

## Derby Kids' Camp



### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 12<sup>th</sup> September 2008 (Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008).

The trustees of Derby Kids' Camp are pleased to present their Annual Report for the 07/08 period, together with their financial statements for the charity for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

#### Reference and administrative details:

Charity Number: 510785

Registered Office: 14 Lynmouth Drive, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 9HN

Auditors: Derby Community Accountancy Service, Babington Lodge, 128 Green Lane, Derby, DE1 1RY.

Bankers: NatWest Bank, 58 St. Peters Street, Derby, DE1 1RX.

Trustees and Officers: The Management Committee of the charity are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the Committee.

The Trustees serving for the year were as follows:

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| Chairman:            | C Edwards             |
| Vice Chair:          | M Edwards             |
| Secretary:           | E Johnson             |
| Treasurer:           | P Kay                 |
| Camp Organiser:      | P McCann              |
| Volunteer Organiser: | K Thomas              |
| Fundraising Officer: | D Thomas              |
| Equipment Officer:   | N Thomas              |
| Publicity Officer:   | L Davison             |
| Volunteers' Rep.:    | A Dearden & W Gresham |

In addition, the non-Trustee post of Child Welfare Officer was held by H McCann.

#### Governing Document:

Derby Kids' Camp is governed by its Trustee and Members' Manual (last issue date May 2008) and is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

'Members' are accepted if they have helped on a DKC summer holiday, on a fundraising event or have actively helped with the Group's activities. (Note, however, that a 'Member' will not automatically be accepted as a 'Volunteer Helper' on the holidays, see below).

#### Appointment of Committee:

As set out in the DKC Trustee and Members' Manual, the Committee will consist of a minimum of seven members (mandatory posts), plus an additional 3 (optional posts). Committee members will be elected annually by the Charity's members at the AGM. All members are circulated with invitations to nominate trustees prior to the AGM, advising them of retiring Committee members and requesting nominations prior to the AGM.

#### Recruitment and Acceptance of Volunteers:

As a 100% volunteer-run organisation, volunteers are essential to the running and continued success of the charity and our holidays.

The stringent recruitment and acceptance procedures of volunteers to staff the holidays are set out in the Trustee and Members' Manual. This process concentrates on the absolute requirement for CRB checks at least every two years, acceptable references and face-to-face interviews with applicants by a Camp Leader or Volunteer Organiser.

### **Objectives and Activities:**

Derby Kids' Camp is a 100% volunteer-run charity committed to providing free holidays for Derby's most deserving young children.

With community and private sector help and the support of approximately 130 volunteers each year, these children benefit from what may be their only opportunity of a holiday this year - enjoying an exciting, fun, free break in the great outdoors. Holidays are based on the countryside, exercise, games and crafts-based activities which ensure a great break whilst also developing their social skills and knowledge of the wider world.

Enjoying walks, fossil hunts, nature trails, sports days and talent nights on camp, as well as trips out to local attractions and campfires at night; there is always an event or activity to suit the most lively, to the most sensitive of children and bring out their best qualities.

Derby Kids' Camp holidays help to provide a much-needed break for disadvantaged children, children who will benefit from social or personal development or to provide a respite period for parents or carers.

The children invited on DKC holidays are nominated by the Derby City schools and Social Services, rather than chosen by ourselves. Each school is given a number of children's places and their nominations are based on those children they feel would most benefit from a holiday.

### **Achievements and Performance:**

During the 07/08 period, DKC successfully ran five weeks' of Summer Camp, plus two additional weekend holidays.

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| Summer Camp Leaders: | Week 1 -              | P McCann                       |
|                      | Week 2 -              | C Edwards                      |
|                      | Week 3 -              | E Mitchell                     |
|                      | Week 4 -              | H McCann                       |
|                      | Week 5 -              | K Thomas                       |
|                      | Weekend Camp Leaders- | P McCann, C Edwards, M Parrish |

The total number of children who benefited from a week's holiday during Summer Camp was 238. 22 children also received a break during the two Weekend Camps held at Erddig YH and Back Dane. These holidays were supported by the hard work and kindness of 130 volunteers.

This year Derby Kids' Camp celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, calculating that over these years the organisation had so far provided well in excess of 5000 holidays.

In addition, this year saw the development of a partnership agreement with Beasley Trust, where DKC volunteers will organise and run an additional series of 6 Beasley Trust-funded Weekend Holidays (to be undertaken in the period 2008/09).

### **Financial Review:**

Detailed information on the Derby Kids' Camp finances for 07/08 are included in the Audited Accounts.

The end of the year saw a good financial position, thanks to strong fundraising activities and grant applications which resulted in a number of key funding streams for the year.

Significant donations and fundraising activities included:

- Nomination by BBC Radio Derby as a recipient of their 'Money Mountain Appeal' (resulting in the purchase this year of two new, replacement Marquees)
- Derby Scouts' 'Stamp & Deliver' Appeal raising £1500
- 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 'Nags & Nachos' celebrations raising £1500
- 'Team EverFocus' cycle through France raising £2400
- Lodge of Accord raising £2000
- Spondon Relief in Need sponsoring 15 children (to the sum of £1500)
- The Edgar Lawley Foundation donating £1750
- ...plus the hard work and many activities of the fundraising team, DKC members, local businesses and local public who continue to provide their essential support.

### **Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements:**

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure financial statements which comply with the Charity Commission requirements.

**Derby Kids' Camp Annual Report**  
**By order of the Committee.**

**C Edwards (Chairman)**  
**21 October 2008**