

John Laing Charitable Trust Make a Difference Scheme



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making infrastructure happen

John Laing staff can apply to the The John Laing Charitable Trust for a donation of £500 to support charitable or voluntary organisations with which employees or one of their immediate family are actively involved.

These pages show just a few of the stories captured during 2010.



Young People Afloat Employee - Rory Hallas, Financial Analyst, JLIS

Sailing can be a prohibitively expensive sport. Young People Afloat was set up 25 years ago to offer children who might otherwise not be able to afford do so, the opportunity to learn how to sail. The charity is entirely run by volunteers who give up their Wednesday evenings and odd weekends for free. Rory requested £500 for the purchase of new sails for the charity based at Lackford Lake, Bury St Edmunds. Young People Afloat is particularly important to Rory as that is where he learnt to sail as a child and went on to teach youngsters until he moved from the St Edmundsbury area. The charity is run by a committee, the treasurer and membership secretary who is in fact Rory's father who has held the position since inception 25 years ago.

Marston St. Lawrence Cricket Club Employee - Dave Scott, Planning and Design Manager

Dave has been a player, caretaker and enthusiastic supporter of the Marston St. Lawrence Cricket Club since 2001. It is the local cricket club for Marston, Greatworth and four surrounding villages. The club has a strong community ethos and supports up to 7 playing teams including youth teams from age 9 to 17. The £500 donation will support training of coaches.



St. Luke's Church, Legrave, Luton Employee - Philip Nunn, Welfare Office

Phil is the church warden and has been a regular worshiper since 1965 at St. Luke's the largest church in the parish. The church building suffered extensive smoke damage just over a year ago and the entire building had to be professionally cleaned and redecorated. The Make a Difference donation was used to purchase a number of candles that are oil filled, smokeless and odourless to eliminate a similar occurrence in the future.



North Wales Wildlife Trust **Employee - Peter Jones, Director of Operations, Regenter**

Marford Quarry Nature Reserve is a sand quarry with site paths prone to erosion. The donation by the JLCT has allowed the reserves' team of committed volunteers, including Peter's cousin, to design a long lasting solution. A sump and drain system has been put in place which feeds water into the pond raising its levels and preventing silting up which had happened in the past. A retaining wall has been constructed with the addition of hibernating holes for newts. The North Wales Wildlife Trust were very grateful for the donation and said that the Trust's support of the project really did make infrastructure happen, with benefits to both people and wildlife.

Woodcraft Folk- Hinckley, Leicestershire Group **Employee - Rob Lea, Senior Investment Manager, Business Development**

Woodcraft Folk runs on the passion and energy of thousands of volunteers, most of whom help at a local Woodcraft Folk group and who may have been Woodcraft Folk as children. The group offers a place where children will grow in confidence, learn about the world and start to understand how to value our planet and each other. The donation will be used to help the Hinckley group, who are trying to arrange funds to help a delegation from India to attend the international camp which this time is being held in Nottingham. Rob's wife is a helper for the Hinckley group and his two children are regular attendees.



Busy Kids Nursery **Employee - David Micciche, Health, Safety, Environment and Sustainability Director**

The Make a Difference donation has provided a wooden external covered play area giving children protection from both rain and a perfect setting for the annual nativity play. The nursery is in the village where David lives. He is a member of their committee and attends meetings regularly.



The Sam Griffiths Foundation
Employee - Jamie Kerr, Director, Business Development

The Sam Griffiths Foundation was set up in memory of Jamie's nephew, a remarkable young man who died in 2009, aged 16. Sam was positive, happy and brimming with enthusiasm for life. He was thoughtful and kind with a genuine concern for the welfare of others. Sam had a well-developed sense of fairness and was known for his ability to make others laugh. The foundation hopes to continue his legacy by finding ways to support existing charities who help the young help the young and particularly by helping young people gain confidence to help them reach their potential.

St Joseph's Pastoral Centre
Employee - Jenny Impey, Group Finance Projects Manager

St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre aims to enable people with learning difficulties to participate fully in the life of their church and community. The Centre assisted Jenny's son Adam when he made his First Holy Communion earlier in the year.



Wendlebury Youth Club
Employee - Justine Brown, HR Director, JLIS

Justine started the youth club in 2005 and has been Chairman and Treasurer of the club as well as attending each week as a volunteer helper.

The youth club is for 9 - 13 year olds during term time and is held at Wendlebury Village Hall.

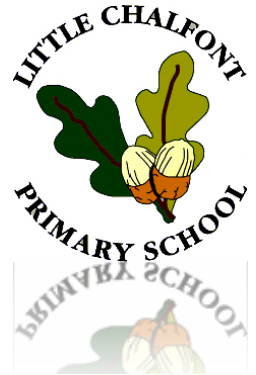


Hempstead Infant School **Employee - Andrew Bell, Portfolio Financial Controller**

Andy requested a Make a Difference donation for his son's school to help pay for the installation of a Trim Trail, an active walkway for children to use in recreation time. Andy's wife is a member of the school parents committee. The school were very happy to receive the donation and made a special mention of Andy in the November edition of their newsletter

Little Chalfont Primary School **Employee - David Bradbury, Senior Investment Manager**

As well as David's children attending the school, his wife has been a Community Governor for the school for several years. The Make a Difference donation has helped the school to purchase PE benches for the hall and outdoor storage sheds for the new Year 1 Outdoor Garden.



Pahar Trust Nepal **Employee - Daniel Cambridge, Bid Coordinator, Business Development**

The Pahar Trust was set up in 1992 to support the villages of Gurkha's who fought for the UK. They have built 49 schools since then and have also built 22 non-educational facilities including health, wells and hostels for ex soldiers/children. They also run a child sponsorship scheme for over 100 children who have experienced hardship.

Daniel requested the Make a Difference donation to help fund construction of a new school in the Pandi Khola village in East Nepal to be named the Narodaya School which will serve 861 pupils. Just after Daniel applied he set off on a gap year travelling around Asia, but made time in his schedule to stop off in Nepal to help with the work at the school.