

# 5<sup>th</sup> Edition 2019 Friends OF DOWNRIGHT SPECIAL NEWSLETTER



...building a brighter future for  
children with Down Syndrome



## Dear Friends

**We have enjoyed a really busy year to date, with some fantastic events and successful fundraising.**

It's not too late to get involved during the second part of the year.

There are a number of organised events coming up, including the Humber Bridge Half Marathon and Fun Run at the end of June.

As always, we are very grateful to everyone for their continued support and would like to say a big thank you. Your generous donations really are making a difference to our children and their families every day.

Best wishes,

**Angela Broekhuizen,  
Chair of Trustees**

## Down Syndrome Awareness Week record success

**This year's Down Syndrome Awareness Week was a record-breaking success and we can't thank everyone involved enough for their support, awareness-raising and fundraising. The theme was #leavenoonebehind and it was wonderful to see so many positive stories of inclusion shared throughout the week.**

Over £6,000 was raised for Downright Special – the most we have ever achieved during this special week - with events including:

- A Makaton music night organised by parent Kate

Long and Green Hedges Day Nursery raised £2,000.

- Parent Liz Herrieven set up a fundraiser on Facebook in lieu of gifts for her birthday, raising £735! We're now set up for Facebook fundraisers if anyone else would like to join in.
- Lots of Socks – As always, schools, colleges, businesses and individuals embraced this idea and wore their brightest, most odd socks while donating to Downright Special.
- Coffee mornings – Various coffee mornings were held, with hot drinks and cakes provided in return for a donation. Always a winning combination!

## Downright Special celebrates grant awards

**We are delighted to announce we have been awarded several grants recently after investing a great deal of time into applying for a broad range of funding.**

**Thank you to:**

- The Masonic Province of Yorkshire North

and East Ridings and the Masonic Charitable Foundation - £10,000 awarded over two years to help towards the cost of our specialist teacher and Friday Group.

- The Brelms Trust Charitable Incorporated Organisation - £15,000 over three years to cover the cost of our specialist teacher.
- Awards for All - £9,342 towards our Friday Group sessions.
- The Paristamen Charitable Incorporated Organisation - £700 for core costs.
- The Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust - £750 for core costs.



# Social activities bring more smiles



## Gillian takes on cycling challenge!

Our Charity Manager, Gillian Bowlas, is preparing to cycle 100km (62 miles) in one day to raise money for Downright Special.

Alongside her husband, Chris, Gillian has been training hard for the Humber Bridge Cycle Sportive on June 9th and has set a fundraising target of £321. If anyone would like to sponsor Gillian and Chris, please visit

[www.virginmoneygiving.com/GillianBowlas](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/GillianBowlas)

## Our fundraising superstars

We have several thank you messages for this edition of the newsletter:

- Sophie Green and her friends completed the Three Peaks and organised a music night, raising about £5,000.
- De La Pole Social Club raised a staggering £4,048.73 for Downright Special at their charity dinner and through fundraising events.
- Easington Social Club - Judith Sugden held a coffee morning, raising £122.
- Kerry Farmery raised £430 at a line dance event at Woodmansey Village Hall.
- Boutique Milla's 'sip and shop' event raised £224.
- Gavin Beresford and his team raised £735.63 when they competed the Tough Mudder Midlands challenge.
- Thanks also to ABP for holding a Devil's Kitchen event, Beverley Flower Club's for their fashion event, Tony Broomfield for designing flyers and our branding manual and Hull Ladies Choir, who organised a concert.



## Welcome to the team!

Sarah Hyde - Charity Coordinator  
Joanna Harker - Dance teacher  
Angie Theakston - Office volunteer  
Maggie Butt - Friday Group volunteer



Downright Special would like to thank Umber Creative and GKD for their support in designing and printing this newsletter.

## How can you help us?

There are lots of ways you can help to support Downright Special.

From skydiving, coffee mornings, or regular giving, to using [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), hosting a book shelf to sell our donated books, or buying a ticket for an event supporting Downright Special – all of these help to raise vital funds to continue our work.

We're also always looking for donated items to sell through our online eBay shop!

Please contact us on 07923 600150 for more information.

[www.downrightspecial.co.uk](http://www.downrightspecial.co.uk)

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