



## Snippets 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

- **Exeter, East Devon Down Syndrome (EEDDS)**

DS Active football Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 11-12noon at Wonford Sports Centre, Rifford Road, EX2 6NF

Skills matches and fun for boys and girls provided by FA-qualified coaches. The 'official' age range is 5-16 years, but if your girl/boy is older/younger than this and would like to take part, this is often possible. Ample free parking at the Centre.

Spring Event, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Charter Hall, Market Street, Okehampton, EX20 1AA. Entertainment to suit everyone from 9:30am with Magic Martin from 10:30-12 noon. Cost: £1.50 for each individual with Down Syndrome, parents/adults/carers/enablers free. Snacks and drinks available – modest donations appreciated.

Further information contact Harriet on 01392 410817 or 07480 301 244

- **National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS)**

How do I... access sign language lessons? To find out more and information on other topics related to children with hearing problems go to: <http://ow.ly/iruF30nVnSi>

- **Turn2Us**

Turn2us is a national charity helping people when times get tough. They provide financial support to help people get back on track. To find out more go to:

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

- **CrackerJacks Children's Trust**

Crackerjacks provides grants to disabled children and young people throughout the UK.

It's able to offer grants between £250 and £1,000 towards specialised equipment.

This might include a specialised wheelchair, bikes and trikes and sensory toys.

The charity also has a respite home near Bream sands in Somerset - "Ray's Sunshine Holiday Home". It has ramped access and a pull-out bed in the living area for a child in a wheelchair. A supporting letter is required from the child's doctor, social worker or special school.

To apply: download an application form from the website.

<https://www.crackerjacks.org.uk/downloads>

- **CHIPS**

Chips, the charity of the casino and gaming industry provides specialised powered wheelchairs for children and young people with varying disabilities.

It will only fund powered wheelchairs not provided by the NHS.

Applications can be made using the preliminary online application form. Each application is considered on its own merits and depends on available funds at the time of the application. For more information go to: [www.chipscharity.org](http://www.chipscharity.org)

- **The Children's Hope Foundation**

The Hope Foundation aims to improve the lives of children and young people affected by illness, disability or poverty. It provides funding for anything (with a few exceptions) that will benefit the child such as medical equipment, computers, holidays and days out.

To apply: download the online application form (the 'Downloads' link in the Footer of any page on the Children's Hope Foundation website). Financial details are required.

The charity also has a caravan holiday home in East Sussex for children (and their families) between the ages of 3-17 who 'have special needs'.

The caravan is not adapted but does have a ramp for disabled access.

It will accept direct applications as well as applications from appropriate professionals. To apply: download the online holiday application form.

[www.childrenshopefoundation.org.uk](http://www.childrenshopefoundation.org.uk)

- **Children's Heart Federation**

The Children's Heart Federation provides information and practical support to children and young people with congenital and acquired heart conditions and their families.

Professionals such as cardiac nurses, social workers or advice workers are able to apply for grants towards specialist equipment and unexpected family costs such as travel expenses to hospital.

To apply: the sponsoring professional must use the online application form. There is guidance on the eligibility criteria that must be consulted before application.

The Federation also organises family trips and respite.

[www.chfed.org.uk](http://www.chfed.org.uk)

- **Children Today**

Children Today helps disabled children and young people up to the age of 25.

It provides grants for specialist equipment and aids such as communication aids, educational toys, trikes, lifting equipment and electric wheelchairs.

Applications must be made direct by the applicant, their parents or guardian by calling 01244-335622 to discuss their application.

A reference from someone who works with your child in a professional capacity (occupational therapist, teacher, social worker, doctor, etc) will be required. To find out more go to: [www.childrentoday.org.uk](http://www.childrentoday.org.uk)

- **Child Brain Injury Trust**

The Child Brain Injury Trust offers support to children with Acquired Brain Injury and their families.

The Trust has two grant programmes:

- Give a Child a Chance Grant is a small grants programme (£100 max per child) to enable the child with Acquired Brain Injury and their siblings to be involved in social activities.
- The Mary Radnoti-Dwyer Education Assessment Grant of up to £350 to help towards the cost of SEN assessments for professional reports.

To apply: download an application form from the website:

[www.childbraininjurytrust.org.uk](http://www.childbraininjurytrust.org.uk)

- **Charlie Cookson Foundation**

The Charlie Cookson Foundation was created by Charlie's parents after he passed away, to support other families who have a seriously ill child with a life-limiting condition.

The Foundation selects one family per month and offers financial support to that family over a three-month period to help them cope with the extra cost of having a sick child under 16 years. This may include help with the mortgage, utility bills, petrol and food.

To apply: download an application form from the website. Financial information and a supporting letter from an appropriate professional will be required.

[www.charliecookson.co.uk](http://www.charliecookson.co.uk)

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