

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

2011

2011 has been another great year, Charity Status was awarded after a long wait. This is a huge step forward for bang and will allow us more funding opportunities. Many new projects in place and working in partnership with Disabilities Sports. Membership continues to be stable and Saturday mornings are generally very well attended. I have set out a 10 year business plan for BANG and this is open for further development, it is intended that we formalise our structure and develop mini projects in the next 2-5 years, this will allow management committee to establish what services are successful, so therefore can be developed and other projects that are not as necessary. It is hoped that by driving BANG forward we can continue to grow and develop services within the Scottish borders

BANG management committee have also formed a subcommittee chaired by Anne Hill which meets on Saturday morning during monthly meetings. The purpose of the subcommittee is to formalise and organise fundraising and manage activities. The chairperson of the subcommittee will forward plan to manage committee. This structure will allow management committee to focus on management of funding and develop long term objectives.

BANG are still providing free music therapy during our Saturday morning by Mr Chris Achenbach from Mill side Studios. This continues to be successful and off great benefit to the children. It is hoped this will continue. Thank you Chris for your very personal approach to the children and sharing the benefits music has with children

In 2011 we are going back to Alan Shearer centre, this year we can access hydrotherapy pool and take advance of all really fantastic facilities. In 2011 were introducing a 'pilot' project for short rest bite. BANG have hired a 3 bedroom caravan at Haggerston Castle, which will provide 2 families the opportunity of a mini break. The committee will monitor its success and it is hoped to continue this rest bite service into 2011-2012

BANG also introduced it 1st ever Disabled Friendly showing of a movie at Pavilion cinema, this project was successful and was 1st time we opened an event non bang members. It is hoped that open up many more events.

Bang is holding a Stars In Your Eyes Night with Scocha headlining; tickets will be on sale in August for this event at £20 including supper. There will hopefully be huge interest in this event and that plenty money will be raised for BANG.

BANG will be submitting a funding for 2011-2012 to run more movie days, rest bite, leisure activities so hopefully we announce a fun packed programme within next 2 months. Keep accessing Bang website and Facebook site for all up to date information. Bang is also produced a monthly newsletter which is proving very popular.

i would like to say a huge Thank you to all committee members for their hard work and dedication for yet another year; this is much needed to ensuring the group runs smoothly and continues to support parent and families within the Scottish borders. Am still very honoured to be the Chairperson