

Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31st December 2008

The Trustees are pleased to present this annual report and accounts for the year ending 31st December 2008. This year has seen further growth in both the number of supporters and grant applications, benefitting a wider variety of projects within Bristol University Student Community Action (SCA). SCA Plus also took a significant leap forward this year with the introduction of an SCA Plus Committee of current students and recent graduates, based in Bristol. The committee now have responsibility for the day to day running of the Charity with particular focus on recommending grant decisions to the Trustee Board.

SCA Plus has provided funding and support to SCA projects, whilst also offering Bristol University alumni the opportunity to keep in touch with the progress of SCA projects that they were involved with. SCA Plus is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 19th February 2002, and amended 10th July 2002, and has been a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners under charity number 1093599 since 30th August 2002. The Trustees during 2008 have been Christopher Kelly, Shaun Firth and Jonathan Reay with Kate Howell resigning from the Board on 10th November 2008. Kate has put a great deal into the Charity over the last few years, through her time as a sabbatical, to helping establish the SCA Plus Committee, which has enabled SCA Plus to connect better with current students. The trustees wish to thank Kate for her significant contributions.

During the year SCA Plus supported:



Pitstop (£250 Feb 08) – The funds supported an away week-end which included a visit to Greenmeadow Community Farm and a visit to the local swimming pool.

Jolidays (£250 Feb 08) – The funds supported a day trip to Longleat Safari park for 12 young carers. The group went to various attractions over and above the safari which included a boat safari and an adventure castle. Back at the Student's Union the volunteers organised a tea party and music workshop together with another of the SCA projects *Decks, Drums, Rock and Roll*.

Jolidays (£250 Feb 09 paid in advance) – This funds supported an outdoor laser quest activity for the young carers and volunteers at Chepstow Outdoor Activities Centre in South Gloucestershire. A summary of the event from Fiona Yapp, the Project Co-ordinator follows:

We were surprised to find that the centre was in a farm setting, and was very very muddy! We had to dress up in combat clothing...and paint mud marks on our cheeks. We were then each provided with a laser gun and shown to the laser combat zones. We were divided into two teams (we changed our teams regularly to keep everyone happy) and had to use team tactics to work together and shoot out the other team. The combat zones were scattered across an area of woodland, specially designed for these activities. Both the Young Carers and the volunteers had an amazing time, especially the male young carers! The activity was great for allowing us to run around in the great outdoors (it was very good exercise!) and it was a great bonding experience. Thank you so much for funding us, it was a memorable event that will go down in Jolidays history.



Christmas Party (£250 Dec 08) – The Kids' Xmas Party is an afternoon event which bring together under privileged kids and less able kids that normally benefit and attend SCA projects throughout the year. It involves various different activities over the course of the afternoon and ends with a tea party for all. This year we were lucky to have nearly 100 children attending and a large number of volunteers. The funds paid for a DJ and Disco and a Bristol Zoo activity including the presence of animals and face painting.

Summary of the financial position of the Charity

During 2008 the charity's income has decreased to **£658** from £1,073 while grant expenditure has risen to **£1,000** from £620 in the prior year. The drop in income relates to exceptional income received in the prior year. Monthly income from supporters has continued to increase over the year. Grant expenditure has risen in line with the Trustees objective of making a larger number of grants to projects from current and reserve funding during the year. Income and expenditure are recorded on a receipt and payment basis. Restricted income is recorded where restrictions are imposed that are narrower than the overall charitable objectives. Where restricted grant expenditure exceeds specific restricted funds the balance is met from unrestricted funds. Income is predominantly from supporters, together with funds from fundraising events organised by SCA. Expenditure relates to the four grants (£1,000) provided by the charity during the year.

At 31st December 2008 the charity had cash reserves of **£652** compared with £995 for the prior year, of which 41% relates to funds that are restricted to expenditure on Projects associated with Elderly People and those that do not fall into the category of supporting either Young or Elderly. Unspent funds are taken to reserves for the Charity's use in the following year.

The Charity has no employees, no investments, no property and no fixed assets. The trustees do not receive any payment for their involvement with the charity. During the year incoming resources and resources expended derived from continuing activities, and no related party transactions were made.

This Annual Report and Accounts are approved by the trustees on 18th April 2009 and signed on their behalf:

Christopher Kelly (18th April 2009)

Jon Reay (18th April 2009)