

Action! Please make sure you read and act on the final page, otherwise you may never hear from us again!

What are we up to now?

Our last Update to you was over nine months ago. You might well have thought that Bar'N'Bus had come to the end of the road. Not so!

A lot of prayerful thinking has been happening over that period, not least because God has been clearly saying that there is work still to do be done! In partnership with Essex Youth Service, teams are working in Rayleigh, Laindon and South Woodham Ferrers.

So the Bar'N'Bus Trust, that started 25 years ago, continues to explore new ways of engaging with the young people in our communities of Essex to let them know that we care about them and that God loves them, without any strings.

We hope that the remainder of this Update will show you some of the ways in which we are looking to build the Kingdom in our part of Essex.



We have a new CEO



As we start on the next 25 year chapter in the life of Bar'N'bus, we are pleased to announce that Jamie Sawtell has started work with us as our CEO. He has immense experience of the local area, working with young people, both within the Youth Service and in a specifically Christian context. Many of you know him as CEO of Megacentre: a post that he will continue to hold alongside working with us. We very much look forward to him helping us focus the efforts and energies of all our future plans.

Jamie says, 'I am very excited about the opportunity to explore the next stage in the life of the Bar'n'Bus Trust. I have known, volunteered and worked alongside Bar'n'Bus in the South of Essex for

over 15 years and believe that there are incredible opportunities for us to provide support to enable young people to grow, develop, thrive and live life to the full.'

School Counsellors

There have been some changes in our team of school counsellors. Riitta Abraham had planned to leave us, having worked tirelessly for a number of years with us. We do thank her for that service and know that many young people will have benefitted from her care and love.

To take her place, we have been very pleased to have Melissa Miller join. She works in one of our Canvey schools and brings a wealth of previous professional experience of Christian counselling.

Unfortunately, Julie Hughes, who has served us for many years has tendered her resignation. She certainly deserves time for a very well-earned rest and relaxation with the grandchildren, but we are really sorry to see her go. We know there are many who will miss her enthusiastic and cheerful approach to her important work across all of her schools. We wish her well for the future and look forward to her keeping in touch with us.

We are indebted to Riitta who has been willing to be enticed back to cover Julie's caseload until a longer term solution can be found.

What next?

We do ask for your continued support for our work. Your continued financial support is important to us as it allows us to plan in a sustainable way (please see attached Gift Aid and Standing Order form). We also would get nowhere without the



prayer support of many folk in our communities. You might not realise how crucially important your commitment is to us all. We are also always on the lookout for new trustees. If this exciting work inspires you, please do get in contact with us to have a chat! We are working with a number of communities who are looking to set up a team for the young people of their locality. Watch this space for an update!

GIFT AID FORM or STANDING ORDER DONATIONS



If you would like to donate to the work of Bar'N'Bus through Gift Aid and/or by setting up a standing order, please fill out the following and return to us:

Full Name :

Postal Address :

Town : Postcode :

STANDING ORDER ~ To set up a standing order please complete the following:

Please pay The Bar'N' Bus Trust the sum of £ : every month/year/once only from / / (date) [HSBC , Sort code: 40-23-33 Account no: 01400908]

Your Bank Name :

Bank Address :

Account number : Sort code : - -

Signed..... Date / /

GIFT AID ~ I would like to Gift Aid the enclosed donation of £ : and all future donations that I make to Bar'N'Bus Trust. I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand that the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

I will notify Bar'N'Bus Trust if I want to cancel this declaration, change my name or address or no longer pay sufficient tax on my income and/or capital gains.

Signed..... Date / /

Please return completed forms to the address below.

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Keeping in touch **IMPORTANT MESSAGE – Please read carefully**

You may be aware that significant changes in data protection laws (GDPR) are coming into effect for all of us from May 2018, meaning that you will have more say in your relationship with organisations, such as Bar’N’Bus Trust, who hold your personal details.

We will not be allowed, by law, to hold any personal contact details without your express permission, it is therefore important that you return the following details, as this is the only way we will be able to keep in touch with you.

By keeping in touch with us, you can learn more about how your support is transforming lives; you can hear about our new projects; you can see your prayers being answered; and you can find new ways of engaging with us. In our engagement with you, we value your partnership. So we want to make sure you’re hearing from us in a way that works for you.

You may have heard this already from other organisations and you may have given us this information in the past, but we are doing a thorough review and want to give you every opportunity to ensure we have the correct details for you.

Please be aware that we do not pass your personal details on to any other parties and we take the security of the data we hold very seriously.

Full Name :

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Town : Postcode :

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Please return this page to us by one of the following means:

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RAYLEIGH Essex SS6 9DE**
- Email to **keithnorman@barnbus.org.uk**
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Please talk to us or send an e-mail with your ideas or concerns and whether you are able to help fund-raise for us, help in some other way or want to be kept informed of how things develop. We do find your feedback rally helpful.

We value your continued support. Kind regards & blessings from all the trustees.

Keith Norman ~ Acting Chair of The Bar’N’Bus Trust