

THE TINY TIM TRUST CHAIRMANS REPORT MAY 2011

I was elected as Chairman again after a gap of some ten years and have been very pleased with the progress made in that time with a firm consolidation in our core work of supporting children with disabilities and their families. We already fill the gaps in the funding provided by the statutory agencies for some of the more practical items to make life a little easier for families struggling with the tasks of trying to provide for their children despite their disabilities. Unfortunately these gaps are likely to widen as the constraints on public finance tighten and we may need to be able to fund more equipment, more frequently in the future. During the last year we have increased our donation limit to £500 but may need to increase this further while needing to ensure we are available to the widest group of children and families in the future.

I would like to thank Tina Wilkinson, who was re-elected as Secretary, for her continued unstinting work keeping the charity running and maintaining the administration of applications and Ian Roberts, re-elected as Treasurer, for keeping a close eye on the finances of the Trust and the rest of the committee members; Mary White, Carole Joynes, Lisa Rowbottom and Debbie White.

The Donations Subcommittee met frequently in the last year and I would like to acknowledge the help of our professionals from a variety of disciplines who serve on the Donations Subcommittee for their expert advice in assessing applications and in some cases gathering further information to inform our decisions. We dispersed over £5000 for a range of equipment and items to 26 children or young people and their families. The support given has covered a wide spectrum, including car safety seats and harnesses; buggies: rain covers and sunshades for wheelchairs and buggies, 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.

Fund raising continues to be at the core of our activities to match the demand in applications. The Trust's Charity 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 Our thanks especially go to Chevin Golf Club for the use of their course 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. Special thanks must go to Mrs Mary White for her tireless work in making this such a success. We are also grateful for donations from individuals and organisations, totalling £2123, including a new Music Day which we hope will become an annual event. I am pleased to report that and much of the £1,600+ misappropriated from the Trust has now been paid back. Thank you also to Peter Crossley who very kindly audits the Trust's accounts each year.

Finally I would like to thank our sponsors and 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.

Philip Preece – Chair

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