

Send a Child to Hucklow Fund

Charity No. 271585

www.sendachildtohucklow.org.uk

Annual Report 2017 & Appeal 2018



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

Changing not just the view
but the outlook!

In Memoriam Gifts and Legacies

During 2016-17 gifts were received in memory of

Legacies

Thomas Whitehead
Mrs Mary Burns

In memoriam

Anonymous
Elizabeth Barlow
Steve Benfield
Alan Curren
Anne Eyre
David Skelton
Tim Stace
Unnamed family member

These gifts total £66,457.45, and this amount has been added to the ***in memoriam*** Capital Account. 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 £60,000

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:

The Secret Monitor Conclave (Masons); Dagny Raymond Charitable Trust; Mansfield Lodge of Freemasons; James Henry Blake's Charity; Elliott Lodge of Freemasons; St Peter's Mark Lodge No. 1513; Ashfield Royal Arch Chapter No. 2412; Cheshire Freemasons Charity; Whitegates Children's Trust; the Joseph & Ann Slater Memorial Fund; Brandwood Lodge No. 7679and Great Hucklow Community Spirit.

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

Special mention: very generous donations were received from these District Associations: Merseyside and District Missionary Association (MDMA); the Yorkshire Unitarian Union; Southern Unitarian Association; Midland Unitarian Association; North East Lancashire Unitarian Mission and several Unitarian congregations. We have received the final tranche of our 50th fund-raising doubling. Sales of the *Faith & Freedom* calendar, which includes SACH pictures, benefit us too.

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 Anniversaries; Carol-singing; Christmas Services, Coffee Mornings and...preaching fees!

Our 2017-2018 Target

***** £50,000 again! *****

The Holidays!

In **2017**, thanks to your continued support, the Fund could provide holidays in the Derbyshire countryside for groups of children from Mansfield, Chesterfield (a new group), Accrington (2 groups), Southend-on-Sea, Manchester, Birmingham and Liverpool.

Comment from the children

I love playing out a lot and it is loads more safe here

I most liked that we went in a cave and we had a cooked breakfast every day

My favourite part was waking up and knowing there was a fun day ahead of us



From leaders

"...some children had never seen snow before... I love this residential as much as the children...I can see the impact it has on their lives. I have children who still talk to me years down the line about it"

"Thank you so much you really helped to enrich our children's lives"

"Memories have been made for ever"

Projected Weeks for 2018

5-9 March Kingsley	12-16 March St Cuthbert's	19-23 March Accrington Colne Park
9-13 April Lawrence Road	30 April – 4 May Accrington Peel Park	14-18 May Wavertree
29 May-1 June Birmingham	4-6/18-20 June Chesterfield	16-20 July Mansfield
24-27 July Liverpool Unity	30 July-3 August Southend	13-17 August Liverpool Edge Hill
15-19 October Kensington		

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. Our donations treasurer 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 the donations treasurer for assistance.

We still have a number of items for sale, with proceeds to SACH (See our website).

New for 2018:

Donate by Direct Bank Transfer to our CAFBank Account
sort code 40-52-40, account number 00060131.

Thanks to our Trustee Tom Grimshaw for nominating SACH as a beneficiary of the **Co-op Local Community Fund** in Manchester; they have donated a massive £3436.30 this year.

Could **you** nominate SACH next year, if holidays are provided for groups from your area? Nominations will be accepted from Spring 2018:

See <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund> for details.

Local Community Fund



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: low income family

Secretary's Report 2016-17

The Holidays In the financial year 2016-17 we have provided **13 weeks** of holidays at the Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow for children from Mansfield, Manchester, Birmingham, Accrington (2 groups), Southend-on-Sea, a new group from Chesterfield, and groups from Liverpool. We hope we may maintain contact with groups from Rotherham and Nottingham who have worked with us previously. We are working to clarify the ethos of the Fund's holiday provision with parents and school governors of potential new groups.

Responses from the groups, leaders and children once again testify to the value of the holiday breaks we provide. Some of Andrew's coach drivers received particular acclaim for making life interesting with their local knowledge. There were a few challenges along the way, but nothing the ever-tolerant Nightingale Centre staff couldn't handle.

Our **Fund-raising** has again proved quite amazing, though our Treasurer's provisos need to be noted. Thank you for the various ingenious ways you raise money for us. We hope some of our Unitarian congregations will hold special services, and we can help with ideas for the content. We have Lay Worship Leaders who kindly donate their Preaching Fees. My "SACH History Slideshow" Service is still mobile, for which all my preaching fee goes to SACH.

Becoming a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). At the November Trustees Meeting the decision was taken to submit, for the Charity Commission's approval, a document prepared in accordance with their guidelines. Our thanks are due to our retiring Chairman, Peter Hewis for preparing the draft for this, and coordinating suggestions from other Trustees; and to Roderick Ramage and Christine Hayhurst for helpful assistance.

At the **Unitarian General Assembly meetings**, our Stall had a somewhat "quiet" year, though we drew particular attention to our "Kit out a Kid for a Rainy Day" Appeal. Delegates received a copy of the Newsletter put together by Colleen Burns, featuring the Appeal, the story of Joe Root's donated cricket ball, and the "give-a-car" scheme. Copies are still available. We had the usual mention in *GA Zette* and raised some £850+ in sales and donations.

Our thanks are again due to our Donations Treasurer-cum-"fund-chaser", **Sue Catts** in approaching various Fund-giving bodies both Unitarian and non-Unitarian, as and when an opportunity arises. We still do need a dedicated Fund Raiser, in particular pursuing contact with trusts and companies which

might be sympathetic to us. Groups of visitors to the Nightingale Centre itself, Unitarian and non-Unitarian, again feature in our list of donors: thank you all.

Out and about I confess to having unilaterally imposed a £5 "Ministerial Premium" excess on the minimum fee requested, pointing out that this goes to SACH, whenever I have been preaching "out and about", and am most grateful that so far no congregation has demurred at this!

Our thanks, as always, go to the many people who most directly make the work of the fund happen: Centre Manager, Stella Burney; the staff of Andrew's Coaches; the leaders and helpers on all the holidays; the Officers and Trustees of the Fund. Our thanks are due also to the many folk who continue with financial support, making possible the continuation of the much valued and appreciated holidays.

Old and New Our Chairman, **Peter Hewis**, having exceeded his intended term by one year, now retires from this position, though remaining a Trustee. I thank him personally for wise counsel, support and for being a helpful sounding-board. Completing her time as Donations Treasurer is **Sue Catts**, who has brought us more into the digital age, and good humouredly organised the record of our incoming donations. **John Allerton**, one of our longest-serving people, indicated his wish to resign as a Trustee. He led some of the most challenging SACH weeks back in the late 60s and 70s, was an original signee of the Trust document in 1976, and has been a Trustee ever since. We thank him most warmly for his many contributions over the years. We welcome **Sarah Benfield** as Chair, and **Ruth Taylor** as Donations Treasurer, both having already served as SACH Trustees for a number of years, hoping and trusting they will find satisfaction and joy in exercising their offices.

Thanks to you all, once again over **300 children** have experienced the special "Far-off Magic" which is the Centre and Great Hucklow. Young lives are influenced; money really does buy happiness!!

Personal Reflections

No putting out to grass on the immediate horizon for me just yet it appears! Another year has passed and once again I am heartened as ever by the support folk give to us, and by the comments we get back not least from the children. I particularly enjoyed reading about the lad who was happy not to have to remember to turn lights off, because they operate automatically; though I had a whimsical smile about this "sign of the times"! What is the saying: "It is far better to light a candle than to curse the darkness"? That is what, with your money and help, we seek to do - just a bit...

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30th September 2017

After sustaining a big loss last year, we reduced the number of holidays we could provide. We arranged thirteen weeks' holidays, at a total cost of £86,000.

As a result, our expenditure exceeded our live income by £17,000. Using the Charity Commission's method, the figure was only just over £4,000 as our investments performed well and their value increased by almost £13,000.

Donations were an amazing £60,000. Thank you to everyone who contributed. This figure includes the final instalment of the £50,000 matching donation from our 50th anniversary appeal.

We also received two legacies: £60,000 from Thomas Whitehead and £3,000 from Mary Burns. We have used this money to replenish our reserves, from which we had been drawing heavily in recent years.

We are grateful for all donations. I would, however, like to mention a number of people, organisations and events. These are: the Merseyside and District Missionary Association (MDMA); the Secret Monitor Conclave (Masons); Dagny Raymond Charitable Trust; Mansfield Lodge of Freemasons; the Yorkshire Unitarian Union; Southern Unitarian Association; James Henry Blake's Charity; Elliott Lodge of Freemasons; St Peter's Mark Lodge No. 1513; Ashfield Royal Arch Chapter No. 2412; Cheshire Freemasons Charity; Great Hucklow Community Spirit; Whitegates Children's Trust; the Joseph & Ann Slater Memorial Fund; Midland Unitarian Association; NELUM; and Brandwood Lodge No. 7679.

Happy 60th birthday to David Burton, whose family and friends donated £2,500!

Some of our churches are also able to make substantial donations; these include Westborough Chapel Scarborough; the Octagon Chapel, Norwich; Dunham Rd Chapel, Altrincham; Kingswood Meeting House; and Dean Row Unitarian Chapel.

Many of the donations from charitable trusts come because of Sue Catts's continued requests for donations, which she has been persevering with in addition to her role as Donations Treasurer. I will miss her efficiency and generosity with her time when she hands over this responsibility.

We are delighted that Ruth Taylor has agreed to be our new Donations Treasurer. We would very much like 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 me.

With Christmas approaching, don't forget to route your online shopping via Easyfundraising. When you shop online, many shops will give a small percentage of the cost to the Fund at no extra cost to you. You can also make donations online via Virgin Money Giving, or by direct bank transfer.

We try to keep costs under control but there are increasing costs of administration. CAFBank now charges us £5 a month to look after our money and pays no interest. As we own shares, the Fund will have to register with the London Stock Exchange under the latest anti-money-laundering directive. That will probably cost £150 per year.

As well as thanking Sue Catts, I would like to thank Mike Georgiou for reviewing the accounts once again.

Finally, I would like to propose that we keep our fundraising target at £50,000 for the next year. As we have received all of our 50th anniversary matching donations, it will be more difficult, but the need is as great as ever and I am sure we can rise to the challenge once again.

David Ogden

November 2017



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

Information about the Fund 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.



Income and Expenditure Account

for the year ended 30th September 2017

2015-16		2016-17
£	INCOME	£
54,509.19	Donations	59,621.66
685.64	Online donations	676.16
55,194.83		60,297.82
8,752.26	Interest and dividends	8,496.77
1,693.25	Income tax reclaimed	1,804.50
255.17	Easyfundraising and text giving	301.14
	Other income	
65,895.51	Total income	70,900.23
	EXPENDITURE	
226.12	Holidays:	231.28
56,454.00	Insurance	48,819.00
37,800.00	Accommodation	33,120.00
4,480.00	Transport	3,840.00
98,960.12	Other expenses	86,010.28
927.34	Administration	1,395.61
860.35	Publicity	735.35
	Other expenditure	
100,747.81	Total expenditure	88,141.24
-34,852.30	Surplus (deficit) for the year	-17,241.01
65,895.51		70,900.23

Legacies	£
Thomas Whitehead	60,000
Mrs Mary Burns	3,000

In memoriam	£
Anonymous	500.00
Elizabeth Barlow	121.95
Steve Benfield	400.50
Alan Curren	960.00
Anne Eyre	800.00
David Skelton	25.00
Tim Stace	150.00
Unnamed family member	500.00
Total	3,457.45

Please send donations to the Donations Treasurer:

The Send a Child to Hucklow Fund
Ruth Taylor
10 Heald Grove, Heald Green
Cheadle, Cheshire
SK8 3RX

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



Wow, look at that!

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