

# Derby Kids' Camp



## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 (Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009).

The trustees of Derby Kids' Camp are pleased to present their Annual Report for the 08/09 period, together with their financial statements for the charity for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

### 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:

Chairman:	C Edwards
Vice Chair:	M Owen
Secretary:	L Appleby
Treasurer:	D Wheldon
Camp Organiser:	P McCann
Volunteer Organiser:	M Edwards & A Jervis
Fundraising Officer:	D Thomas
Equipment Officer:	P Kay
Publicity Officer:	T Whitelam
Volunteers' Rep.:	L Webb & E Rogers

In addition, the non-Trustee posts of Child Welfare Officer was held by H McCann and Medical Officer held by R Bradley.

(Trustees Note: Where a Trustee post is shared by 2 or more people, they are only entitled to the one vote between them).

### Governing Document:

Derby Kids' Camp is governed by its Trustee and Members' Manual (last issue date February 2009) 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 and have expressed desire to join. (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 / Member of the Management Committee.

### **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 150 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 experiencing 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 to 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 due to financial, social or family issues. In some cases we believe that by providing a child with a holiday can be of significant benefit not only to the child, but also to the wider family unit.

### **Achievements and Performance:**

During the 08/09 period, DKC successfully ran five weeks' of Summer Camp, plus six additional weekend holidays.

Summer Camp Leaders:	Week 1 -	P McCann / W Gresham
	Week 2 -	A Campbell / H McCann
	Week 3 -	K Thomas
	Week 4 -	E Mitchell
	Week 5 -	C Edwards
	Weekend Camp Leaders -	C Edwards, M Edwards, E Johnson, A Campbell, M Brierley

The total number of children who benefited from a week's holiday during Summer Camp was 235. 60 children also received a break during the six Weekend Camps held at Back Dane and Gradbach. This year working in partnership with Beasley Trust Back Dane, we were able for the first time to support Derby Young Carers and included young carers on two of the Back Dane weekends – providing them with a short break (as opposed to a full week of Summer Camp which they and/or their supported family would find hard to manage). These holidays were supported by the hard work and kindness of approximately 150 volunteers.

Following the development of our partnership agreement with Beasley Trust, we were extremely pleased with the results and were happy to achieve our targeted 6 weekend breaks during the year. In addition, at a Beasley Trust meeting held in September and attended by DKC Chairman C Edwards, this agreement was confirmed to continue for the 09/10 period, again targeting 6 weekends for the year.

### **Volunteer Numbers:**

The year saw an unusually high number of volunteer applications at a very early stage in the year. This resulted in a situation unique to DKC's history of all 5 weeks of Summer Camp having a full complement of volunteers and actually having to turn applications down due to maximum numbers being achieved.

### **Financial Review:**

Detailed information on the Derby Kids' Camp finances for 08/09 are included in the Audited Accounts.

Though the end of the year saw a good financial position, income was down this year due to a reduction in donations from trusts, external fundraising activities, etc.

However, some significant funding streams were confirmed for the following 09/10 period, due to successful pitches such as Westfield Derby's Charity of the Year and as one of the Mayor of Derby's main charities of the year. Both will provide significant financial support for the year 09/10.

Significant donations and fundraising activities for 08/09 period included:

- DKC's 'Chips & Whippets' social event £2100
- Lodge of Accord raising £1675
- Spondon Relief in Need funded 16 children (to the sum of £1500)
- The Edgar Lawley Foundation donating £1700
- St James Place Foundation £1000
- The Henry Smith Charity £2000
- ...plus the hard work and many activities of the fundraising team, DKC members, local businesses and local people 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)  
27 October 2009**