

## **THE TINY TIM TRUST ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2011**

At the Annual General Meeting in May 2010, Mrs P Kirbyshaw stood down as Chair and members of the Committees after many years of service to the Charity. She was thanked for all her hard work and was given some tokens of gratitude from the others members. Dr Phillip Preece was elected as Chairman, he was a Committee member when the Charity was first forms and had expressed a wish to come back and help again. Tina Wilkinson as re-elected as Secretary, Ian Roberts re-elected as Treasurer and four committee members; Mary White, Carole Joynes, Lisa Rowbottom and Debbie White, were also elected. There have been two Executive Committee and six Donations Subcommittee meetings in the last year. These usually take place in alternate months throughout the year and, as well as representatives from the Executive Committee, professionals from a variety of disciplines serve on the Donations Subcommittee. Planning meetings for the Trust's Charity Golf Tournament and a Fund Raising event have also taken place.

We are grateful for donations from individuals and organisations, totalling £2123. The Annual Golf Tournament was again the main source of income, realising a profit of virtually £5000, in spite of the economic climate. We are fortunate to have some generous sponsors and participants and our thanks go to all those who helped to raise this money, to Chevin Golf Club for the use of the course for the Golf Tournament and to the people who provided prizes or who helped in the organisation of the Golf Day; also to all those who participated in any way, particularly the MC and auctioneer.

A successful Music Day was held in a local public house and this will be repeated again next year.

Applications for funding have been received on a regular basis with applications coming from all over the county. As funds have improved on the previous year and application numbers have decreased to 29, we decided to increase the amount offered to a maximum of £500 per applicant. About £5120 has been donated or promised and this was divided between 26 children or young people and their families. The support given has covered a wide spectrum,

including purchase of or contributions to car safety seats and harnesses; buggies: rain covers and sunshades for wheelchairs and buggies (which are not provided with the chairs); large play equipment; sensory toys and activities; IT equipment, including switches to allow access to programs; a go kart; a greenhouse, fencing, a washing machine, carpet tiles and special cooling pads.

The money misappropriated by a former volunteer is being repaid regularly on a monthly basis, through Sussex Magistrate's Court, mainly at the rate of £5 per week, and much of the £1,600+ owed has now been paid.

Our thanks go to all those who have served on the committees or raised funds for the Trust. Without their time and commitment the Trust would be unable to function.

This year Simon Groom, a long time supporter of the Trust, agreed to become a Patron.

Philip Preece – Chair

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