

Dear Santa Christmas Event



KEY, in partnership with Little Deers (formerly Platos Girl), ran a Christmas fundraising event to support local groups and charities.

The day, which included; Father Christmas and his Grotto, The Owl Sanctuary, Holme Explorer Scouts, KEY youth group Christmas crafts stall, The Keswick Craftsman, and The Mini Eden Coffee Company, was a lovely festive start to the Christmas period.

The young people worked hard to prepare their items to sell; Christmas tree decorations, bottle lights, sweet and hot chocolate cones, and much more. The grotto was also led by the young people, and they carefully chose the contents of the personalised gift bags, when putting them together for the day.



The event saw a steady footfall and had such a magical atmosphere; our young people loved being part of the whole day from start to finish. We even witnessed (with staff support) a young person overcoming her fear of birds. She went from not wanting to be anywhere near them to holding and stroking the owls, and even wanting to take one home.

A huge thank you to Rachel at Little Deers for helping to make the day happen, Steve for being our amazing Father Christmas, and Ruth and Cammie for all their support. A special thank you to all our young people for all the hard work they put into their fundraising.

We still have light bottles, sweet cones, hot chocolate cones, and a few other items for sale if anyone would like to buy them, or has any suggestions of places the young people can continue to sell their goods.

Quotes:

“Thank you so much Emma for letting (young person’s name) help out today, he has loved getting out of the house and being able to help, and it has done him the world of good. Thanks again.” From a parent.

“I enjoyed holding the owls and talking to the people that brought em.” Young person, aged 13.

“I enjoyed being the ‘elf, it made me so happy when a little boy ran up and gave me a hug. It was so cute, and I would love to do something like that again.” Young person, aged 16.

“I enjoyed holding the birds and I enjoyed helping out and making the event run smoothly.” Young person, aged 18.

