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THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Patron: HM The Queen

OBJECT

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends toward a true Christian Manliness.

MOTTO

Sure & Stedfast (Hebrews 6 v 19)

BELFAST BATTALION

Hon President: Alderman Jim Rodgers O.B.E.

President: Mr Clive Callender

Vice-President: Mr Billy Graham O.B.E.

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Chief Executive: Mr Paul McCarroll

FACT #1

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**LOCAL UNITS
ACROSS BELFAST,
LISBURN, NORTH
DOWN &
NEWTOWNABBEY**

In partnership with Churches, local units within The Belfast Battalion provide weekly activities for thousands of young people in a non-formal learning environment. We have a mission to care for and challenge young people and continue to have a strong presence across the Greater Belfast Area.

In presenting the Annual Report of the work of Belfast Battalion over the past twelve months, continuing to dominate the news during this time was 'Brexit'. A change of Prime Minister, a re-negotiation of the original terms of the Withdrawal Agreement followed by a General Election prior to Christmas, the Parliamentary approval necessary to complete the withdrawal process by the 31st January deadline was finally received.

Closer to home, the absence of a local administration was ended with the New Decade - New Approach Agreement document in mid-January that heralded the restoration of the Stormont power-sharing arrangements.

Regrettably, what followed in the days since then has been dominated by only one story - the global pandemic Coronavirus (COVID-19).

News in late November/early December first reported an outbreak of a deadly virus in the Wuhan province of China that has had such a profound effect on our world.

Such was the speed of the spread of the virus to almost every continent in the weeks thereafter and the veracity of the disease, this has changed so many aspects of life as we know. Not since the end of the Second World War has such a crisis affected so many parts of the world.

Terms such as social-distancing, self-isolation, shielding and lockdown have now been introduced to our vocabulary and are now mandatory in so many aspects of our daily routines. So many aspects of life as we know it have now ground to a halt and with much restriction on our movements, all but what is regarded as essential travel and essential work has ceased for the time-being.

Governments around the world have introduced unprecedented levels of financial support to sustain their economies that will no doubt place a substantial burden on the global economy for many years to come.

With the abrupt suspension of current BB Session due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, this year's Annual Report feels bereft of the usual level of detail yet throughout all of the events taking place at home or overseas, much work has been completed up to this point.

The Boys' Brigade BELFAST BATTALION

Executive View

During the period under review, the Battalion provided resources and services to Companies and adult Leaders to assist them in their work among young people, more of which will be reported in greater detail in other sections of this Report.

At the outset of the Session, under the heading of Planning for Voice, Battalion Executive set out its Objectives for the year ahead to :-

- * Hold a Conference of Senior Members and Young Leaders
- * Bolster Under 26 Representation in decision-making at all levels
- * Avail of opportunities to engage with and participate in Regional and National conversations on the future Governance and structure of The Boys' Brigade
- * Augment our Company visitation Programme with meaningful personal contact with Battalion Companies
- * Identify safe ways in which to effectively communicate with young Leaders and where possible, Senior Members
- * Relaunch TurningPoint (Harbour Bright) as our main youth outreach event for young people.
- * Engage with Battalion Company Chaplains

In addition to these Objectives, among key Battalion-led activities that have taken place over the past Session have been :-

FACT #3
**1100 OFFICERS,
LEADERS &
HELPERS**
**CONTRIBUTING OVER 172,000
HOURS OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE**

- * A great turnout of almost 200 former and present BB personnel, family and friends at the start of the Session, to our Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate 95 years of ownership of the Ganaway;
- * The Annual Charity Golf Day at Clondeboye;
- * The Door-to-Door Collection on behalf of Harmoni (formerly the Northern Ireland Institute for the Disabled) raising £10,000.

Regrettably, the Battalion Massed Band in Belfast City Centre at Christmas, was cancelled due to insufficient numbers likely to participate and the outbreak of COVID-19 led to the cancellation of the Annual Battalion Church Parade and Service.

On a more positive note, at the start of Session, new resources for Under 11's in the form of new Anchor Boys and Junior Section Programmes were launched and have been quickly adopted by Sections throughout the Battalion. Providing fresh ideas and new Awards to mark the achievement of our young people, information events were held to maximise up-take of these new Resources.



A New Initiative launched by The Boys' Brigade was the 'Raise the Bar' Campaign. Looking at how best we can improve the quality of experience for our young people, Battalion Executive adopted this as a key element of its work plan for the years ahead. Battalions and Regions across mainland Great Britain have been holding roadshows to promote this initiative and early in October 2019, Belfast Battalion held the first such roadshow on these shores formally launching the 'Raise the Bar' Campaign in Northern Ireland.



In 2019 we celebrated 95 Years of Camping at Ganaway and 2020 sees the 130th anniversary of the formation of Belfast Battalion.

When we look back on 2019/20, the Session was not without its most final of farewells to those who made a special contribution to The B.B. over so many years.

The Committee reports that follow add more detail to another busy, albeit, shortened BB Session.

Finance & Property

Recent Battalion Finance & Property Reports have commenced with a word on the state of the Global economy since the downturn following the near collapse of the world-wide banking sector. And while much hardship has been endured through the austerity measures implemented to restore fiscal balance, probably the greatest uncertainty under which we operated, is the U.K.'s future relationship with the E.U. and the rest of the world. With the Withdrawal Agreement finally approved by the Westminster Parliament at the end of 2019, the hope was that the succeeding twelve months would result in the transition from EU regulations to UK regulations.

Adding further hope more locally was the restoration of the Power-Sharing arrangements and the establishment of the Stormont Executive with a Programme for Government through the New Decade New Approach document. Whilst this presents challenges for many, there is cautious optimism that the contribution of Youthwork Sector, and in particular the Voluntary Youthwork Sector, will have a greater impact and be adequately funded.

However, and regrettably, recent events have been overshadowed by the outbreak of the deadly Coronavirus (COVID-19) that has temporarily suspended much, if not all, of the Battalion's activity.

In a few short weeks, what was looking like a promising year ahead at all of our Centres, has quickly diminished with a number of groups either postponing their residential and activity breaks or cancelling all together due to the current restrictions implemented in the onset of the COVID outbreak.

This will have a profound affect on the Battalion's finances and will impact greatly on our limited reserves. Whilst the announcements of Government financial support are welcomed, at time of reporting, it will be sometime before the detail of how access to these grants will be known and what, if any, support will be available to the Battalion.

In recent years, the Finance & Property Committee has been steadily reviewing its polices in regard to continuity and disaster recovery along with register of Risk but, in light of the current circumstances we find ourselves, even the best of plans are being tested at present. With no end-date in sight of the present restrictions there is only so much that can be done and until there is a relaxation of the present restrictions, we are therefore working in uncertain times and to the tightest of margins with stringent management of available resources.

Up to this point, progress had been made on a number of key areas of our Battalion's activities and most notable was the successful achievement of Planning Consent for our plans to develop the lands at Belvoir into a Centre of Sporting Excellence in conjunction with Linfield Football Club. However, behind the scenes discussions and negotiations continue apace to obtain the proper consents and protection of our lands at Belvoir.

Following the Education Authority's Review of its Outdoor Education and Learning facilities, it is pleasing to report that Ganaway has been successful in becoming a preferred Outdoor Education Centre for the Education Authority.

This has led to an increase of Schools and Statutory Youth Centres using the Ganaway Training and Activity Centre for their residential and activity provision in addition to the many BB Companies, Churches and other Groups. While this increase is very welcome, it brings with it the added pressure on the Centre's staff, facilities and equipment.

During the year, and in addition to the annual programme of maintenance, the rolling programme of renewal and refreshment of both internal facilities and external activity provision at Ganaway continued to ensure that all user Groups are provided with first-class facilities to meet their needs.

Nestled in the foothills of the Mourne Mountains, Shepherd's Lodge usage continues steadily with more groups making use of the camping facilities attracted by the unparalleled surroundings by the Centre's location.

Despite the apparent downturn in footfall reported on our High Streets, Stedfast Supplies continues to deliver a first class, personal and friendly service to all who wish to avail of our Supplies outlet to meet their Company and individual requirements. Despite the emergence of online retailing, we are presently prohibited by our UK HQ to provide such a facility. If we are to guarantee continuation of the level of service currently provided, we will depend on the full support of all Companies across the island of Ireland whether it be through personal visit, telephone or e-mail of orders.

Crucial to the success of all of our Battalion Centres is the contribution of the full-time and part-time staff whom along with the staff of Stedfast Supplies, B.B. House, we extend our most grateful thanks especially in these uncertain times. We most also not forget the contribution of the faithful band of Volunteers at all levels through their dedication and commitment to our success. We are so grateful to the professional expertise of the Battalion's Accountants, Diamond and Skillen.

FACT #4

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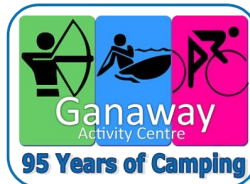


And while we can thank personnel, we are so very grateful for the tangible financial support we receive and we express our thanks to all the Trusts and other bodies along with those who wish to remain anonymous, who have contributed their support for the work of The Boys' Brigade in the Greater Belfast Area viz :-

Ards and North Down Area Partnership
Department of Education
Education Authority
The Maurice Williamson Legacy Fund
Belfast City Council

Marsh U.K.
Haldene Fisher
Bondelivery Ireland Ltd
Clandeboye Golf Club

Along with all those Companies, former members, present members and friends, Old Boys' Associations who contributed to our various special Funds and Memorial Funds. We are also indebted to those families who have recently lost loved-ones who have made bequests and or have made contributions in lieu of flowers for the work of Belfast Battalion.



Our deepest thanks and appreciation is expressed to everyone who has played a part in the life of the Battalion's financial and property affairs.

Training

The Battalion Training Committee met in September to finalise a previously planned schedule of training events for 2019-20. Our intention was to provide a training schedule designed to incorporate mandatory legislation-related elements, updated and amended Boys' Brigade required programmes and elements and topics raised from within member Companies of the Battalion.

Training events were planned for dates from September 2019 to April 2020 although as was the case last year, some were not held because of lack of uptake.

Training For All: This event took place in Lisburn on 23 October, 2019. The Chief Executive introduced the Brigade initiative: Raise the Bar. This was followed by an introduction to Anchor Boys and Junior Section new awards and Company Section advanced awards including DofE.

FACT #5

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QUEEN'S BADGES
AWARDED, THE
HIGHEST AWARD
IN THE BB



The Boys' Brigade : : Belfast Battalion

Competition Results

2019-20

(Pull out section)

(RESULTS AS RECORDED UP TO 20 MARCH 2020)

Anchor Boys

Potted Sports Competition Winner 4th Newtownabbey

Worship Competition Winners

P1	Sonny Young	16th Newtownabbey	P3	Joshua Cooke	1st Magheragall
P2	Harry Higgins	16th Newtownabbey	P4	Carter McKeown	120th Belfast

Junior Section

NID Indoor 5-A-Side Soccer	Battalion Heat Winner	4 th Newtownabbey
NID Quiz Kids	Battalion Heat Winner	2nd Comber (NID Final Winner)
Battalion Non-Stop Cricket	Winners	1 st Granshaw

Athletics June 2019

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Junior 100 metres	Ethan Clotworthy 4th Newtownabbey	Callum Haire 4th Newtownabbey	Ben Ferguson 77th Belfast
Junior 200 metres	Joshua McCracken 120th Belfast	Callum Haire 4th Newtownabbey	Luke Ryan 30th Belfast
Junior 400 metres	Joshua McCracken 120th Belfast	Callum Haire 4th Newtownabbey	Luke Gibson 1st Granshaw
Junior High Jump	Ethan Clotworthy 4th Newtownabbey	Joshua McDowell 1st Granshaw	Harry Wilson 1st Granshaw
Junior Long Jump	Ethan Clotworthy 4th Newtownabbey	Ben Ferguson 77th Belfast	Luke Gibson 1st Granshaw
Junior Shot Putt	Ben Ferguson 77th Belfast	Callum Gilmore 4th Newtownabbey	Luke McEvoy 1st Granshaw
Junior 4X100 Relay	4th Newtownabbey	1st Granshaw A	1st Granshaw B
Intermediate 100 metres	Andrew Cairns 77th Belfast	Noah Graham 1st Granshaw	Kody Teeney 4th N'Abbey
Intermediate 200 metres	Callum Lockhart 4th N'Abbey	Jake Daley 1st Granshaw	Gareth Purdy 4th N'Abbey
Intermediate 400 metres	Matthew Bailie 77th Belfast	Jake Daley 1st Granshaw	Calum Lockhart 4th N'Abbey

Athletics Cont'd

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Intermediate High Jump	Ben Archbold & Callum Lockhart 4th N'Abbey	Gareth Purdy 4th N'Abbey	Matthew Sweetlove 1st Granshaw
Intermediate Long Jump	Zak Wilson 4th N'Abbey	Gareth Purdy 4th N'Abbey	Kody Teeney 4th N'Abbey
Intermediate Shot Putt	Evan Wilson 77th Belfast	Zak Wilson 4th N'Abbey	Joel Kinghan 4th N'Abbey
Intermediate 4X100 Relay	4th N'Abbey	1st Granshaw	77th Belfast
Senior 100 metres	Matthew Bell 4th N'Abbey	James Watt 120th Belfast	Kane Watton 120th Belfast
Senior 200 metres	Matthew Bell 4th N'Abbey	James Watt 120th Belfast	Joel Archbold 4th N'Abbey
Senior 400 metres	James Watt 120th Belfast	James Watson 120th Belfast	Kane Watton 120th Belfast
Senior High Jump	James Watton 120th Belfast	Kyle Beck 4th N'Abbey	Matthew Bell 4th N'Abbey
Senior Long Jump	James Watt 120th Belfast	Matthew Bell 4th N'Abbey	Lee Russell 77th Belfast
Senior Shot Putt	Lee Russell 77th Belfast	Kyle Beck 4th N'Abbey	
Senior 4x100 Relay	120th Belfast	4th N'Abbey	

Badminton

Junior Singles	Winner Runner-up	Dan Smith Rory Patterson	2 nd Lisburn 3 rd Bangor
Senior Singles	Winner Runner-up	Adam Surgenor Alex Archbold	4 th Newtownabbey 4 th Newtownabbey
Junior Doubles	Winners Runners-up	David Noble/Rory Patterson Ben Gray/Dan Smith	3 rd Bangor 2 nd Lisburn
Senior Doubles	Winners Runners-up	Adam Surgenor/Alex Archbold Jack Purdy/Kyle Black	4 th Newtownabbey 4 th Newtownabbey

Bible Quiz

Winner	11 th Bangor
Runner-Up	16 th Newtownabbey

Chess

Chess Shield & Gold Medal Winner	Tom Loyal	11 th Bangor
Silver Medal	Winner Daniel McIlroy	4 th Newtownabbey
Junior Gold Medal	Winner Joshua Thompson	3 rd Bangor

Christian Faith Exam

TO BE COMPLETED

Cricket 6-A-Side June '19

CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER

Cross Country

Juniors	Winner Runner-Up 3 rd Place	Dean Pye Mark Livingstone James Wells	1 st Granshaw 2 nd Lisburn 1 st Granshaw
Intermediates	Winner Runner-Up 3 rd Place	Callum Haire Callum Gimore Sam Archbold	4 th Newtownabbey 4 th Newtownabbey 4 th Newtownabbey
Seniors	Winner Runner-Up 3 rd Place	Ben Morris Matthew Holland Kane Watson	1 st Granshaw 4 th Newtownabbey 120 th Belfast
Inter Company Teams		Juniors Intermediates	1 st Granshaw 4 th Newtownabbey

Draughts

The Roy Glenn Memorial Trophy & Gold Medal	James Callaghan	3 rd Bangor
Silver Medal	Luke McAvoy	1 st Granshaw
Bronze Medal	Charlie Harding	3 rd Bangor

FIFA Competition

TO BE COMPLETED

Indoor 5-a-Side

Juniors	Winners Runners-Up	4 th Newtownabbey 2 nd Comber
Seniors	Winners Runners-Up	82 nd Belfast 77 th Belfast

Soccer

ALL SOCCER COMPETITIONS SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

Table Quiz

Winner 4th Newtownabbey 'A'

Runner-Up 4th Newtownabbey 'B'

Table Tennis Championships

Junior Singles	Winner	Ethan Spratt	1 st Granshaw
	2 nd	Watson Kingham	1 st Granshaw
	3 rd	Lewis Young	1 st Granshaw
		Josh Oliver	58 th Belfast
Junior Doubles	Winner	Ethan Spratt/Lewis Young	1 st Granshaw
	2 nd	Luke Gibson/Watson Kingdom	1 st Granshaw
	3 rd	Adam Shaw/James Wells	1 st Granshaw
		Christian Crich/Josh Oliver	58 th Belfast
Senior Singles	Winner	Ben Goldthorpe	3 rd Bangor
	2 nd	Cameron McCaughey	1 st Carryduff
	3 rd	Rory Christie	3 rd Bangor
Senior Doubles	Winner	Caleb Lowe/Cameron McCaughey	1 st Carryduff
	2 nd	Ben Goldthorpe/Rory Christie	3 rd Bangor
	3 rd	H Kane (2 nd Comber)/J Carter	(43 rd Belfast)

Ten Pin Bowling

Juniors	Winner	Luke Johnston	43 rd Belfast
	Runner-Up	Adam Oates	1 st Magheragall
	3 rd Place	Ben Adell	43 rd Belfast
Intermediates	Winner	Connor Van Der Schyff	11 th Bangor
	Runner-Up	James McEvoy	1 st Granshaw
	3 rd Place	Cater Houston	
Seniors	Winner	Ben Cooke	1 st Magheragall
	Runner-Up	James Adair	82 nd Belfast
	3 rd Place	Reuben Crawford	82 nd Belfast

Annual Church Parade Department Trophy

2020 PARADE CANCELLED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

Captain's Element: This course, held on Friday 11 and Saturday 12 October attracted only 4 Captains. All the 'new' captains engaged enthusiastically in all the activities and demonstrated a willingness to enhance their skills and knowledge of the Captain's roles within the whole Company. Feedback indicated that participants had learned much over the weekend and were eager to apply this learning to their duties.

Boys Courses: Building Skills courses were organised by Newtownabbey, Lisburn, North Down and South and East Groups. Also, Skills for Queen's Badge and Queen's Badge Residential Courses took place at Ganaway in October 2019 and March 2020. It was pleasing to see 40 young men completing their Queen's Badge this year.

FACT #6

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**PRESIDENT'S
BADGES &
AWARDS ISSUED**

(at time of print)

Y.L.T: The Y.L.T course, formerly a residential event, took place this year over two day-long sessions at Ganaway, on Saturdays 25 January 2020 and 15 February 2020. For the second successive year, the group was a smaller than we would have liked for maximum peer-learner benefit. With a possible total of 15 in attendance spread over Under and Over 11s activities numbers were not conducive to peer-group and sectional activities. Feedback confirmed that those who attended benefited from a well organised and delivered course although there were once again some matters regarding the centre requiring liaison with the Ganaway team. There is an element of tension between what appears to be a Brigade driven movement away from residential courses and the loss of learning opportunities, perceived by our trainers, in the split days. The Committee, accepting that the Non-residential format is probably here to stay, is reviewing the structure and content of our YLT in the wider UK context.

Social Media Awareness: This course, dealing with social media benefits and pitfalls was developed to meet the needs of Officers and Boys as requested by captains and other staff. Attempts to deliver it at Battalion level were not met with any great response in 2018-19 or in 2019-20. It was delivered most successfully as a "roadshow" to over 60 Officers and Boys in a combination of Dromore Companies. The Committee will consider how to promote and extend localised delivery to Groups or areas.

First Aid for the Outdoors: This course was delivered to, and successfully completed by, Battalion Officers.

Camp Craft and Holiday Leadership: It is proposed to hold these courses in September 2020.

The Training Committee was pleased to continue regular liaison with the Ganaway Centre Manager. In recent years meetings and follow-up actions have been productive in making Ganaway more fit for purpose as a Training Centre, as well as an Outdoor Centre. We look forward to further improving communication to jointly identify areas for improvement in our Battalion training activities at Ganaway.

Anchor Boys

As we come to the end of another Anchor Boy year if somewhat more abruptly than we would have liked with displays and parents nights being cancelled along with church and end of year activities and camps being in jeopardy of not happening you would be forgiven for thinking what on earth is happening to the world! We as Christian Officers have the reassurance of knowing that our God is in control however hard that may seem at this present time and we are not to doubt his plan for each of us.

The committee are grateful to all those companies who entered the competitions this past year and were encouraged by the number of new companies especially in the craft competition which had our budding artists colouring in their choice of door hanger. The Potted Sports also had an increase in company entries which is great to see and as always enjoyed by everyone. We did also see an increase from previous years of those wanting to attend the Fun Day at the Ark Farm which unfortunately was one of the casualties of the 'Coronavirus Cancellations'.

We are sure everyone who had entered was disappointed as were the committee but we felt the decision, although not an easy one, was taken in the best interest of boys and staff with guidance from the Chief Executive and has proven to have been the right one with everything else including schools closed.

As most of us now have a bit more time on our hands why don't you take the time to plan the year ahead in your Anchor Boy Section. Have a think about what you would like to do on a weekly/monthly basis and scroll the internet for ideas of craft, games or activities. Print off activities to go with your bible story, word searches, dot to dots or colouring pages, search for new games to play, or learn a new craft to show the boys on your return, in this way you will be way ahead and eager to get started again, filled with enthusiasm!

At this present time of writing the report we as a Committee pray that all the boys who attended this past year, their families, all Officers, Leaders and helpers will be safe and protected from this virus.



Junior Section

During the session the Committee has been involved in organising a wide range of activities.

Our programme began in September with a very enjoyable Twin Peaks Challenge. Fifty two Boys from 8 Companies explored Divis and Black Mountains in beautiful weather.

As part of the Battalion's "Raise the Bar" evening the Committee launched its Olympic Challenge resource. We have heard many reports of Companies successfully including these activities in their programmes.

The Battalion Heat for the NID Quiz competition was held in October with 5 teams taking part and resulted in a win for 2nd Comber and with 1st Granshaw coming second.

A Non-stop Cricket event was held in November. This was a new event for Battalion Junior Section and a new activity for some companies. 6 Companies were represented and the event was won by 1st Granshaw.

Ten teams took part in the Heat of the NID 5-Aside Football Competition which was won by 4th Newtownabbey with 1st Granshaw coming 2nd.

The Battalion Heat of the NID Stoolball Competition was held in Granshaw Presbyterian Church on 7 March. Five teams took part and the Agnes Rowan Cup was presented to the winners, 2nd Comber.



Unfortunately the outbreak of the Corona Virus and the resulting closure of all BB activity meant that our planned Olympic event had to be cancelled. Perhaps it can be held later.

Company Section

In mathematics, twenty-twenty is known as a progression number i.e. a sequence of numbers each formed by a specific relationship to its predecessor. The term is sometimes used by opticians to describe good eyesight - "20/20 vision". It also marks a unique year as there will not be another year this century when the Year and Century read the same.

The Committee's Vision has always been to provide a progressive programme of events, supporting each Boy in achieving his individual potential through sport and competitions. To that end, this session, we organised 22 events and competitions. Three were Social in nature with two organised for Officers and one primarily of Senior Boys, being a pre-Christmas visit to Windsor Park, home of Football's National Stadium. Of the nineteen competitions, unfortunately the Cricket was cancelled due to bad weather and the Senior Football League abandoned due to a lack of entries. Participation in competitions was good overall with entries up or on par with previous years. Highlights were:- the athletics Championships back at Mary Peters'



Track and with 59 entrants, proved a great success; The Ten-Pin Bowling Competition which had an entry of 112 was "phenomenal" and 4 Companies entered in the new F.I.F.A. X-Box League. As always, there is room for improvement and we would invite more companies to participate in our Competitions.



We engaged with the Duke of Edinburgh Award's Activity Group to highlight the conjunction of the Scheme with the Brigade's Advanced Awards. The work that Boys do for President's and Queen's Badges can dovetail into the Bronze and Silver DofE Awards. Unfortunately a "Hub" planned for January had to be cancelled due to a lack of interest. We would appeal to Captains to contact the Battalion's DofE Activity Group or ourselves for help in allowing their Senior Boys to achieve these Awards.

Company & Seniors

Another progression number of note can be found in John's Gospel "10 - 10" where Jesus proclaims "I have come that they might have life and have it to the full".

What an impact that verse could make in each Boys' life!

Obituaries

Ernie Bradshaw
Robert (Bobby) Cairns

Gordon Lynn
Robert J (Bertie) Marshall

Thanks & Acknowledgements

Whether it be our full-time, part-time or Volunteer staff, all are crucial to the work of the Battalion who together provide a wide range of services from B.B. House, Stedfast Supplies and our Residential and Activity and Recreational Centres, to not only B.B. members but to all who wish to avail of them.

To one and all, we are indebted to all concerned and at all the events that take place elsewhere.



Committees' Aims & Objectives 2019/20

Anchor Boys	Junior Section	Company Section	Training & Development	Finance & Property
Encourage the development of Physical Skills	Provide opportunities for smaller Companies to expand their Programmes	Use Social Media incorporating all activities to foster interaction among Companies	Encourage participation at Battalion-led Training Events	Promote newly established Charitable Foundation
Encourage Creativity through Craft	Encourage Companies to participate in NID Junior Section Events	Provide a full and meaningful Programme of Competitions and Events	Provide residential (and non-Residential) Youth Leader Training and Captain's Element Training	Monitor Supplies arrangements with BBUK HQ
Consider Training for Officers and Leaders particularly for Boys on Autism/ASD/ADHA spectrum	Inform Companies of the revised Junior Section Programme	Review list of Events and make improvements to meet demand	Assist Company Section Committee in developing Training Programmes for Boys working towards President's Badge	Maintain viability of Stedfast Supplies
Bring Companies together socially for fun and activities	Support Battalion initiatives	Encourage more Companies to engage with the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and link this to BB Advanced Awards	Hold Skills for Queen's Badge and QB Residential Training Courses	Continue to seek a long-term solution to Belvoir Recreation Centre becoming a Centre of Sporting Excellence
	Ensure inclusion of all Boys	Inspire Senior Boys and Junior Leaders to 'Take Your Place' in their Companies and Churches	Hold a Camp Craft and Holiday Leadership Course to fulfil Brigade Regulations	Ring-fence Battalion assets & resources to support Companies within the Battalion
		Encourage Company mentoring	Arrange appropriate Training as identified by Section Committees	Continue with a refurbishment/renewal programme at Ganaway & S/Lodge
		Audit Battalion Companies	Disseminate current resources in relation to safeguarding training and social media	