

IMPACT REPORT

53rd Boy's Brigade and Girls Association
2016-2017



53rd Manchester Boys Brigade and Girls Association have been based in Langworthy at the Methodist Church providing educational and fun activity with a Christian ethos since the beginning.

Our vision is to share God's love with children and young people, to help them grow and develop physically, spiritually and mentally.



1. We run weekly activities every Monday from 6.30pm to 9.30pm for an average of 50 children and young people. We deliver a range of activities including arts and crafts, sports, games and faith based activities for all attendees.

2. In addition to our Monday nights we have events most weekends including cross country, football, arts and crafts events. Some activities are delivered in partnership with other GM Boys Brigade companies. We also take groups camping for weekend trips twice a year. Furthermore we engage with the broader Boys Brigade opportunities nationally. For example the 14 to 18 year olds attend Leadership course or an annual fun day.

"My son's social skills have improved massively since coming to BB"
"I don't know much about what he does on a Monday, but he really looks forward to coming each week and clearly enjoys every moment."

3. We grow leaders from within our Boys Brigade Company by developing their skills and abilities. This helps to grow our next generation of leaders, which enables the company to sustain and grow in the future.

4. All our activities are geared towards the Boys Brigade awards system. Children earn one award per year. The system builds opportunities reaching a Gold Standard - the Queen's badge.

"It is the fun place in the world."
"It's the best club ever."
"BB's really good for developing my leadership skills. It's great on my CV – showing what I've belonged to and what I've achieved for so long."

5. We provide a balanced program of activities which enables all children and young people to achieve awards and progress through the scheme to become well rounded adults. We also enable our attendees to explore and engage with their spirituality within a Christian context.

6. We enable young people who are on the autistic spectrum or have any other additional need to attend together. Our attendees come from different backgrounds and the activities provides an opportunity for children and young people to mix socially and this diversity encourages understanding and friendship.