

GripplE Charity Donations 2009

Over the last year GripplE has helped numerous charities, many local but some further afield. Here is just a summary highlighting a few of the charities and organisations the Charities Committee has supported in 2009. A full list is over the page.

Agewell Exercise for Health

Based in Upperthorpe, this group started in 1996 running classes for the elderly who wish to stay healthy and active in body and mind. Groups meet and participate in activities such as: gentle exercise, day trips, local history talks, games and much more. Both hospitals and doctors have referred patients to this group.

Hagg Hill, S6 Community Group

This is a local group restoring an old disused allotment site. Restoration began in 2006 by the founder and his friend who had learning difficulties. He now has a total of 35 people involved, including 8 children and has said he gains so much from 'watching people grow, as well as the plants'. GripplE also donated some Gardening Kits which were very gratefully received.

North Sheffield Carriage Driving Society

GripplE has previously donated funds to help provide a specially converted carriage for the disabled. The carriages used by the group have been specially adapted and are sometimes purpose-built so they can take wheelchairs on board. We are now supporting their current project to create a sensory garden.



Mablethorpe Lifeboat Station

Many of our staff have caravans on the East Coast and we thought it would be nice to make a donation to this voluntary service.



Ella's Fund

This fund was set up two years ago by the parents of Ella who has a progressive brain tumour. Ella receives excellent care at Sheffield Children's Hospital and Ella's parents intend to continue to raise money, through Ella's Fund to help other children with brain tumours and cancer in South Yorkshire.

Heeley City Farm

This much visited, inner city farm benefits many people; adults, children, disabled and people with learning difficulties. Our donation will help buy new calves for the farm and the equipment needed to rear them.

Sheffield Children's Hospital

Following on from the Master Cutler's Challenge we thought we would push the boat out for the Children's Hospital this year and sponsor one of their two largest snowflakes which are twinkling on the outside of the main building. Money raised will go towards vital medical research.



The Aurora Centre, Doncaster

The Aurora Centre is based within the hospital and is all about making cancer patients feel better about themselves, offering free therapy treatments and advice. This charity was suggested by one of our staff who personally benefited from the charity and regards them highly.

Leonard Cheshire Disability, Mickley Hall, Totley



Mickley Hall cares for the disabled providing much needed residential and respite care. After receiving lovely feedback from our sponsored day trips last year we decided to make a special Christmas donation to help pay for their planned outings for next year.

Cat Abuse Treatment Society

Run by a lady at Brightside who has devoted her life to the rescue of cats. The charity currently operates from a purpose built sanctuary at the rear of her own property. In addition to a small donation Garry Hallatt has carried out repairs to the sanctuary in his own time.

Parkinson's Disease Society, Sheffield Branch

The aims of the branch are to help people with Parkinson's disease and their carers, and to raise funds for research into the disease. Our donation was gratefully received and has helped towards the cost of a Christmas meal and a small gift each.

Sheffield Otters

This group has 20 swimmers, 12 of whom represented Yorkshire and Humberside at this year's Special Olympics. Our donation went towards the cost of their uniform for this special event.

Sheffield Wildlife Trust, Carr House Meadows



Sheffield & Rotherham

The Wildlife Trust is the largest environmental charity in Sheffield and Rotherham, working to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the local area. They work on special projects to protect vulnerable habitats and species, making them more welcoming to wildlife and bringing people closer to nature.

Carr House Meadows Nature Reserve provides a reminder of how the farmed landscape used to be. Over the course of a week in December numerous people from Gripple were involved in a combined tree planting, fencing and team building project organised by Gordon. Gripple erected over 150 metres of fence and planted around 400 trees, over five very cold, but good fun days.

The Charities Committee bought some of the trees, and the Gripple team provided the people power, putting up fences and planting trees.



Here are the charities Gripple supported in 2009

Sheffield Aspergers Parents Action Group
Rotary Club of Sheffield
Sheffield Institute Foundation for Motor Neurone Disease
Safe at Last
Children's Safety Education Foundation
Sheffield Mencap Gateway
Cystic Fibrosis Appeal
MIND and OBMH Charitable Funds
Cat Abuse Treatment Society
Hagg Hill, S6 Community Group
Wisewood School
Ashgate Hospice and Macmillan Nurses
Birch Wood School
Greystones Primary School
Sue's Tots
Whirlow Hall Farm Trust
St John Ambulance
Sheffield Otters
North West Sheffield Community Transport
Agewell Exercise for Health
Steel City Gymnastics
Sheffield Children's Hospital
Alzheimer's Society
Manor Community Childcare Society
Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre

Frecheville Creative Modelling Club
Ella's Fund
Friends of Sheffield Youth Circus
Sheffield Pregnancy Counselling Support
Friends of Throapham Church
Worrall Male Choir
Firshill Craft and social Club
North Sheffield Carriage Driving Association
Mablethorpe Lifeboat Station
Emmanuel Junior School
Dearne Valley Soccer School
Lydgate Infant and Junior School
Badaguish Outdoor Centre
British Red Cross
Sara's Hope Foundation
Ashgate Hospice
Sheffield Area Kidney Association/Transplant Games Fund
Salvation Army, Barnsley
Transplant Active
Hillsborough Tabernacle Church
Help for Heroes
Bents Green Secondary School
Radio Hallam, Cash for Kids

How you have helped

Here are some of the things you have done this year to help (sincere apologies if we have omitted your event).

St Luke's Hospice, Its a Knockout - Gripple Team Event.

Help for Heroes, Christmas Raffle - Gripple Team Event.

Sheffield Children's Hospital, Master Cutler's Challenge -Gripple Team Event.

Cancer Research, Race for Life - Trish, Debbie, Emma Hibbert, Diane Cotton and Kirstie Royston.

Sheffield Half Marathon - A number of Gripple staff took part running for their chosen charities.

Salvation Army, Christmas Hampers - Gripple staff.

Breast Cancer Research, Wear it Pink - Organised by Shaz with Gripple staff taking part.

Bupa Great Yorkshire Run - Kirstie Royston and Kelly Smith running for the Alzheimer's Society.

Charity Football Match for Help for Heroes - Jake Lake.

Please let the Charities Committee know if you are involved in future fund raising activities and would like any support.

Thank you for all your kind help in 2009