | Mansfield |
| 27-31 March | Accrington | 31 July – 4 Aug | Southend |
| 3-7 April | tba | 14-18 August | Liverpool tba |
| 10-13 April | Birmingham | 29 Aug – 1 Sept | Liverpool |

Donations made easy...

... the choice is yours!

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

Post your donation to the Donations Treasurer using the form on page 11. Don't forget to Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK Taxpayer. If you have raised funds by having an event or adventure, please do send us some details. Sue would love to hear from you and send you a "Certificate of Thanks" for display.

Raise funds with the click of a mouse at www.easyfundraising.org.uk. If you go to your favourite on-line stores via easyfundraising, after selecting Send a Child to Hucklow as your preferred charity, your shopping will generate funds for SACH at no extra cost to yourself (1% to 2.5%). Why not give it a try for your Christmas shopping?

easyfundraising
.org.uk

If you have a Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) account, you can donate directly online by quoting the keyword "Hucklow".

Help us find more **companies or Trusts** who may be willing to support SACH. If you are aware of any local organisations whom you could approach on our behalf, please contact Sue Cooper for assistance.

We have some items for sale, with all proceeds going to SACH:

CD : "We're Folk and We're singing!": UYPL Drama Festival 1965/UYPL Regional

Rally at Great Hucklow 1968 - "2LPs on 1 CD!": suggested donation £7 (p&p free!)

CD : "Trevor & Sheila (Jones) at the Wythenshawe Folk Club" (in the '60s) - £5 (+ postage)

CD : "The Unitarian Music Society sings 'Trial by Jury'" - £5 (+ postage)

"Post Script" - Poems by Keith Gilly, Illustrated by Judy Gilley - £5 (+ postage)

"Christianity, community and social concern: a history of the Liverpool Domestic Mission Society from 1836": Parts 1 and 2: by SACH Trustee, R J Ash - £10 each (+ postage).

Please contact the Hon. Secretary for more details.

A donation of **£350** pays for a much-needed holiday for one child in a group.
Needs are diverse...single parent family: parent in prison:
young carer:

Secretary's Report 2015-16

The Holidays In the financial year 2015-16 we have provided a record **16 weeks** of holidays at the Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow for children from Mansfield, Nottingham, Manchester, Birmingham, Accrington (2 groups, one of them a new group), Southend-on-Sea, and Rotherham, and groups from Liverpool. This probably represents a natural top limit. It may be necessary to cut back this number slightly for 2017.

Responses from the groups, leaders and children are positive and underline the value of the breaks we provide. Particular plaudits were offered to the Andrews coach drivers. As is often the case we have received a number of donations from visiting groups to the Centre alongside SACH weeks. There are sometimes difficulties, not insurmountable, which are nevertheless illustrative of the need for high-quality commitment and sensibility from leaders in organisations themselves under pressure.

Our **Fund-raising** again has held up, donations having increased on last year's slightly lower total. However, as noted last year, we are coming to the end of certain regular donations. We again applaud the variety of ways in which folk raise money for us. Derek Smith's Service is still available for congregational use in a special SACH Service. Some lay folk kindly donate their Preaching Fees. I can still travel with my "SACH History Slideshow" Service: all my preaching fee on these occasions goes to SACH.

Information about the Fund A description of the fund's history and Hucklow antecedents, and how to donate (with Gift Aid as appropriate), including on-line from the UK, can be found on our **Website**: www.sendachildtohucklow.org.uk. We thank John Wilkinson once again for the website maintenance. The Fund is also listed on the Charity Commission-sponsored website, www.guidestar.org.uk.

At the time of writing Send a Child is actively exploring the pros and cons of converting to CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) status.

At the **Unitarian General Assembly meetings**, we again had our Stall, featuring Dr Judith Short's artistic "bookfold" creations to be made to order, and we auctioned a cricket ball signed by Joe Root. We raised some £240. *GA Zette* offered us the usual helpful plug. Our thanks are again due to our Donations Treasurer-cum-"**fund-chaser**", **Sue Catts (Cooper)** in approaching various Fund-giving bodies both Unitarian and non-Unitarian, as and when an opportunity emerges or presents itself.

We still do need a "**Fund Raiser**" to take this challenging work forward, pursuing contact with trusts and companies which might "work" with us.

Groups of **Visitors to the Centre** itself, Unitarian and non-Unitarian, as mentioned above, again feature in our list of donors: thank you all.

Out and about The Hon. Secretary was delighted to be invited to share a session on SACH at the **Ministers' Conference** at the Centre in September, as part of the theme of "Tender Bridges" - our Unitarian "love in action".

Group Leaders' Gathering A project long in the conceptual eye of Stella Burney, Nightingale Centre manager, finally came to pass earlier this month. About a dozen leaders of SACH groups responded to an invitation, at their own organisations' expense, to the Centre to share ideas, experience, good practice; to hear a presentation from Stella about expectations and aims from the Centre's point of view; suggested activities in line with SACH philosophy; and domestic matters, together with background information from me, including my personal "anecdote" of helping on a SACH week some 40 and more years ago. My personal impression was of a good and mutually helpful atmosphere - and perhaps the dispelling of some myths!

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 Russell Andrew (he is the 4th generation in the company!) and the Andrew's 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 much appreciated holidays. My personal thanks yet again go fellow officers of the Fund, Chairman, Peter Hewis, the Fund's Treasurer, David Ogden, and Donations Treasurer, Sue Catts.

Thanks to you all, once again over **300 young people** have been able to enjoy the special "Far-off Magic" of Great Hucklow. We know it makes a difference to young lives - "Broadening Horizons".

A personal note Whilst the business of SACH continues as inspiration and motivation, this year I have felt unable to be as proactive as I should like; the old horse is increasingly getting ready to be put out to grass, methinks. Watch out, I am casting round for my successor! As Secretary, I regularly get in my e-mails, invitations to expensive day conferences about government action to combat exploitation of children, and the mental health of students: chastening reminders. We never spend your money on my, or anyone else's, attending such, I hasten to add! I am, rather, gratified to think we offer an essential, if small, practical counter to this abomination in our present society.

Ernest Baker: October 2016

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30th September 2016

As Ernest says in his Secretary's report, we provided a record 16 weeks' holidays in 2015-16. The total cost of the holidays was almost £99,000.

The need for holidays is clear, but we probably cannot sustain this level of activity. Donations were £4,500 higher than last year, at £55,000. Thank you very much to everyone who made a donation.

However, we did have to sell some of our investments as our expenditure exceeded our income by almost £35,000. Using the Charity Commission's method, the figure was approximately £26,000 because we made a profit of £2,500 on the investments that we sold and the value of our remaining investments rose by over £6,000.

We are grateful for all donations. I would, however, like to thank a number of people and organisations: Brethren of Notts Conclave 166, Dagny Raymond Trust, Elliott Masonic Lodge 8569, Joseph & Ann Slater Memorial Fund, the Leonard Chamberlain Trust, Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire, Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, South Birmingham Friends Institute Trust and the Zochonis Charitable Trust.

These generous donations from charitable trusts and Masonic lodges added up to £15,000 and I believe there are other groups out there who would make donations if they knew that the Send a Child to Hucklow Fund needed the money. Our recent overspending highlights more than ever the need to find an Appeals Treasurer, who will write to trusts and groups appealing for donations. This can be a tough job, as many groups say "no" or do not even respond, but that makes it all the more satisfying when donations do arrive. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sue Catts or me.

Some congregations have special collections and invite people to gift aid their donations, we have also had donations in lieu of birthday and Christmas presents and some lay preachers have donated their preaching fees. May I remind you about Easyfundraising? When you shop online, many shops will give a small percentage of the cost to the Fund at no extra cost to you. After a couple of reminders, we actually raised more last year than the year before from Easyfundraising. Text giving has yet to take off, but we will continue to offer it as it does not cost the Fund anything.

We lost a number of supporters this year. We received gifts in memory of a number of them, as can be seen in the special list. Legacies and gifts in memoriam are invested to provide long term income to pay for holidays. However, from time to time, we have to draw on these reserves to cover the deficit on holidays.

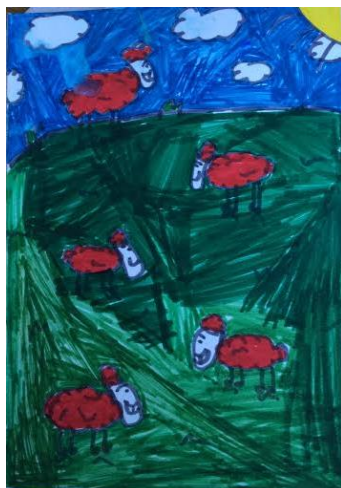
My thanks as always to Sue Catts, the Donations Treasurer, and Mike Georgiou, the Auditor.

Finally, I would like to propose that we keep our fundraising target at £50,000 for the next year. As our 50th anniversary fades into history, it becomes more difficult to maintain the momentum, but the need is as great as ever and I am
David Ogden
November 2016



"Texts are charged at your mobile phone operator's standard rate. The charity will receive 100% of your donation. You must be 16 or over and please ask the bill payer's permission. For full terms and conditions and more information, please visit www.justgiving.com/info/terms-of-service."

See our stall display at the next Unitarian GA Meetings in Birmingham!



Thanks
To everyone who helps to change a child's life!

Income and Expenditure Account

for the year ended 30th September 2016

| 2014-15 | | 2015-16 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| £ | INCOME | £ |
| 49,051.69 | Donations | 54,509.19 |
| 1,640.72 | Online donations | 685.64 |
| <u>50,692.41</u> | | <u>55,194.83</u> |
| 8,867.93 | Interest and dividends | 8,752.26 |
| 1,908.40 | Income tax reclaimed | 1,693.25 |
| 249.11 | Easyfundraising and text giving | 255.17 |
| 5,000.00 | Other income | |
| <u>66,717.85</u> | Total income | <u>65,895.51</u> |
| | EXPENDITURE | |
| 218.89 | Holidays: | |
| | Insurance | 226.12 |
| 46,112.00 | Accommodation | 56,454.00 |
| 32,910.00 | Transport | 37,800.00 |
| 3,840.00 | Other expenses | 4,480.00 |
| <u>83,080.89</u> | | <u>98,960.12</u> |
| 1,440.53 | Administration | 927.34 |
| 665.35 | Publicity | 860.35 |
| 5,000.00 | Other expenditure | |
| <u>90,186.77</u> | Total expenditure | <u>100,747.81</u> |
| -23,468.92 | Surplus (deficit) for the year | -34,852.30 |
| <u>66,717.85</u> | | <u>65,895.51</u> |

In memoriam

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|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|---------------|
| | £ | Lilian Hodgson | 170 |
| Sylvia & Stan Bateman | 10 | Edward Jones | 363 |
| Brenda Beales | 25 | Joan Kereki | 10 |
| Elaine Bentley | 400 | Sheila Latta | 385 |
| Mary Burns | 365 | June Midgley | 200 |
| Maureen Cassidy | 10 | John Roberts | 185 |
| Norman Chart | 499 | David Skelton | 610 |
| Anne Eyre | 20 | Eric Wild | 160 |
| Sheila Farrell | 10 | Roddie Wilkie | 30 |
| Keith Gilley | 100 | Rev Pat Womersley | 285 |
| | | | <u>£3,837</u> |

Please send donations to the Donations Treasurer:

The Send a Child to Hucklow Fund
Sue Catts
8 Woodland Drive,
Beverley
HU17 8BZ

I enclose a personal donation of £.....

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made

Today in the past 4 years in the future

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply. Do not tick a box 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.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

From

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| Post Code | e-mail |
| Signed | Date |

If you require a receipt, please tick this box



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



Reg Ash, long-standing Trustee, celebrates his 90th birthday at the SACH Annual Trustees' Meeting

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