

Derby Kids' Camp



Report of the Trustees for the year ended 15th October 2010 (Financial Year ended 31st March 2010).

The trustees of Derby Kids' Camp are pleased to present their Annual Report for the 09/10 period, together with their financial statements for the charity for the year ending 31st 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:	E Mitchell
Secretary:	S Murfin
Treasurer:	D Wheldon
Camp Organiser:	N Thomas / K Thomas
Volunteer Organiser:	M Edwards
Fundraising Officer:	D Thomas
Equipment Officer:	P Kay
Publicity Officer:	T Whitelam
Volunteers' Rep.:	L Webb, E Rogers, R Marples

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

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

Patrons of the Charity: Councillor Roy Webb and Councillor Sean Marshall

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 many 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 09/10 period, DKC successfully ran five weeks' of Summer Camp, plus six additional weekend holidays.

Summer Camp Leaders:	Week 1 -	P McCann
	Week 2 -	C Edwards
	Week 3 -	E Mitchell
	Week 4 -	H McCann
	Week 5 -	S Murfin
	Weekend Camp Leaders -	C Edwards, M Edwards, E Johnson, E Mitchell, S Murfin, D Thomas

Due to the unusually high numbers of Summer Camp volunteer applications in 2010, this year we were able to increase the number of children benefiting from a holiday to the maximum capacity of camp. Therefore, we were very pleased to provide a total number 250 children with a free holiday during the five weeks of summer camp.

In addition, 60 children also received a break during the six Weekend holidays held at Back Dane cottage. These additional weekend breaks were made possible thanks to our ongoing partnership with Beasley Trust Back Dane. We were again able to support Derby Young Carers (via Action for Children) 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).

Volunteer Numbers:

For the second year running we were astounded by the unprecedented high numbers of Summer Camp volunteer applicants this year. This resulted applications being closed early in the year, 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 09/10 are included in the Audited Accounts.

The financial year ending 31 March 2010 ended with the Charity in a strong financial position, due in no small part to our nominations as The Mayor of Derby's Charity of the Year and also Charity of the Year for Westfield Derby (supported by commercial radio station RAM FM).

These opportunities raised in excess of £16000 during this financial year – hugely important to our financial position in the current economic climate and also providing strong publicity opportunities for the Charity and the Derby Kids' Camp brand.

Additional significant donations and fundraising activities for 09/10 period included:

- Diversey staff fundraising activities raising £3500
- Henry Smith Charitable Trust £3000
- Spondon Relief in Need funded 17 children (to the sum of £1700)
- Derby Rotary Club 'Tree of Light' £500
- Team EverFocus £750
- DKC's 'Nags & Nachos' night £1200
- British Car Auctions £400
- DKC volunteers Christmas Pub Collections £560
- Individual monthly Direct Debit donations £1770

- ...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.

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By order of the Committee.

C Edwards (Chairman)

03 November 2010