



THE BOYS' BRIGADE
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OUR ANNUAL REVIEW

THE STORY OF OUR 2025-2026 SESSION

Reflecting on the last year...

I believe what we offer children and young people in our country today is as important as ever.

We continue to provide children and young people from all backgrounds with a safe space where they don't need to be good at something to be accepted and feel valued. We provide: opportunities for them to learn together; develop skills; have fun with their friends; build relationships with positive role models; and the opportunity to explore the Christian faith.

Beyond the uniform and the badges... we are about mentorship, shaping character, building community, and offering every child and young person a lasting sense of belonging.

Over the last year 12 months I've had the privilege to be able to meet many of our BB volunteer leaders across the country, who enable all of this to actually happen.

Our Growth Workshops have focused on equipping leaders with the guidance, tools, and resources needed to grow their

Companies. The strategy sessions we have been running recently have provided leaders with the opportunity to share their experiences and views on what the priorities should be for the next five years.

The strategy sessions have also reaffirmed just how important it is that we continue to work together in partnership with organisations who share our vision and values.

Through our new partnership with the youth mental health charity YoungMinds, which we launched last October on World Mental Health Day, we have been able to give leaders practical, trusted resources that can make a real difference in the lives of the children and young people the organisation reaches each week.

Thank you to all our volunteers, partners, supporters, donors and Alumni Scheme members over the last 12 months.

Jonathan

Jonathan Eales
Chief Executive



1 YoungMinds partnership

Through our Fundraising Challenge, we're encouraging children and young people to take part in a year of fundraising, learning and action to support YoungMinds' vital work.

2 Growth Workshops

13 Growth Workshops were run with 220 Companies taking part. The workshops have focused on supporting Companies to reach more children and young people within their communities.

3 Young Leaders Weekend

Young leaders from across the country came together at Carronvale House, Larbert for the Young Leaders Weekend.

4 Coming together in remembrance

Thousands of BB members took part in Remembrance activities and events, with a contingent joining the National Service of Remembrance in London.

5 National Competitions

Over 2,500 young people took part in seven different National Competitions, including football, FIFA, Masterteam (quiz), badminton, table tennis and chess.

6 Juniors BIG Sleepover

Hundreds of Juniors from across the country took part in our Juniors BIG Sleepover, which included hosted sleepovers at Gulliver's Land in Milton Keynes, Gulliver's World in Warrington, Flip Out in Glasgow as well as a range of locally-run events.

7 Adventure Days

Members of Company and Seniors took part in our Adventure Days in Bristol, Durham, Fife, Hertfordshire and the West Midlands, which are part of the 'Your Future' project in partnership with the University of Greater Manchester.

8 Unite

Over 250 young people and leaders took part in our Unite camp, giving the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of activities across the weekend, to meet old and new friends and to connect with God.

9 Guard of Honour

A group of BB young people formed a Guard of Honour at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for the Lord High Commissioner.

10 Build Trip to Mexico

In partnership with Amor Europe, a group of 24 BB members travelled to Tijuana in Mexico to build a home for a family living in poverty, working together to construct everything from the ground up and handing over the keys to the family once the build was complete.

11 KGVI – Equipping our young leaders

Young leaders from across the country took part in KGVI Youth Leader Training at Carronvale House and Broomley Grange, to support and equip them as they move into leadership roles.

A YEAR IN PICTURES



12 Satellites

We continued to partner with Youthscape to play a leading role at the Christian youth festival, Satellites, helping to create a vibrant active space that helps young people connect with Jesus and each other.

13 Buckingham Palace Garden Party

A group of Seniors and young leaders volunteered as stewards at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party hosted by the King and Queen, undertaking a range of duties to help ensure the smooth running of the event.

14 Youth Opportunity Summit

Madi Neville, a young leader at 3rd Harrogate, represented the Youth United Foundation and The Boys' Brigade at a Youth Opportunity Summit hosted by the King.

15 Shaping the future

Members of the Senior Management Team (SMT) have been joining Battalion or District meetings, giving the opportunity for leaders to share what they feel should be the key priorities for the next five years.

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS



656

partner Churches across UK & RoI



5

new groups created



3,416

children and young people started out on their BB adventure



17,139

children and young people in membership

15,293

1,857



637

new volunteer leaders have joined



6,563

volunteer leaders

4,329

2,234



500+

holidays were provided giving over 7,500 children and young people over 25,000 nights away



390

young people gained the highest award, the King's Badge



2,500+

young people representing 607 teams took part in our seven National Competitions



204

young people completed a Duke of Edinburgh's Award, with 27 of them gaining Gold Awards



Anchors
4,569

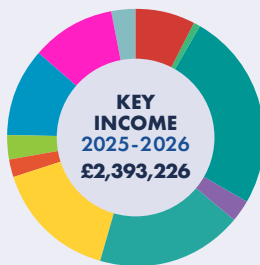
Company
5,366

Juniors
5,654

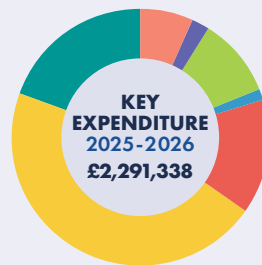
Seniors
1,506



OUR FINANCES



- **Unrestricted Donations & Legacies**
£182,071
- **Restricted Donations & Legacies**
£20,385
- **Annual Capitation**
£600,867
- **Unrestricted Grants Received**
£63,000
- **Restricted Grants Received**
£441,297
- **Supplies Sales**
£372,065
- **Events**
£54,582
- **Training Centre (Brigade use)**
£69,569
- **Training Centre (non-Brigade use)**
£263,826
- **Investment Income**
£254,485
- **BBNI Licence**
£71,079



- **Cost of Raising Funds**
£157,013
- **Training Centre (Brigade use)**
£59,492
- **Training Centre (non-Brigade use)**
£225,275
- **Restricted Grants Payable**
£36,206
- **Supplies Cost of Sales**
£327,248
- **Unrestricted Management & Delivery of Activities**
£1,045,313
- **Restricted Management & Delivery of Activities**
£440,791



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Thank you to our partners, supporters and donors...

Working together with organisations like the **University of Greater Manchester**, **Christian Aid**, **Youthscape** and **YoungMinds** is incredibly important to us.

We have also continued to work with partners across the youth sector through the **Youth United Foundation** and **YouthLink Scotland**.

We are grateful for funding providing by the UK Government through their **Uniformed Youth Fund** and by the Scottish Government through **CashBack for Communities** and **CYPFEIF**.

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HOW TO HELP



Prayer. Each week thousands of children and young people are part of the Church through our activities. Many have no other connection with the Church or faith. The support of prayer for leaders and members is vital in our ongoing commitment to advance Christ's Kingdom.



Volunteer. Many of our local groups need more volunteer leaders. With the support of more volunteers, the BB experience could be offered to more children and young people. Could you help us by sharing some of your time to support a local Company?



Donate. With greater financial resources, we could offer more support to our local groups and expand our work with young people. Can you help by means of a single donation or through a regular financial giving?

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