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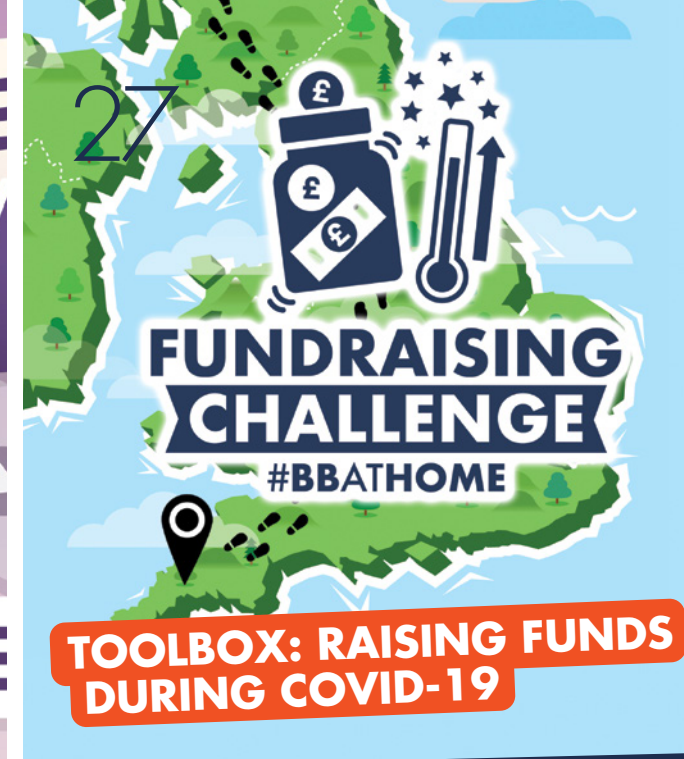


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Welcome

What a year it turned out to be! The year 2020 will certainly go down in history for the impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on the world, and a period we will all remember for the rest of our lives.

The words unprecedented, challenging, difficult, unsettling, have all been used many times to describe the past months as we have considered the impact the pandemic has had on our lives, our families and the communities in which we live.

As I have wrestled with the decisions we have had to take as an organisation in navigating through these times, I have frequently been reminded of the words of the “BB hymn” Will your anchor hold? Now I have to be honest, if you were to ask me what my favourite hymns are, this one probably wouldn’t appear on the list, I think I have sang it one too many times over the years!

However, the words of the chorus have entered my mind numerous times in recent weeks.

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock, which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour’s love.*

At times it has felt like the storm has been raging around us and we have been clinging on, just trying to get through as best we can. Although, times of adversity can also bring out the best in the human spirit and I believe there have been many examples of this across the nations over the last 10 or so months.

This has been true in The Boys’ Brigade too. For the first time in our 137 year history Companies have not been able to meet face-to-face, as weekly meetings didn’t even

stop during two World Wars!

I continue to be inspired by the resilience and resourcefulness of our leaders in creating new ways of engaging with children and young people during these times. Many of us have embraced technology to communicate in ways we didn’t even know existed a few months ago. As Companies have been able to resume face-to-face activities the ability to interact in this way is being valued more than ever.

The focus of this Gazette is the journey that lays ahead, and the Vision article outlines our ambitious five-year strategy which we are launching this year. The plan was agreed by the Trustees back in February 2020, and the primary aim of improving the consistency of experience for children and young people is as relevant as ever, but it will be the experiences of the past months that will shape how the plan is delivered.

Back to the hymn, and the question raised in the first line “Will your anchor hold in the storms of life? My reply – absolutely! As I reflect on the past year I am reminded of the numerous ways God has been at work through our organisation and beyond. There will be tough times ahead, but the excitement, energy and commitment shown by young people as they come together in whatever way they can, should inspire and encourage us all as we journey together through 2021.

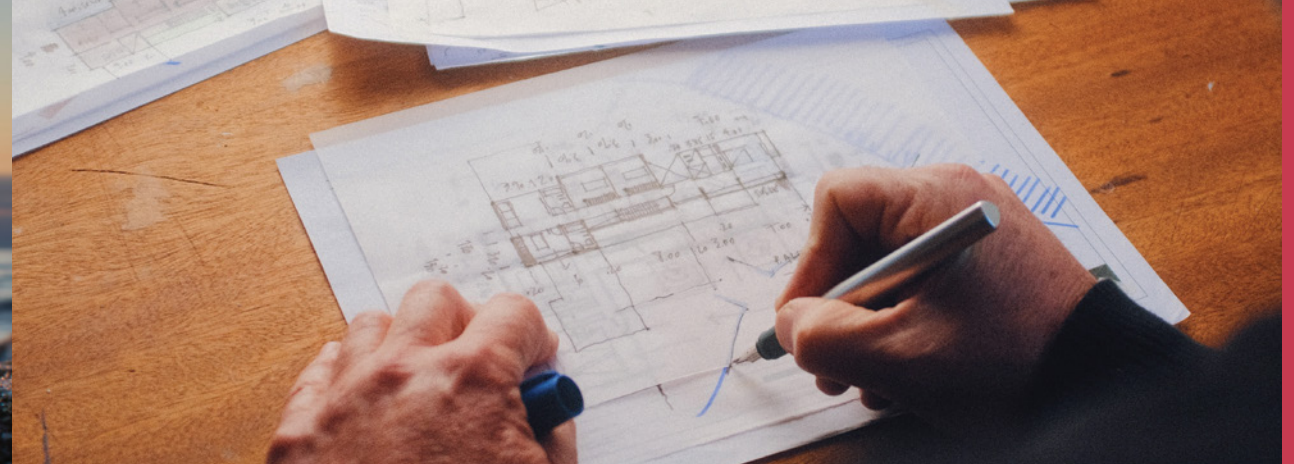
With best wishes

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The way I see it

Our family have been thinking about moving house for at least a year. This has involved pouring over estate agents’ websites, photographs, house plans and the usual range of materials associated with a process that my ancestors managed to avoid doing for best part of 300 years. That being said I feel that I’ve more than made up for their lack of adventure and moved lock, stock and barrel three times since we got married.

Recently, I have become intrigued by house layouts and trying to interpret what a 2 dimensional plan would look like in reality. Strategizing about which wall could be moved, what any extension or adaptation would look like or indeed cost. Most recently the strategy has been focused on a ‘new build bungalow’; talking with an architect, the potential builder and the estate agent about our needs and what the building will need to provide. I’d have to say that there has been a fair amount of emotional energy exhausted on every possible house purchase and every iteration of every plan and strategy. Isn’t it funny how the perfect house seems to land in your lap when you pray about and wait for God’s timing. All along we’ve been relying on God’s promise to us, from part of a verse in Isaiah 60:22 “when the time is right, I the LORD, will make it happen”.

All my efforts couldn’t make the vendor put the perfect bungalow up for sale, all my anxiety couldn’t make anyone else buy our current house. All my planning and emotional expenditure was actually of no use and probably causing me needless anxiety. I have been strongly reminded that unless Jesus is at the centre of my plans then they are fruitless and nothing more than vanity on my part. Unless the Lord builds the house then the people who build it work hard but, do so, in vain (Psalm 127:1).

This was something that the late Norman Lynas, founder of a youth outreach base called ‘EXODUS’ on the north coast of Northern Ireland, understood all too well. When

the project was being developed he refused to open the night base until he had 100 prayer partners committed to the project. I was one of those original prayer partners; the prayer strategy came first, the outreach strategy came second and the business model came last.

The way I see it is that a prayer strategy is our first priority at Company, Battalion, District and National levels. Get our prayer life sorted and the effort we put into building the Brigade for the next generation will not be in vain.

James Todd

Captain, 1st Richhill Company



James is married to Alison and they have three children – Naomi, Joel and Ethan. James had been a member of the BB when he was a boy and re-joined the Brigade approximately ten years ago when he volunteered to help with his local Company (1st Richhill). Since then he has become Company Captain, a Brigade Training Officer and served on the Battalion executive. James works as a Social Work Training and Development Consultant for the local Health and Social Care Trust, with a special interest in Adult Safeguarding. Alison works as a Teacher of the Deaf with the Education Authority. James has also written a number of articles for his blog called “the little boy in the brown boots” reflecting on his faith development and how that has been influenced by his physical difficulties, foot amputation and other family experiences.





Be Bold, Be Strong

Launching our Five-Year Strategy

I believe my role as Chief Executive is to tell the story of our organisation, and in partnership with you, shape the journey ahead. The last few pages of the story have certainly been eventful, as we have all navigated the challenges of the past 10 months, and although it has been a difficult period there have been many positives to hold on to and to take with us into the future.

The new **five-year strategy will take us to 2025** and will be vital in securing the long-term viability of the organisation, as we look ahead to the 150th anniversary and the kind of organisation we strive to be in 2033.

The strategy has been developed over the past eighteen months. It began with the largest consultation exercise with leaders we have undertaken for many years, which has seen us re-affirming our Vision, Mission and Values.

The pandemic has meant we have all had to do things differently, find new and creative ways of engaging with children and young people, as well as embracing new technologies and ways of communicating with each other.

We produced a report learnings from Lockdown which has influenced our future plans.



Check out the 'Learning in Lockdown' report at
boys-brigade.org.uk/learning-in-lockdown/

The result is our ambitious five-year strategy which will be realised through the creation of annual work plans. A recap of the journey.....

Strategic Review

This independent review was conducted by Wren and Greyhound and captured the reflections, ideas, hopes and ambitions of our members. Survey responses were received from **1,255 leaders** representing all regions, **three focus groups** were held and made up of leaders from a cross section of roles and experiences, with one group comprising of young leaders undertaking KGV1 training. There were also **17 targeted interviews** with key staff and volunteers from across the Brigade. The views were brought together and resulted in a report and clear recommendations.



The report summary is available to download
boys-brigade.org.uk/who-we-are/our-strategic-plan/

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Vision, Mission & Values

It is essential that our future strategy is rooted in our Vision, Mission & Values and these are underpinned by the object of our organisation “**To advance Christ’s Kingdom**”.

Our Vision explains why we do what we do.

Our Mission explains what we do .

Our Values describe who we are and what we believe.

Our Vision

Is that children and young people experience “**life to the full**” (John 10:10).

Our Mission

The Boys’ Brigade has **faith in young people** and provides them with opportunities to **learn, grow and discover** in a safe, fun and caring environment which is rooted in the Christian faith.

Our Organisational Values

Faith – We are a Christian youth organisation, and our work is rooted in the Christian Faith. We have a hope in Christ as our anchor that sustains us throughout life (Hebrews 6:19).

Caring – The Boys’ Brigade is a family. We believe in building loving, caring and inclusive relationships, as well as creating a safe and fun environment that is supportive and nurturing. We are responsive to the needs and aspirations of others regardless of ability, identity or background.

Inspiring – We seek to inspire children and young people, challenging them to live their lives in the fullest sense. We also believe in peoples’ abilities to inspire and act as positive role models to others.

Trust – We are honest and trustworthy. We seek to empower children and young people to participate and to lead, believing in their skills, abilities and ideas.

Our Vision, Mission and Values were highlighted in the Summer 2020 edition of the Gazette, they are the foundation on which our plans are built and the challenge for us all is to live out our values through our work with children and young people.

 Find out more about our Vision, Mission and Values at boys-brigade.org.uk/ourvision/



Five-Year Strategy

The clear message from the consultations is that we need to focus all our efforts and energies on enhancing the **quality of experience that is offered to our Children & Young People**, ensuring that it is the constant high standard that we would all wish for.

You Said

The themes of Growth, Quality & Vision are understood and should be retained but that the focus on Quality should be front and centre.

In the new strategy

The emphasis will be on improving Quality and will be reflected in the priorities, with the view that by improving the quality of our offering to children and young people, growth will follow.

You Said

Development of Programme resources and the opportunity to develop skills to be an effective leader are a priority.

In the new strategy

The targets under Quality will focus on four areas – the overall experience, programme, leader development and support/resources dedicated towards delivering these aims.

You Said

The Brigade structures are no longer fit for purpose and need to change.

In the new strategy

The new strategy includes a review of all our structures, and they will all be measured by how effective they are in supporting the needs of Companies.

You Said

Succession planning should be a priority, we need to recruit and retain the next generation of volunteers and provide young leaders with opportunities and support to step up.

In the new strategy

Developing the skills of all leaders and encouraging young leaders to shape the organisation at all levels will be a focus.

You Said

Retaining a focus on sharing faith is important and that working in partnership with the denominations and the local Church is key.

In the new strategy

Refocussing on our Vision, Mission, and Values will help communicate our purpose and core values to our members and beyond. Reaffirming the partnership with the Church in mission and outreach will also be a focus in our new plan.

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The result of all your feedback is the creation of our new five-year strategy. It sets out the organisation's priorities and goals for the next chapter of the journey, and there will be a role for us all in making these aims a reality.

The detailed plan falls under the three headings of **Quality, Voice and Growth**:

✓ Quality

We will improve the consistency of experience for children and young people by:

Overall Experience

- Define the quality of experience and the characteristics that demonstrate this.
- Communicate the definition and characteristics and begin to embed the quality of experience.
- Support and Manage the quality of experience for children and young people.

Programme

- Continue to refresh, resource and support programme for under 11s.
- To refresh and develop programme resources for over 11s.
- To launch resources and support programmes for over 11s.

Leader Development

- Introduce a culture of continuous personal development at all levels.
- Introduce and embed milestones for leaders including e-learning.

- Actively embrace succession planning at all levels.
- View and refresh core training modules
- Establish and launch a new network of trainers.
- Explore opportunities to recognise and reward development of leaders (including accreditation.)

Support

- Review and evaluate the performance of the current support structures.
- To ensure there are environments to share ideas, challenges and best practice.
- Provide direct support to leaders, including; employed staff, key volunteers, leaders' website, OBM, and resources.
- Review all categories of leadership in order to ensure their relevance and effectiveness.
- Explore and make preparations for the necessary changes to the current support structure ensuring relevance and effectiveness of delivery.
- Implement the necessary changes to the support structure.

💬 Voice

We will raise the profile and increase participation of children and young people in shaping and representing the organisation at all levels by:

- Review the brand identity for each age group and implement necessary changes.
- Support the development of young leader networks.
- Launch an alumni membership scheme to engage with former members.
- Create an online platform aimed specifically towards young people.
- Launch an external facing PR campaign co-designed and delivered by young people focusing on our strengths.



A summary of the strategic plan can be found
boys-brigade.org.uk/who-we-are/our-strategic-plan/

➡ Growth

We will stabilise membership numbers within the lifetime of the plan by:

Members

- Support Companies that are ready for growth through the development of new resources.
- Monitor and analyse membership data to identify trends and inform future priorities.

Develop Relationships

- Engage with Churches at all levels.
- Engage with kindred organisations and the wider youth sector.
- Engage with other partner organisations (including funders).



Delivering our objectives



Annual workplans

We have had development plans in the past, but this is the first time that we've developed a detailed workplan for each year of the five-year strategy. The delivery of these workplans will help make the strategic plan a reality and will be the focus of the Brigade Executive (Trustee Board) and the meetings of Regional Committees. They will shape the priorities of the staff team, Executive Sub-Committees and will determine how our financial resources are allocated to provide maximum support to Companies.



Staffing Team

Following the development of our strategy we have re-aligned the staff resource to best support the delivery of the targets outlined in the five-year strategy. This will mean focussing on functions rather than focussing on roles with a geographical remit.

✓ A role for everyone

I have outlined the journey that has led us to the creation of our new ambitious five-year strategy, the way it has been shaped by consultation and the rationale behind what has been included. The annual workplans and reconfiguring of the staffing team will assist in delivering the plan, but in the end, it will be down to each one of us to ensure that enhancing the quality of experience for children and young people now, and in the future becomes a reality. Future Gazette's will highlight ways in which leaders can get involved locally to make this happen.

To deliver our plans will require boldness and determination, the new strategy will mean doing things differently, which will not always be easy. Our focus must be on the children and young people that make the organisation what it is, and how we provide them with the best possible experience and opportunities to learn grow and discover.

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Brigade Conference 2020

For the first time in the organisation's history, Brigade Conference took place as a virtual event on 5th September 2020.

It was great to have over 200 leaders from across the UK and Republic of Ireland join us for the meeting, which saw all business passed and updates given on various aspects of the Brigade's work.

We thank those who stood down as Office Bearers following the meeting: **Lord Griffiths**, who served as President for 9 years and has accepted an invitation to become Honorary Life President, as well as **Alistair Burrow** (Vice President) and **Clifford Bygrave** (Treasurer), who served in these roles for 9 and 11 years respectively and have both accepted invitations to become Honorary Vice Presidents.

Capitation Fees for 2020/21

Thank you to everyone that has completed the return and contributed financially. We recognise that this is a challenging time financially for Companies, as well as for the Brigade.

We continue to ask Companies to view membership as more than just attending face-to-face meetings and are very grateful to those Companies that have made additional contributions to support the Brigade at this time.

If you haven't yet submitted the return, the process remains open via OBM, and we would ask that you complete the process as soon as possible.

This is a very challenging time financially for the organisation and it is vital that we all contribute what we are able to, so to ensure financial stability for the long term.



Unite 2021

Current circumstances mean that Unite will not be able to take place physically in 2021, however we're excited to confirm that the event will once again be happening virtually and will be even bigger and better!

Unite 2021 will take place over the late May bank holiday weekend, **28th to 31st May 2021**. The event is run by The Boys' Brigade in England & Wales but is open to all.



For more details check out unitebb.org.uk

Alternative Programming



Since the start of lockdown in March 2020 and the launch of #BBatHOME we have been providing alternative programming and this has evolved as the need has changed over the course of the last 10 months.

With the recent national lockdowns and restrictions which we expect to impact face-to-face activities into Spring we are continuing to make sure that we adjust our programme resources and support, with more focus on Virtual Sessions and #BBatHOME (or 'remote') programming.

We have recently launched a new '4-week Taster Programme' to help support #BBatHOME and Virtual Sessions. The 4-week fully planned programme for each age group shows what could be offered and is designed to support and encourage those who have not been engaging to try out Virtual Sessions or #BBatHOME programming. The programmes for each week include a range of options and signpost resources which could be put together as a pack and sent out to young people either to support virtual sessions or get buy-in to #BBatHOME activities.

A number of **webinars** and informal virtual gatherings for leader are also available, find out more at boys-brigade.org.uk/leaders-workshops/

A reminder that you can find the following resources available through the **Programme Hub** at boys-brigade.org.uk/programme/

- **#BBatHOME** – A library of 300+ activities for children and young people to try out at home supported by their parents/carers. Companies are encouraged to signpost and/or send these resources as part of a remote offering.
- **Virtual Sessions** – A library of 250+ activities designed for Virtual Sessions are available for leaders. These include activities for all age groups, across all 6 activity areas and have all been tried and tested as part of Virtual Sessions. We are continuing to add to this library of activities on a monthly basis and now adding ready-to-use videos and PowerPoint slides.
- **Face-to-Face (socially distanced)** – A library of 200+ activities designed for face-to-face activities which need to maintain social distancing are available for leaders. These include activities for all age groups, across all 6 activity areas and we are continuing to add to this library of activities on a monthly basis.



If you have any questions or would like further support get in touch with the team at programme@boys-brigade.org.uk

Brigade Staff

We were very sad to report over the summer the death of **Jayne Thorne**, a long serving member of the Support Team at BBHQ. Jayne was a kind and generous person, and over the years provided valuable support and advice to many leaders across the Brigade. Jayne will be sadly missed by us all.

In December, we were also sorry to bid farewell to **Conor Moran**, Conor was a valued member of the staff team based in Scotland and we wish him every success in his new employment.

We are delighted that **Joe Harrison** has joined the staff team on a permanent basis as our new Programme Officer. Joe was previously the Development Worker for Northamptonshire, and has been assisting in the creation of #BBatHOME and other resources on a seconded basis since April 2020.

Northern Ireland Director



Northern Ireland District is delighted to announce the appointment of **Lisa Keys** as **Director for Northern Ireland**. Lisa took up her post in early January after Jonathan Gracey stepped down from the role in October.

On her appointment Lisa said:

"It's an exciting time to take up the position of Director for Northern Ireland District and use my skills and experience to add value to the amazing work of the staff and volunteers. I've a strong business background in marketing and management and have enjoyed working at a senior level for great commercial organisations. I've also worked in the third sector as Chief Operations Officer for Crown Jesus Ministries, a local faith based organisation. As a Chartered Manager, I feel my knowledge and experience will help the team to navigate the challenges ahead.

Youth and children's ministry have been an important part of my life for many years, serving in church organisations including The Boys' Brigade, and I have many happy memories of my time spent leading Anchors.

Outside of work I'm involved in two voluntary boards - The Genesis Network which seeks to support and resource Christian professionals to live out their faith in the marketplace and I co-chair Business Beats Cancer Belfast who are passionate about raising awareness and funds for the work of Cancer Research UK in NI.

I'm really impressed and encouraged by the efforts being made to keep progressing with the mission of BB even though we are constrained by the current restrictions. As we continue to adapt, I'm mindful of the great challenge we read in Philippians 3:13-14.

'Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.'



The Boys' Brigade Remembers

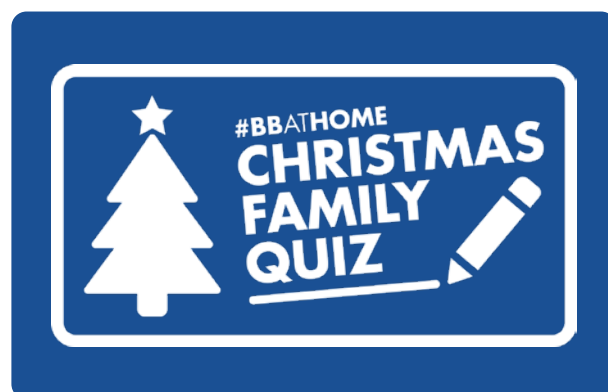
Although Coronavirus restrictions meant that Remembrance commemorations couldn't take place in quite the same way in 2020, BB members joined with the nation to remember and honour all those who sacrificed so much to secure and protect our freedom.

In many of the communities where scaled back events took place, BB members were able to participate by laying a wreath on behalf of the organisation in their local area or by sounding the Last Post.

With Churches across the country holding services in various ways on Remembrance Sunday, members also played an active role in a number of these commemorations.

Through our 'Remembrance On Your Doorstep' initiative, children and young people were encouraged to mark Remembrance in their own way at home. It was wonderful to see lots of members getting involved by wearing their uniform and saluting or displaying art/craft to remember those who went before us.

Our monthly programme resources for November contained activity ideas to help groups include Remembrance as part of their programme, whether they were operating face-to-face, virtually or through #BBatHOME. Through these resources, children and young people were able to take part in activities including painting Remembrance rocks, making handprint poppies/wreaths and going on a Remembrance walk.



Christmas Family Quiz

On Saturday 13th December we held a #BBatHOME Christmas Family Quiz, with around 80 teams from across the Brigade taking part in a time of festive fun!

Two versions of the quiz were available - for Under 11's and Over 11's - with teams made up of either families or Companies that participated as part of a Virtual Session.

Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to the winners - 'kit kat crew' in the Under 11's quiz and 'eye of the tiger' of 3rd Enfield in the Over 11's quiz!



Christmas Art Competition

Over 300 children and young people took part in our #BBatHOME Christmas Art Competition, where they had the task of using a template to create a piece of artwork showing what Christmas means to them.

It was fantastic to see such a wide variety of festive designs including Nativity scenes, friends and family, messages of positivity and much more.

A big thank you and well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to the winners - **Jackson** of **1st Cheslyn Hay** in the Anchors age group and **Charlie** of **2nd Oakengates** in the Juniors age group!



Brigade Conference 2021

This year we hope to hold our annual conference as planned in Northern Ireland on **Saturday 4th September**. The focus for the day will be the new five-year strategy, as well as including the AGM, a chance to worship together and to share in fellowship and discussion.

The plan is to live stream key elements of the event. If it becomes apparent that we are unable to proceed with a face-to-face event, we will come together again using the virtual format. Full details and booking information will be circulated in due course.

Obituaries

We record below the names of BB members who have recently died. We thank God for their faithful service to the Brigade and Church and their witness in the community.

Ian Dring	1 st Measham
Roy Gordon	1 st Moreton
Babatunde Elemosho	1 st Levenshulme
Cath Jones	14 th Bolton
Ken Bailey	2 nd Altrincham
Jean Williams	5 th Gwent
Allan Bennett	133 rd London



Former BB member wins The Great British Bake Off

Congratulations to former BB member Peter Sawkins, who beat 11 other contestants to be crowned the winner of this year's series of The Great British Bake Off on Channel 4.

Peter was a member of 65th Edinburgh, gaining his Queen's Badge and also winning the BB's National Badminton Competition during his time in the Company.

Welcome to our New Companies

It's fantastic that we can report that the following Companies have recently enrolled:

COMPANY	CAPTAIN	CHURCH
10 th North Staffordshire	Oliver Sheldon	St Barnabas Church, Bradwell
1 st Peckham	Temitope Adeloya	St John's Church

Queen's Birthday and New Year Honours

Congratulations to BB leaders recognised in the Queen's Birthday and New Year Honours Lists for services to The Boys' Brigade and their local communities.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

- Peter Cowley, Ponders End/Tottenham awarded BEM
- Rhona Dunn, Morpeth awarded BEM
- Thomas McCormick, Saintfield awarded BEM
- James McIlorum, Newtownards awarded BEM
- Colin Millar, Newtownards awarded MBE

NEW YEAR HONOURS

- Donald Blair, Carrickfergus awarded BEM
- Norman Boxall, Reading awarded MBE
- Alan King, Barnet awarded BEM
- Albert Ryder, Tottenham awarded BEM

Juniors International Team Games 2021

The Juniors International Team Games is an annual event for the Juniors age group and open to sections throughout the world.

Teams of 6 Juniors compete in 6 team games which require minimal equipment and preparation, all on a date and at a location convenient to you.

For 2020-2021 the competition includes separate Face-to-Face and Play at Home options, to ensure it is accessible to all Companies no matter how they are operating.

The deadline for entries for this competition has been extended to 14th May 2021 which will hopefully allow more groups to complete this as a face-to-face activity (as and when permitted to do so).

 Find out more and download this session's games at boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors-international-team-games



London District Christmas Activity Packs

The Trustees of London District recognised that some Companies had been struggling to continue to engage with their members and decided to provide support for those Companies by putting together activity packs that could be sent to those Companies most in need, to be further distributed to their members. Two packs were created, one for under 11's and another for over 11's. When offered them, one Company Captain replied "these will give me an opportunity to visit all our members and help keep them engaged before we are able to return to meeting". Another replied "We are struggling to engage our members on Zoom and these will really help us to support our members." In total 350 packs were sent out to 25 Companies across London.



1st Buckie fundraise for Community Defibrillator

1st Buckie held a 'Jars of Coins' appeal in 2019/2020, enabling them to fund and install an AED Defibrillator in the front courtyard of their parent church which is available 24/7 to the local community in Buckie.

24th Belfast Pirate Themed Evening

Juniors at 24th Belfast took part in a pirate themed evening, where they had fun playing pirate bingo, a treasure hunt and spot the difference. They also thought about the fact that whilst pirates might have buried treasure, our greatest treasure is found in Jesus.



1st Tewkesbury community gardening

15 young people from 1st Tewkesbury, with the support of leaders and parents/carers, braved rainy conditions to plant 300 bulbs in the grounds of Victoria Gardens as part of their latest community support project.

3rd Bearsden Supports Local Foodbank

For the last few years, members of Juniors and Company Section at 3rd Bearsden have been encouraged to bring items for donation to their local Foodbank. Even in the current circumstances they have collected quite a number of items which were gratefully received.



208th Glasgow BB @208thGlasgowBB

As we wait to get to access our usual meeting space we went for a stroll in #PollokPark. Brilliant day!
#BBWeekend



4th Carluke Virtual Walk

In the absence of being able to hold their usual fundraising events, young people at 4th Carluke took part in a virtual walking challenge, where they walked routes of their own choice and gained sponsorship from friends and family. Well done to all who took part and raised over £200 for Company funds!

53rd Manchester BB @53rdBB

Lots of fun this evening and loving @theboysbrigade programme supporting socially distanced activities
#BoysBrigade #StrongerSaferTogether



Sponsored cycle

A huge well done to Ross Wylie, a member of 1st Kilbride, who undertook an 80 mile sponsored cycle from Titanic Belfast to the Giant's Causeway which raised £2,650 for Air Ambulance Northern Ireland!



1st Barnet BB & GA

We can't meet face-to-face so we sent out materials for our young people to make hand puppets at home.



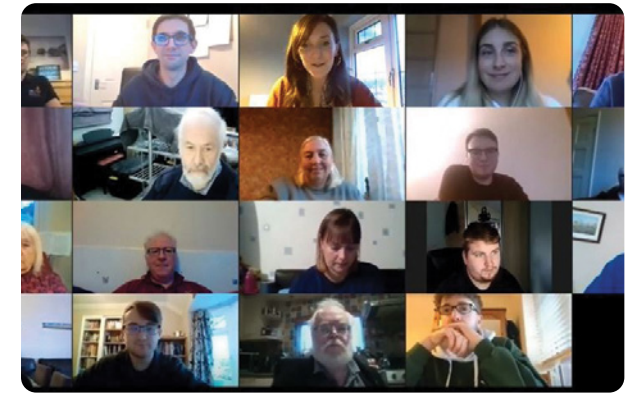
4th/5th Fraserburgh BB @4thFraserburgh

We took part in UK Parliament Week and heard how parliament works, discussed/debated issues affecting 4th/5th Fraserburgh BB and voted for the best proposal
#UKPW #BoysBrigade #FaithInYoungPeople



1st/2nd Dumbarton BB

Today the Anchors had a trip up Overtoun. They made a BB badge out of sticks and looked for different colours around to make a rainbow.

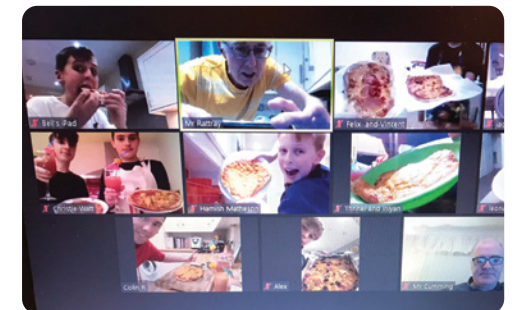


London District ReFresh training event

London District held its annual ReFresh training event in November, with lockdown restrictions in place at the time meaning the event was held virtually and opened to leaders from across the Brigade for the first time. During the day leaders had the opportunity to network, share ideas and update their knowledge and skills. A number of workshops were held on topics including programme planning, devotions, online presence and mental health.

5th Glasgow BB @5thglasgowbb

Well Company Section had a blast tonight turning chef & bartender, making pizzas & mocktails. Some tasty creations washed down with a Seasonal Breeze! Well done everyone! Stay safe & see you next week! #BoysBrigade #glasgowwestend #Glasgow #kelvindale



Stafford Brigades Youth Marching Band

Great to be back to practice - socially distanced of course!





5th Hull BB & GA @5thHullBB

Great to see so many joining in our Zoom Christingle - 53 people made chocolate orange Christingles!



2nd Port Glasgow BB

A good morning's walk for 14 of our young people who took up the challenge to walk to the top of Corlic Hill for Children in Need!



3rd Falkirk BB @3rdFalkirkBB

Christmas jumpers and party games at Juniors! #Team3rdFalkirk



SNAPSHOTS

14th LEITH GAMES AFTERNOON



11th LEEDS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



43rd BELFAST BUILD A DEN CHALLENGE



10th ENFIELD ANCHORS CHRISTMAS PARTY



4th NEWTOWNABBEY 'DRIVE THROUGH CHRISTMAS'



5th GLOUCESTER BLANKET VOLLEYBALL



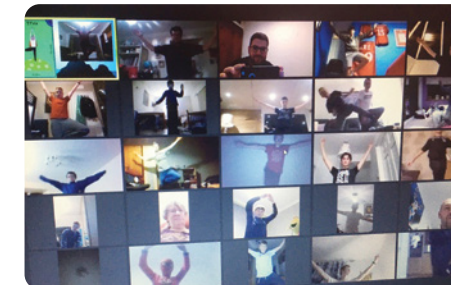
2nd East Kilbride BB

Company Section enjoyed a St Andrew's themed evening including Tunnock's Teacakes, Irn Bru, recreating the Forth Rail Bridge from cocktail sticks and a Scottish quiz!



4th Carluke Company

How do we sum up 2020? Us trying yoga does it perfectly. 2020 was a year of new things, remaining calm and balancing everything in this new normal. It wasn't a normal year, but it was a great one in its own way. Thanks to our Boys and supporters! Roll on 2021! #BoysBrigade



Netherlee Boys Brigade

Congratulations to all Company/Seniors prize winners for the 2019/20 session - who finally received their trophies, medals, badges, plaques and certificates recently.

Here's hoping this is the first and last time our members have to wear facemasks when receiving recognition of their achievements throughout the BB year.

#BoysBrigade #StrongerSaferTogether #NeverMoreNeeded



Adapting to New Ways of Working

With Regional activities and events not able to take place in the same way at this time, this issue's Focus article looks at how Companies across the Brigade have adapted in the current circumstances and continued to provide children and young people with opportunities to experience "life to the full". We hope you might find some ideas or inspiration for things you could do in your own Company, Battalion or District.

We'd like to say a big thank you to our leaders and their partner Churches/venues for all their work in providing a safe return to face-to-face activities or, for groups where this hasn't yet been possible, engaging with children and young people by other means including by running virtual sessions and sharing #BBatHOME activities.

Meeting in innovative ways

Some Companies have come up with alternative ways of meeting face-to-face, particularly where their usual meeting space hasn't yet reopened or where a bigger venue was needed to operate within our guidance framework.



2ND TONBRIDGE MOVE MEETINGS TO FOOTBALL CLUB

2nd Tonbridge is fortunate to have a great relationship with Tonbridge Angels Football Club, a community-based team which plays in the sixth tier of English football and whose ground is located on the same road as the Church where the Company is based.

When the Company began discussing a return to face-to-face activities, it became clear that they would be unable to use their normal meeting space. Rather than meeting in their local park, where they would have had no shelter, Tonbridge Angels offered use of its secure, floodlit field and marquee at their ground. This meant that all age groups were able to meet on Friday evenings as usual, with enough space to have socially distanced games and activities in smaller groups.

The arrangement has also helped the Club to maintain its close links with the community, which is a priority to them.



4TH LOSSIEMOUTH APPEAL FOR VENUE

When their Council's Covid-19 restrictions stopped them from using their usual meeting space in a primary school, **4th Lossiemouth** launched an appeal to find a short-term venue. Despite facing their own challenges, a local pub came to the rescue by offering use of its function room free of charge. The room hadn't been used for several years, but has its own dedicated entrance, toilets and kitchen which allowed the Company to resume meeting face-to-face.

James Allan, **4th Lossiemouth's** Captain praised the venue for their help whilst suffering as a result of the pandemic, commenting: "It's really good community spirit, thinking of and helping others when they are in need of help and support themselves."

Virtual Sessions with a difference

Although running Virtual Sessions is a great way of maintaining contact with children and young people where meeting face-to-face is not possible, we realise that planning a varied weekly programme can be challenging.



WELCOMING VISITORS ON VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Anchors at **10th Enfield** were joined at one of their Virtual Sessions by the team from an animal discovery centre, bringing them a virtual animal encounter and giving the children the opportunity to meet and learn about a variety of animals.

As part of their involvement in UK Parliament Week, **7th Doncaster** ran a Virtual Session where they were joined by their Member of Parliament and one of their local Councillors, giving the young people the opportunity to learn about how parliament works and discuss democracy with their elected representatives.

Bringing in external involvement such as these examples can be a great way of enhancing your Virtual Sessions, and as you're running virtually you won't necessarily be limited only to organisations in your local area! If you are planning Virtual Sessions for the coming weeks and months, why not consider who you could approach to get involved?

Alternative ways of engaging

If your Company is not in a position to run face-to-face or Virtual Session activities at this time, there are plenty of other ways of maintaining engagement with children and young people.



58th Belfast has been sharing weekly, pre-recorded videos for each age group on their Facebook page. These videos have included messages from leaders as well as activities and challenges for children and young people to try at home, along with practical demonstrations to follow. Well done to the team at 58th Belfast for all your efforts in putting together some fantastic opportunities for the boys each week.



Lots of Companies have been making up care/activity packs to either hand deliver or post out to members, which is another great way of maintaining engagement. These could include craft resources, activity sheets or #BBatHOME activity ideas, or if you're running Virtual Sessions could include resources for children and young people to use as part of these. Another option is to include activities that are linked to a particular event (for example Easter) to encourage involvement in these.



Welcoming new members

We've seen lots of Companies welcoming new members over the last few months, whether it has been at face-to-face meetings or as a result of getting involved in Virtual Session or #BBatHOME activities.

Despite the obvious challenges faced by many Companies, **over 1,000 children and young people have started out on their BB adventure** since face-to-face activities were first suspended in March 2020.



Encouragement from Parents/Carers

It is clear that keeping BB going in uncertain times has a positive impact on children and young people, and many of you will have had encouraging comments from parents/carers.

Carolyn, a parent whose two sons are members of **1st Uxbridge**, told us: "My sons have been meeting on Zoom with 1st Uxbridge since the beginning of the session. We had a brilliant introduction email from the Captain explaining the structure for safe face-to-face sessions and then followed up with their Church-approved plans."

"Like many other Companies, the plan was to have the first face-to-face meeting after the October half term. On the Virtual Session before half term, the Anchors were shown a video of the staff walking them through the new planned routine on the

premises, where and who they will meet, and what will happen at face-to-face sessions. This was fabulously reassuring for both children and parents."

"As the circumstances changed, they continued with Virtual Sessions every other week. We were also sent activity packs; one week we had emojis to hide around the house for the children to find (and the parents as we had forgotten where we had hidden them!) and then for a week we weren't meeting we made cookies and sent in pictures of the children's creations and messy kitchens."

"The staff are working incredibly hard and keeping the children engaged. My boys certainly look forward to their Virtual Sessions and can't wait to get back to 'normal' BB when possible."



Fundraising activities

COVID-19 will undoubtedly have had an impact on the funds of Companies, whether through subs not being paid or fundraising events being cancelled. We have seen Companies taking the opportunity to look at their fundraising needs and doing things a bit differently in the circumstances.

1st Lenzie did this by getting involved in our Fundraising Challenge, with leaders walking a combined 270 miles - the distance between Glasgow and Thurso in Scotland. By doing this the Company was able to exceed its £1,000 target and raise vital funds to support their work with children and young people this session.

If you are looking for ideas of what you could do to raise funds, check out the Toolbox article later in this issue or our Fundraising Challenge at boys-brigade.org.uk/fundraising-challenge

Support from Battalions/Districts

A number of Battalions and Districts have been active in providing practical support to Companies in their areas, including by holding virtual get togethers for leaders, providing resources to assist Companies in returning to face-to-face activities, and more.



Northern Ireland District was able to secure funding of £50,000 from the NI Education Authority to resource and support Companies in restarting youth provision. The District has sent a BB-branded ‘Restart Kit’ to every Company in Northern Ireland, containing resources/ideas to use with all age groups during face-to-face meetings, Covid-19 safety posters, postcards/flyers to attract new members as well as re-engage with existing members and badges linking to our Vision, Mission and Values.

The funding is also enabling the District to deliver a **mental health project** in collaboration with the Christian charity Made for More, recognising the impact that lockdown has had on the mental health of many children and young people. The Education Authority funding will enable BB to provide training, programs, workshops and resources for young people to help them work towards good emotional well-being at this uncertain time in their lives – all of this can be delivered face-to face or virtually.

Northamptonshire Battalion, via its Battalion trust fund, has **supported Companies by paying their capitation fees** this session. The fund is traditionally used to subsidise Battalion activities and events as well as provide small grants to Companies. For this session, to recognise the pressure faced by local Companies and BB Headquarters as a result of COVID-19, the fund was used to make this generous offer as a way of stepping up and providing support.

The support has been welcomed by all of the Companies in Northamptonshire and has meant that they were confidently able to start this session. Companies were also encouraged to make an additional contribution to BB Headquarters where it was possible to do so.

London District has **funded activity packs** that have been sent to Companies, with a focus on supporting those that are unable to meet face-to-face or run Virtual Sessions. The packs contain resources to enable continued engagement with children and young people, by providing activities and ideas that they can try at home.

If your Battalion/District is not yet doing so, why not consider what could be done to support Companies in your area? There are lots of possibilities including resources for children and young people to use, new or adapted competitions/challenges that can be done at home, or virtual social gatherings or idea sharing opportunities for leaders.



Looking for ideas?

Our Leaders Group on Facebook is a great place to share ideas and experiences with others, and includes regular contributions from BB Headquarters.

You can join the group at
facebook.com/groups/thebbleaders

Don't forget that our Programme Hub remains available, with over 300 activities suitable for Face-to-Face (socially distanced), Virtual Session and #BBatHOME settings, and more being added each month!

Check out the Programme Hub at
boys-brigade.org.uk/programme



Raising Funds during Covid-19

Get involved in our Fundraising Challenge and raise vital funds to support your BB group!

Covid-19 will have had an impact on your ability to secure funds for your Company; subs may not have been paid and fundraising events such as jumble sales, bazaars, car washes, collections and coffee mornings will have been cancelled. Based on this we would like to invite you to look at your fundraising needs, and what you need to support your Company over the coming weeks and months. We have launched a Fundraising Challenge that is designed to be run remotely/virtually or even face-to-face (socially distanced) and something that every Company can get involved with.

The Fundraising Challenge will be a great opportunity to bring your group together (either virtually or socially distanced face-to-face). Groups could encourage not just children and young people to take part, but leaders, parents/carers, Church members and the wider community. We hope it will not just raise vital funds, but also help to raise the profile of your group in the local community.

Taking on the Fundraising Challenge collectively as a group will be a lot of fun and a great addition to your programme at this time. In planning this we would encourage you to get creative and to consult with children and young people and leaders to see what they would like to do.

Article Continued →

Fundraising Challenge Ideas

To help support you in getting going we have put together a range of ideas...



Walking or Running

Take on a **Marathon** (26.2 miles), **Belfast to Dublin** (104 miles), **Edinburgh to Aberdeen** (121 miles), **London to Cardiff** (150 miles), **Birmingham to Newcastle** (206 miles), **Glasgow to Thurso** (276 miles).



Climbing 3 Peaks

Taking on the 3 biggest peaks in **England (Scafell Pike)**, **Scotland (Ben Nevis)** and **Wales (Snowdon)** by collectively climbing the same height – all participants need is access to a staircase. Climb (going up) a huge **16,965 steps** to reach equivalent height of the 3 highest peaks in England, Scotland and Wales, an incredible **3,393 metres** – and that's just the way up! (Steps calculated based on each step being average of 20cm in height).

- **Snowdon**
1,085 metres elevation or 5,425 steps up
- **Scafell Pike**
964 metres elevation or 4,820 steps up
- **Ben Nevis**
1,344 metres elevation or 6,720 steps up



Climbing 4 Peaks

Taking on the 3 biggest peaks in **England (Scafell Pike)**, **Northern Ireland (Slieve Donard)**, **Scotland (Ben Nevis)** and **Wales (Snowdon)** by collectively climbing the same height – all participants need is access to a staircase. Climb a huge **21,215 steps** to reach equivalent height of all four of the UK's best known highest peaks, an incredible **4,243 metres** – and that's just the way up! (Steps calculated based on each step being average of 20cm in height).

- **Snowdon**
1,085 metres elevation or 5,425 steps up
- **Scafell Pike**
964 metres elevation or 4,820 steps up
- **Ben Nevis**
1,344 metres elevation or 6,720 steps up
- **Slieve Donard**
850 metres elevation or 4,250 steps up



Danceathon/Singathon

Take on a continuous danceathon or singathon and get young people, leaders and supporters joining in a continuous session on Zoom or a similar platform – keep it going for 1/2/3 hours or whatever suits your group.



Bounceathon

Think big like 10k, 50k or even 100k – it's a simple challenge that is accessible to all age groups to bounce a ball off the wall and catch it. What number will you go for?



Triathlon

Create your own triathlon by encouraging people of all ages to take on one of or all 3 sports. Traditionally the sports are running, cycling and swimming – but you can change these up – whilst running and cycling will both be possible, swimming will be a challenge, but consider replacing this with rowing (you don't need a rowing machine – you could use exercise bands or no equipment at all) or another sport or specific exercise for your own unique triathlon.



We have already seen Companies raising funds through activities such as the Three Peaks Challenge. **1st Bothwell** have raised **over £900** from this particular event!



Members of **25th Stirling (Dunblane)** took on a 10,150 mile fundraising challenge to Brisbane in Australia. **#BiketoBrisbane** saw boys and leaders getting involved together cycling the distance and raising nearly £10,000 to support the Company at a time when their regular fundraising events could not take place.



Resources to Support You

To help with the Fundraising Challenge, we've created a range of resources including **social media graphics**, a template **sponsor form**, template **press release** and editable **certificates** for you to use. We have also provided a template email that you can use to engage with parents/careers. In addition to the above, we would encourage you all to share your experiences (challenges, difficulties and successes) on the Leaders group on Facebook (facebook.com/groups/thebbleaders/).

Use of online fundraising pages through **JustGiving**, **Virgin Money Giving** and others would be encouraged, and will make it easy for groups to encourage sponsorship and do so without physically collecting money etc. You can now setup 'Crowdfunding' pages on these sites and do not have to be a registered charity to be able to do so. Young people through their parents/carers can then share

the link to your fundraising page with family and friends so all the money can be collected in one place making it very easy to manage, and if you are a registered charity you can even collect and manage Gift Aid easily through these platforms. Alternatively, more traditional methods could be used with sponsorship forms and money collected via bank transfer etc, with individuals collecting sponsorship and transferring through online bank transfers.

Please do share what you are planning and let us know how you get on by getting in touch with us at bbathome@boys-brigade.org.uk or sharing on our Leaders group on Facebook.

 Check out all the resources and support at boys-brigade.org.uk/fundraising-challenge/



#BBatHOME Camp

This session, thousands of children and young people will be missing out on the opportunity of going on a BB camp, residential weekend or night away.

Help to fill that gap by running a #BBatHOME Camp instead, encouraging members to camp out (or indoors) at home and get involved in many of the activities you would normally do on camp.

What is #BBatHOME Camp?

We have produced a pack of activities and supporting resources to support you in re-creating the camp experience at home. These activities have been designed for **Junior, Company & Senior age groups** and Companies are encouraged to use some of these activities, alongside ideas of their own, to build a two day #BBatHOME camp programme.

How do I Run a #BBatHOME Camp?

✓ Virtual and/or At Home Activities

Activities have been designed to be delivered either virtually on Zoom or as activities taken on by members at home. The sample programme (available online) shows a mixture of virtual and at home activities, however your programme can be all virtual, mixed, or all at home activities. Running some activities virtually via Zoom can be a good way to increase engagement and make it more interactive for your young people. Activities could include Games, Competitions, Campfire, Quiz, Talent Show, Worship, Bake Off and a whole lot more. As well as considering the suggested activities you should also introduce elements or activities which your young people would recognise from your regular camps/residentials

✓ Planning

Start off by bringing your leaders together to discuss the possibility of running a #BBatHOME Camp and how you might go about doing it. You'll need to think about when you want to do it, how you wish to run it, what activities you can offer and splitting up the responsibilities.

✓ Involve Young People

Make sure you involve your members in the planning. Ask them which activities they would like included in the programme and if they have any ideas of their own. You won't have time to run all of the activities, so you'll need to pick just the activities that appeal to your group the most.

✓ Create Your Programme

Check out the sample programme to see how a programme can be created, then use the blank version to produce your own programme to share with your group. If using virtual sessions, think about which activities these would work best for and when in the programme. Not everything needs to be done as part of a virtual session. Starting and ending the day with a virtual session, with a check-in during the day might be one way to do it.

✓ Communication

You'll need to send out your camp invite, programme planner, activities and any other information to parents/carers. Encourage members to respond, letting you know if they will be joining in, follow up and encourage any you don't hear back from. An editable programme and leaflet/poster can be found online.

✓ Camp Pack & Resources

Whilst most of the activities have been designed to use equipment found in an average home, you could help to ensure your #BBatHOME Camp is accessible to all by producing a 'Camp Pack', which can be delivered or sent out to members. This might include a copy of the programme, some of the resources needed for the activities you are running and a couple of treats.

✓ Pictures, Videos and Social Media

Many of the activities encourage interaction between members and the BB group, by sending in pictures and videos of the activities. Emails, text messages, WhatsApp groups and social media can all be used to do this. Remember interaction should always be via a parent/carer and the latest guidance available online should be followed.

✓ Recognising Achievement

Competitions and awards often form part of a camp programme and are a great way of encouraging to get involved and maintain engagement throughout. Consider how you could recognise achievement as part of your #BBatHOME Camp including individual/team/tent competitions, points or spot prizes. The new Night's Away Award can also be used to recognise participation.



You can find all the resources and support at
boys-brigade.org.uk/bbathome-camp/

Good luck with you're planning and have a great #BBatHOME Camp!

Global Round-up

A snapshot of what is going on in BB and Global Fellowship member organisations around the globe:



BB RELAUNCHES IN INDIA

The Boys' Brigade has relaunched in India, with 1st Poona (in Pune, near Mumbai) having been meeting for over a year. The Company meets twice a day every day of the week and has recently started Anchors and Juniors age groups.



LOVE BOX PROJECT IN MALAYSIA

BB Malaysia recently ran its annual Love Box project, where supporters were encouraged to make donations which were used to share resources including face masks and food items with BB members in communities across the country.



BBNZ SPY CAMP

Over 100 young people and leaders from the Auckland and Northern Region in New Zealand came together for a Spy Camp, with a variety of activities including camp fires, adventure trails, water slides, team challenges and more. Even late night heavy rain couldn't dampen the campers' spirits!



AWARD PRESENTATIONS IN THE COOK ISLANDS

Arorangi No. 2 in the Cook Islands held a ceremony which included promotions and award presentations, and also saw the revival of the Company's drumming band.



NEW BRIGADE PRESIDENT IN GHANA

The BB in Ghana held an induction service to welcome its new President, Moses Foh-Amoaning. The President is pictured with members of 106th Accra.



BB BAHAMAS ASSISTS VIRTUAL LEARNING

BB Bahamas National Council donated tablets to 55th Bahamas in an effort to assist their children and young people with virtual learning.





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With young people leading the way in tackling climate change, Christian Aid has prepared lots of resources for your Company to find out more about climate justice.

Who are you and why are you here?



Hi! I'm **David Paterson**, Christian Aid's Youth Development Coordinator for Scotland. I'm passionate about engaging young people with the challenges of global poverty, inequality and injustice, and empowering them to pursue change. I'm excited to share with you some of Christian Aid's creative resources, activities and conversation starters for you to use with your Company!

On the frontline of climate change



In the UK, we are so fortunate to have water piped into our homes and schools.

Onesmus is 15 years old and lives in Kenya. He hopes to become a teacher one day. At his school, pupils and teachers use rainwater from a tank. Because climate change generates more unpredictable weather patterns, there is often insufficient rain to fill the tank. When the water runs out, parents go to a dam to collect more water. Every day, after school, Onesmus walks for half an hour to collect water from the dam for his family. Can you imagine walking in the heat to collect water every day?

Christian Aid supports communities who do not have enough water. We help them to build dams closer to their communities, grow drought resistant crops and set up solar-powered irrigation systems so that boys like Onesmus can live life to the full.

How could your Company become champions for climate justice?

Across the world, young people are speaking up about climate change. While academics and scientists have long championed the need for urgent climate action, none have been as successful in achieving airtime as children and young people. Together, we can act in solidarity with people like Onesmus and his community to support their efforts for a better future for everyone.

Working alongside The Boys' Brigade, Christian Aid is creating resources which will empower young people to learn about the climate crisis and to become even more passionate about climate justice. Our resources will enable your Company to explore the root causes of climate injustice and will support your members to creatively raise their voices.

Decades of inaction and the exponential increase in greenhouse gas emissions have fuelled a rise in average global temperatures and sea levels. Global communities are experiencing wildfires,

floods and droughts. Cruelly, those communities least responsible for its cause are affected first and worst.

Our resources are designed to inspire Companies meeting in person or online. We hope to encourage you to **give, act and pray** with Christian Aid with activities such as:

- **Window on the world** – a look into the lives of those impacted by climate change.
- **Thank you for the Rain** – a superb film about one man's journey from Kenya to the UN's international climate conference, COP.
- **Letters to the world** - A creative reflection on young people's hopes for the climate and vulnerable communities.
- **An exploration of what the Bible has to say about justice.**

How can you get involved?

Check out these ideas on how you could get involved...

Christian Aid Week 2021

Christian Aid Week (**10th -16th May 2021**) is a great opportunity for BB Companies to put their faith and knowledge into action. Discover how your fundraising can contribute to real change for those on the frontline of the climate crisis. You'll find great fundraising ideas and resources on our website. And don't forget to let us know what you get up to!

Profile: Dunblane BB

Every May, members of **25th Stirling (Dunblane) BB** deliver Christian Aid Week envelopes around the streets of Dunblane. Last year, when the coronavirus hampered house-to-house fundraising, the boys found another way to look after their neighbours both near and far by creating a fantastic fundraising video which outlined the impact of coronavirus on the poorest and most vulnerable people. The boys explained how Christian Aid works with partners in local communities and they encouraged their own BB community to donate using the Christian Aid Week e-envelope. Their understanding, enthusiasm and compassion for global issues was evident and impressive.

In a tough fundraising climate, they raised over £600 for Christian Aid Week.

Check out the fundraising video at:
facebook.com/dunblanebb



You can find all the resources and more ways to get involved at:
caid.org.uk/youth-climate



1. Get Learning

Windows on the World is a great way to introduce primary school children to global issues. This resource focuses on how young people around the world are tackling climate change.



2. Get into the Bible

What does the Bible have to say about justice? How might that relate to climate change? Exploring the Bible can be a great way to explore why and how we can respond. We have pulled together a few starter ideas for different age groups to help get young people talking about faith and climate justice.



3. Get Creative

If you could write a letter to the world, what would you say? Find out how your Company can join young people across the UK writing messages of hope for the environment and for people struggling with climate change.



4. Get Involved

If you and your Company are passionate about climate justice and want to support those living in vulnerable communities, we would love you to fundraise with us. Your young people will have loads of creative fundraising ideas and you'll find more inspiration on our website. We can't wait to hear how you get on!

CAMPSITES & RESIDENTIAL CENTRES

Auchengillan Outdoor Centre
in the Central Scottish Highlands offers camping and modern indoor accommodation. There are many challenging and adventurous activities (on and off-site) and lots of places of interest to visit.

☎ 01360 770256
@ centre@auchengillan.com
www.auchengillan.com

Norfolk / Felden Lodge Campsites
BB canvas campsites (operated by 10th Enfield) fully equipped for up to 80 (smaller camps welcome) in West Runton (North Norfolk) and at Felden Lodge, BBHQ (Hertfordshire).

☎ Chris Norman on 07703 571915
@ chris@boys-brigade.org.uk
10enfield.boys-brigade.org.uk

Honeyhill Camp (NW Kent Battalion) 12 acres Bearsted Maidstone. Open from Easter to October. Small and large camps welcome. Showers, toilets, building with large kitchen, sports facilities. Canvas for hire or bring your own.

☎ Andy Foster on 07946 163176
@ honeyhill@boys-brigade.org.uk
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West Midland District Camping Centre, Dyffryn Ardudwy 3 fully equipped canvas sites available for mixed camps. Main centre site caters up to 90 people with dormitory accommodation for 40. 2 smaller sites cater up to 50 people.

☎ John Sharp 0121 530 4580
@ info@bbcamping.co.uk
www.bbcamping.co.uk

CRAGGAN Outdoor Centre, on the shores of Loch Tay, Perthshire. A great Centre for camps of all ages, with disabled access, sleeps 29 and is self-catering. Ideal for outdoor and water activities with own canoes and jetty.

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broadleas.boys-brigade.org.uk

Bromley Battalion Campsite, Whitecliff Bay, IOW
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Well Road Centre, Moffat, Scotland. Fully equipped self-catering for up to 70. 13 bedrooms. Separate shower/toilet areas. 2 meeting rooms, spacious kitchen and dining room. Indoor games hall.

☎ 01683 221040
@ ben8363@aol.com
www.wellroadcentre.co.uk

Greenmoor Residential Centre
S35 7DX. Reopened after extensive refurbishment. Flexible sleeping in 6 rooms for 30 Accessible facilities Lounge Dining Room Kitchen 3 showers toilets washroom games room staff room projection equipment heating 15 minutes M1 and dark peak.

☎ Mark Boswell (bookings) 07760 111615
☎ Tony Drury-Smith 07930 177764
Greenmoor Centre

Swanage, Dorset. Church hall available for camps. The accommodation can comfortably sleep 24 people.

☎ 01929 422421
www.swanagemethodist.org.uk/hallbookings.htm

Coopers Mead Campsite, Whitecliff Bay, Isle of Wight. Traditional camping at its very best and at a reasonable cost! Weeks available in 2021 and beyond.

☎ Ted Walliss 01737 352732
@ edwardwalliss@btinternet.com

The Albert Wilson Memorial Field, Prestatyn, North Wales - Two camping areas each with cookhouses/toilets/shower. One field is suitable for up to 36, and our main field with new refurbished cookhouse for larger groups. Marquee and Tents available.

@ bookings@prestatyncampsite.co.uk
www.prestatyncampsite.co.uk

IN THE HEART OF NIDDERDALE. Set in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Leeds Battalion Boys Brigade Hostel, Heathfield, Pateley Bridge, North Yorkshire, HG3 5PU. Sleeps 26 in 3 dormitories. Large lounge with coal fire. Fully equipped kitchen. Toilets and showers. Lots to do and see in the surrounding area.

☎ 07746569507
@ carolnormanton@aol.com

Peak District – Leslie Johnson Centre Warslow Near to Alton Towers. Fully equipped self catering for up to 31 people. Lounge, dining and games rooms, showers etc. playground & garden. 2 staff bedrooms sleep 7. Open all year.

☎ Kevin Ford on 01782320287
@ kevingford@yahoo.co.uk
northstaffs.boys-brigade.org.uk

Popular BB approved campsite at Freshwater, Isle Of Wight. Fully equipped for 60 (approx), canvas tents/marquee, purpose built toilet block, cookhouse. Minimum charge 20 campers (£750). Close to safe sandy beaches and leisure centre.

☎ Jon Tickle 07770 795701
www.freshwatertrust.com
@ freshwatercamping@gmail.com

Dartmoor Activity Centre, Broadleas. BB focused, with 3 accommodation choices, Camping, up to 55. Cabins 32 plus 4 staff. Indoor accommodation. Self-lead or contact for activities we now provide.

☎ 01364 661283
@ info@dartmooractivitycentre.com
broadleas.boys-brigade.org.uk/

1st Yeovil Campsite Corfe Castle
Fully equipped for 60 persons, all white canvas 14'x14' ridge tents. 75'x30' Marquee. Weeks available 2021 and beyond.

☎ Graham Voizey on 01935 422 292
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Broomley Grange Residential Outdoor Activity Centre

Set in 22 acres of grounds in Northumberland, just 25 mins from Newcastle. We offer fully catered accommodation for up to 62 guests & camping for up to 100, and 30 challenging activities onsite delivered by qualified staff.

☎ 01661 842299
broomleygrange.co.uk
@ manager@broomleygrange.co.uk

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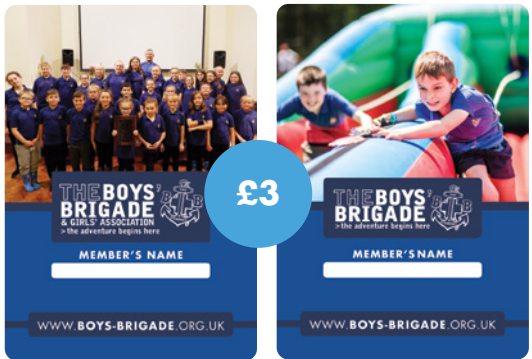


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MEMBERSHIP CARDS - 2020/2021

31 380 1 – BOYS ONLY
31 381 1 – MIXED (BB AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION)

NEW



Pack of 10 cards including an information card which includes church attendance table on the reverse along with a credit card sized membership card. Versions of the card are available for Companies with boys only and also a card for Companies with a Girls' Association.

The membership card is ideal for presenting as part of an Enrolment Service or at the start of the session to promote a sense of belonging to the Company and Church.

COVID-19 BANNER STAND

NEW

Product: 316731

A banner stand ideal for use at the entrance to your meeting space as you return to face-to-face activities.

Printed on 225mic grey block polymer, held in place with an aluminium frame. You also receive a free padded carry bag to store your banner in when it's not in use. The banner stand will provide clear messaging to young people as they arrive and will give confidence to parents/carers that you have control measures in place to reduce the spread of Covid-19.



£45

FACE SHIELD

Product: 316710

NEW



£6

The face shields are ideal for leaders to wear when running face-to-face activities providing an addition or alternative to a face mask.

They are made from PET (Recyclable Polyethylene terephthalate) and feature an adjustable foam headband to help make them comfortable when worn for long periods of time. An anti-fog treatment has also been applied to the inside of the visor.

SQUEEZY WHISTLE

Product: 117351

NEW



£6.75

The Gilbert Squeeze Whistle is a soft plastic whistle which is squeezed by hand rather than blown so can be shared by any number of people. Ideal for use during face-to-face activities at this time when conventional whistles should not be used.

#BBATHOME MEDALS

Product: Bronze 117921 / Silver 117931 / Gold 117941

NEW



£2.70

To support leaders in recognising achievement outside of the existing awards, BB Supplies has a range of #BBatHOME medals which can be presented to children and young people.

Bronze, Silver and Gold medals featuring the #BBatHOME logo with a blue ribbon.

BB SMILEY REUSABLE FACE MASK

Product: 117341

NEW



£5

General use reusable (non surgical) face mask ideal for BB leaders or for children and young people to wear as they return to face-to-face activities.

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