

#TheCrew

December 2023

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MEET A #THECREW MEMBER!



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Meet Harper, one of our many awesome #TheCrew members who are dedicated to raising awareness and funds for Children's Air Ambulance. Read on to learn more about her and what she's been up to...

What inspired you to join #TheCrew?

To help my Mummy raise money for the charity.

What do you like most about being a member of #TheCrew?

Helping people in need and raising money for charity. I am also a big fan of Blade & Peggy!

What would your advice be to anyone joining?

Don't think about it, just do it! It's lots of fun and lets you be creative with raising money for the helicopters to fly.

What are you proud of?

I am proud of being a #TheCrew member and raising money for such an amazing charity!

Tell us about some of the activities you have done to raise money:

I took part in the Big Pre-Loved sale where I sorted through all my toys in my bedroom and set up a stall in one of my local air ambulance charity shops. I asked for donations for each item, raising over **£80** in just a couple of hours. I also managed to sweet-talk the head teacher at my school to do a Big Wear it Green day. All the students and teachers each put a donation in a collection tin and wore something green to school for the day. For this I managed to raise **£170**! Blade even visited the school to say thank you to all of us. I am planning my next event as I write this...



Giving lots of high fives at a fun day!



Having fun at Redwell School!



Having a stroll around a family fun day!

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Blade has been such a busy bear these past few months. Check out the photos of where blade has been.



Meeting lots of people at the Childcare & Education Expo!



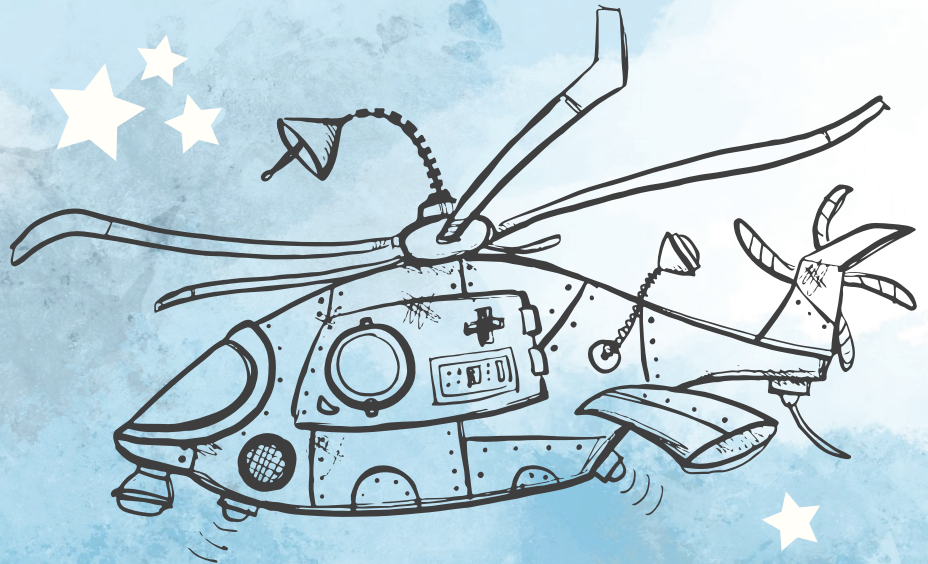
At Diddly Farm hoping to spot some celebrities!

UPDATE

A huge thank you to all who entered our **Helicopters of the Future Challenge**. We received so many wonderful entries and we are having lots of fun reading them all. There have been some truly fabulous ideas!

We'll announce who has won the competition and share their winning entry with you in the next edition, so watch this space!

HELICOPTERS OF THE FUTURE CHALLENGE



RAE'S
DESIGN



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNING CARD NOW AVAILABLE!

Last year we invited all our young supporters to get their festive thinking caps on and design us a cracking Christmas creation to help spread Christmas cheer.

Check out the amazing winning design, created by Rae from Warwickshire. Blade recently went along to Rae's school to surprise her and present her with a bag full of goodies for winning the competition.



WEAR IT GREEN

GET INVOLVED!

We are so grateful to all of our #TheCrew members who have organised a Big Wear it Green this year. Blade and the team have really enjoyed visiting your schools and having the opportunity to share with your fellow students all about our work and how donations help.


Want to invite your school to get involved too? Organising a Big Wear it Green is so easy and we've got everything you and the school will need. All you need to do is:

- Ask your grown-up to contact us for a copy of the pre-written letter for you to hand to your teacher.
- Ask your school to set a date and let us know. They will then receive a pack with everything they need. The school may even get a visit from our mascot, Blade!
- Once the donations have been received by us the school will receive a Blade & Peggy teddy! Need help? Ask your grown-up to contact us at thecrew@childrensairambulance.org.uk



CHILDREN'S AIR AMBULANCE AT CHRISTMAS!

Throughout the Christmas period, including Christmas day, our teams of dedicated pilots and operational staff will be working to ensure the Children's Air Ambulance is ready and waiting to help children who need us. We wanted to know what their favourite things about Christmas are and this is what we found out.....




SHAUN

Role
Airdesk Coordinator

Favourite Xmas Song
Oh Holy Night

 **SPROUTS**
Yes / ☒ No



NICHOLE

Role
Airdesk Coordinator

Favourite Xmas Joke
What's Santa's favourite singer? Elf-is Presley

 **SPROUTS**
Yes / ☒ No



HELEN

Role
Airdesk Team Leader

Favourite Xmas Film
A Christmas Carol


 **SPROUTS**
Yes / ☒ No



NATHAN

Role
Crew Member

What I Want For Xmas
A new surf board

 **SPROUTS**
Yes / ☒ No



ZANNA

Role
Crew Member

Favourite Xmas Joke
What do you get if you eat Xmas decorations?
Tinsilitis

 **SPROUTS**
Yes / ☒ No



LOUISE

Role
Airdesk Coordinator

What I Want For Xmas
A Kitten


 **SPROUTS**
Yes / ☒ No



MARK

Role
Co-Pilot

Favourite Xmas Film
Home Alone 2

 **SPROUTS**
Yes / ☒ No



ALFIE

Role
Head of Operations

Favourite Xmas Joke
Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? A mince spy

 **SPROUTS**
Yes / ☒ No



BEN

Role
Captain

Favourite Xmas Song
Merry Christmas
Everybody - Slade

 **SPROUTS**
Yes / ☒ No



PETE

Role
Crew Member

Favourite Xmas Film
The Grinch

 **SPROUTS**
Yes / ☒ No



AMY

Role
Airdesk Coordinator

Favourite Xmas Joke
What do Santa's helpers learn at school? The Elf-abet


 **SPROUTS**
Yes / ☒ No



BLADE

Role:
Mascot

Favourite Xmas Song:
Jingle Bells

 **SPROUTS**
Yes / ☒ No

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Give your Christmas tree a spruce up by decorating the bauble below.
Cut out your bauble and hang it on your Christmas tree!



FESTIVE KINDNESS CHALLENGE

The festive season is one of the most magical times of the year and there is no better time to think of others and show kindness to those around us. We're inviting you to **light up our Christmas tree with acts of kindness** – all you need to do is write in the white baubles on the next page what your act of kindness is and then colour it in to show that it's complete!

Need some inspiration of where to start? There are a few ideas below...

Help with the
chores without
being asked

Make a thank
you card for the
bin collector or
delivery person



SPRINKLE A LITTLE
KINDNESS



Bake some
festive goodies
to share

Leave food
out for the
birds



OUR TREE OF KINDNESS



Write in me

Write in me

Write in me

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOUR COMPLETED TREES. Ask your grown-up to take a photo and email it to us at thecrew@childrensairambulance.org.uk

#THE CREW SHOUT OUTS

DANNIKA

GRIMSBY

Thank you!

Kind-hearted Dannika made some beautiful bracelets which she then sold to family, friends and at her Dad's workplace. So far, she has raised **£29.70!**



MATTHEW

LINCOLNSHIRE

Marvelous Matthew organised a summer fete in his village and raised a fantastic **£372.50.**

Amazing work!

BETHANY & CHLOE

WEST HEWISH

Super siblings Bethany & Chloe raised a fabulous **£94** by running a tombola at a village event.

Wonderful work!

SAMMY

NORFOLK

Thank you!

Superb Sammy held a concert playing the piano and violin for residents in his Grandad's care home, raising a brilliant **£200!**

ESME

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Excellent Esme sold handmade jewellery at her local scarecrow festival and raised an awesome **£176.24!**

Thank you!

JACK

BEVERLEY

Fabulous Jack contacted local businesses asking them to donate prizes and then organised and held a raffle, raising an incredible **£464.40!**

Well done!

MILLIE

WARWICKSHIRE

Magnificent Millie held a tabletop sale and raised a wonderful **£40!**

You are a superstar!

NATHAN

WARWICKSHIRE

Magnificent Nathan set a challenge to see how many junior triathlons he could complete in four hours! He completed eleven during this time frame and raised a whopping **£1,025!**

Incredible work!

LILA

WARWICKSHIRE

Lovely Lila donated **£15** of her birthday money to help save lives.

How thoughtful!



ADA

WARWICKSHIRE

Thank you!

Awesome Ada, a new member to #TheCrew, held a cake sale and raised a fabulous **£22!**

Welcome!

LUKAS

LEICESTERSHIRE

Fantastic Lukas held a teddy tombola at his school summer fete and raised **£46.45!**

Great work!

MIA

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Marvelous Mia held a garage sale and car boot, raising a smashing **£173!** She also donated items to her local charity shop!

Fantastic work!

CONTACT US

GROWN-UPS! Join us on our dedicated #TheCrew Facebook group, we'd love for you to join us. Search for #TheCrew - Guardian/Parent Group TCAA.

We love hearing from our #TheCrew members and seeing what you are up to. There are many ways you can get in touch:

- @ thecrew@childrensairambulance.org.uk
- Blue Skies House, Butler's Leap, Rugby, CV21 3RQ
- childrensairambulance.org.uk/contact

