



THE HIGH SHERIFF OF BRISTOL'S **BYCA** APPEAL 2024

BRISTOL YOUTH COMMUNITY ACTION

WELCOME FROM THIS YEAR'S HIGH SHERIFF, **SHARON R FOSTER**

Thank you for your continued support over the years and welcome to those of you who are new to BYCA.

I am asking for you to consider donating to this worthy cause and here's why your help and support for BYCA helps immensely. The difference the funds have already made to young people and their families has given the opportunity for young people to participate in various activities that allow them to; be safe, learn new skills, make friends, eat healthier foods, and even support their emotional, physical, and educational development. With our support, parents know that their children are being looked after and have access to activities and opportunities that they are unable to provide for a number of reasons. From work commitments to financial issues, these are just some of the challenges many parents are facing.

With your generous donations, we can help to support parents' mental health and lessens the many stresses that they face – as you will all no doubt be aware, the cost of living crisis is hitting everyone, but none more than those who are on extremely low incomes or none at all. We have seen the prices of goods and services risen rapidly this past year and so it is your funds which enable groups to provide such positive outcomes and benefits to the young people ensuring that they have food each day.

During one of my visits, I was pleased with the welcome I got from staff, children and parents alike, I left feeling very satisfied that BYCA have made a difference and it was heart-warming to see the joy from those children having had the opportunity to be able to play in such a delightful environment - They even had some delicious treats to enjoy.





INCREDIBLE KINDS

Incredible Kinds provides play and support to children with additional needs and their families, we utilise a fabulous outdoor space in an adventure playground at The Vench in Lockleaze and get the children involved in many activities including signposting families to other services and charities to support them as well as giving advice about things like how to navigate the process of EHCPs. A regular weekly meal is provided for the children, and when funding allows, can provide family meals. These meals have been very impactful in helping the families during the cost-of-living crisis and the need and benefit of them has spoken for itself in our huge demand for places on our booking system.

“I made a special visit to one of the weekly play Friday session events, upon arrival I met with the founder of the charity Jennie Prewett and was introduced to the service manager Jeanna, but it wasn't long before the children at the session took over and tried to steal me away, to proudly show off their crafting creations. With cheeks full of biscuits and sticky glitter hands, they wanted to proudly show off their crafting skills.

Several of the parents were eager to share their journey, their story of the challenges and joys involved in parenting and caring for a child or young person with additional needs. I spent much time listening to them share their battle to achieve what any parent would want for their child”.

Sharon walked into our happy albeit chaotic Friday evening and caused quite a stir because our kids always get excited about a new guest. One teenager was very keen to bypass the shaking of hands and lunge in for a bear sized hug and amongst a plethora of demands to show her their play doh and paintings or bowls of ice cream, she was snatched up immediately and claimed as one of our own.

The gift of a listening ear is free and immeasurable in its value to our families, so with that we would like to say a heart felt thank you to Sharon for visiting us at our play session and hope that she will visit us whenever she likes again.

LAWRENCE WESTON SCRAPSTORE

Play sessions are on offer weekly in various locations around Bristol, this also includes the Easter and Summer holidays. The High Sheriff fund supports the Children's Scrapstore to deliver free Play Sessions in the short holidays, which helps us to maintain a consistent approach for children and young people in the area. The continuous provision throughout the year embeds us positively into communities and in turn these young lives. As playworkers, who are not teachers, parents, or carers, we are fun, safe, consistent adults regularly present in children's lives, and are humbled by what the children want to share with us. The sessions create a safe and secure space for children to play outside and in nature; we see friendships being formed, the art of conversation being practised and families playing together. Our van is packed full of inspiration for creative and imaginative play and in the holidays, we are fortunate enough to be able to provide a free lunch, none of which would be possible without the support from funders.



LAWRENCE WESTON OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Lawrence Weston Out of School Activities provides activities such as arts and crafts – making castles, Diwali rockets, painting portraits, hanging ghosts, pumpkin picture, making crowns and party hats, valentine cards, making cardboard games, clay mugs, painting baubles. Parties - Royal tea party, Valentine party, Halloween party, Scavenger hunts, wellie walks, leaf rubbing, visits to parks. Day Trips - Museums, Kings Weston House, Cinema. Sports Challenges.

HARTCLIFFE CLUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Hartcliffe Club for Young People delivers a range of activities and opportunities for young people from art workshops to axe throwing. Organise fancy dress for Halloween, trips to local attractions, sports days, cooking competition, nature walks, bike rides, train journey, Urban orienteering around Bristol landmarks, visiting parks/ open spaces in Bristol.

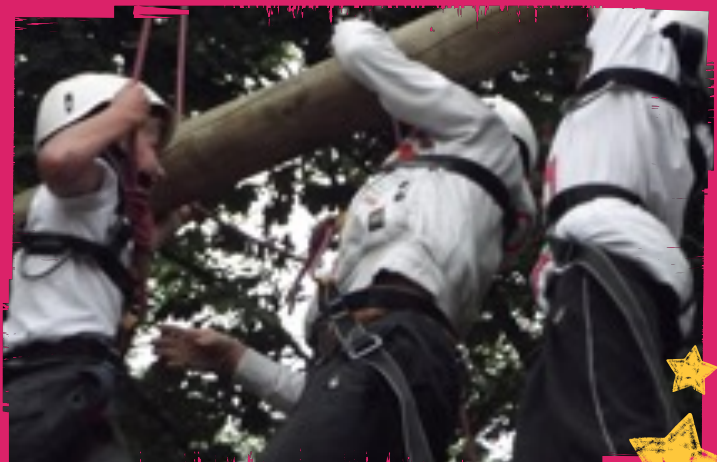


PLAY WOODEN CIC

Play Wooden CIC provides free play activities and wooden-making workshops for children and young people. The workshop supports creativity, dexterity skills, resilience and bond with peers and parent this initiates the young people's entrepreneurship journey through play – that encourages more independent play with those who are often shy.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH PROJECT

Riverside Youth Project are based centrally in Easton and St Pauls areas they work with challenging mix of young people who are sadly surrounded by poverty and crime, the club becomes a safe haven for them. A positive sports and health programme is used to providing Residential camps – where camp weekend at the end of each week, activities around climbing wall, snooker, pool, table tennis, table football, football, tag rugby and boxing taster sessions. Breakfast and packed lunch are provided the residential weekend form parts of a reward for the most needy young people that gives them living away from home experience which turns out very successful and have given them the confidence to join the youth section of the club.



FUNDS RECEIVE BY GROUPS THIS YEAR

Eastside Community Trust | Bristol Horn Youth Concern (BHYC)
Bristol Somali Youth Voice | Riverside Youth Project
Play Wooden CIC | St Werburghs City Farm | Imayla
Groundwork South Trust | Incredible Kids | Children's Scrapstore
Southmead Development Trust | Oasis Community Hub North Bristol
Lawrence Weston Community Farm | Ardagh Community Trust
Avon Youth Club | Sea Mills Boys & Girls Club | Litterarti
Hartcliffe Club For Young People | StreetSpace Knowle
Windmill Hill City Farm | Youth Moves | Heart of BS13
Hartcliffe & Worthywood Community Partnership

PCSO GRANTS

The Free Talk Intervention CIC | 77th Bristol Scout Group
Bristol City Council | Horfield Young People's Club
Talo | Eastside Community Trust | Full Circle
Bannerman Road Community Academy
Filwood Residents Association | Young Bristol
Springfield Community Allotments | Young Bristol



HOW YOU CAN HELP BYCA TO CONTINUE THE GREAT AND GOOD

By clicking **DONATE NOW** and then selecting High Sheriff's Fund from the drop-down menu. A Gift Aid declaration can also be submitted on this website. Or use the QR code.

If you would prefer to pay by cheque, please send it, made payable to High Sheriff's Fund, to - High Sheriff's Fund, Quartet Community Foundation, Royal Oak House, Royal Oak Avenue, Bristol BS1 4GB.

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WHAT IS BYCA

The Bristol Youth and Community Action (BYCA) programme supports groups providing physical and creative activities for 8-12-year-olds during school holidays in the communities with greatest need. It is chaired by the High Sheriff of Bristol and funded from the High Sheriff's Fund, with money raised through an event and an appeal. BYCA is managed by Quartet Community Foundation (registered charity number: 1080418) and supports young people aged 8-12 years by funding a wide range of activities that offer positive experiences and reduce the risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour. BYCA also provides funding to small projects identified by Police Community Support Officers that would benefit children and young people in their area.

**THIS YEAR, WE
HAVE AWARDED
£61,950
WORTH OF GRANTS,
SUPPORTING
5977
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