

Yes, I can help!

To: Fundraising Department
Brent Knoll & Watergate
Co-operative Trust

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I would like to make a donation to Brent
Knoll & Watergate Co-operative Trust.

★ I would like to donate by cheque:

£10 / £25 / £50 /

I enclose a gift of £

Please make your cheque payable to Brent Knoll &
Watergate Co-operative Trust.

OR

★ I would like to make a direct payment

Please use our bank details below. If possible also email
us so we can thank you.

Acc. name Brent Knoll and Watergate Co-operative Trust
Bank Co-operative Bank
Sort Code 08-90-04 **Acc. Number** 68448824
Reference Your surname

Title First Name

Surname

Address

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Postcode

Telephone No

Email

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Here's how you can help:

★ Please choose us as your company's
charity of the year and sponsor a week's
school holiday provision if you can – at £12,000

★ **Give as you earn** via payroll giving.

★ Trusts, foundations and groups, **please support
our work with a grant**

★ Runners – **please do challenge events for us**

★ **Donate online** via uk.virginmoneygiving.com

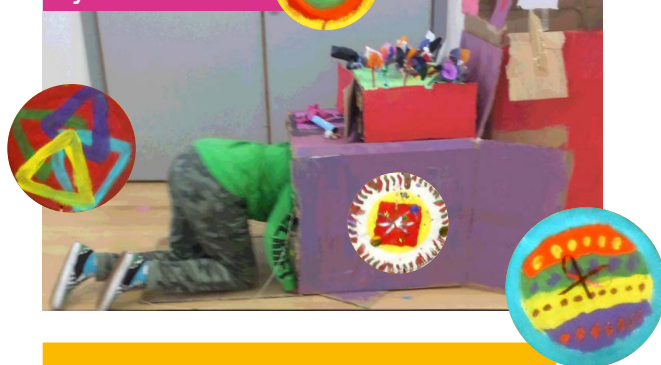
★ **Fundraise** with a cake bake, hold a quiz or a disco

★ **Request funds in lieu of birthday gifts** – or in
memory of a special person

★ **Donate share certificates** to ShareGift,
recommending the proceeds benefit Brent Knoll &
Watergate Co-operative Trust: help@sharegift.org

★ **Remember our charity in your will** and be proud
that you will create a legacy of happy memories
amongst young people currently
suffering disadvantage.

Artworks created
by the children



We all have our own quirks –
only our childrens' are more
noticeable than many!



“Like any parent I want the
best for my son. I'm very worried
about the future when he is an
adult, but in the meantime I want
him to live the best life he can.”



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Brent Knoll & Watergate Co-operative Trust needs your help

Helping children with SEND
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You can help children with SEND thrive and contribute to the wider Lewisham Community

Brent Knoll & Watergate Co-operative Trust is a grassroots parent and teacher-led exempt charity related to the Co-operative movement supporting excellence in special education for nearly 300 Lewisham children. The majority have autism, a large number are non-verbal and some have complex physical disabilities. Most of our children live in a very urban environment, with limited local spaces to safely play.

COVID19 has been inconceivably difficult for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and their families, many of whom suffered badly from anxiety even prior to lockdown. Throughout this difficult period, we have worked tirelessly reassuring parents and working with

FareShare and London Funders to ensure children and families, even those without recourse to public funds, don't go hungry.

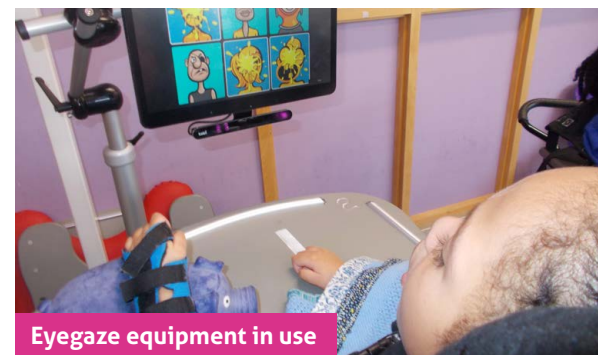


“Often it’s a 24/7 job having a child with special educational needs. Pity isn’t on our wish list, but empathy and support to help level the playing field is”.

The children of Brent Knoll and Watergate are all unique and present with their own range of needs, and, more importantly, abilities.

Some of our most physically able former students would make great football coaches for us – but training them up costs money we don’t have.

For non-verbal children with complex needs, extra tech support like **Eyegaze equipment** can enable a two-way communication with their families and open up their world. We’d love to have the resources to lend these out to families, but they cost £3,000 each.



Eyegaze equipment in use

Our **Makaton choir**, simultaneously singing and signing is like bottled sunshine, generating instant generous crowds of people when we sang and signed Christmas carols at Lewisham shopping centre. Our singers need proper uniforms and the chance to attend gigs, but the financial challenges many of our families face mean they can’t afford extras.



Makaton choir

Stuck at home and isolated from our usual social contacts and activities during Covid-19 has been difficult for all of us. Now imagine that isolation being permanent. That’s how our families feel every holiday. No school, and often round-the-clock care. Most have no local space to play nor nearby children willing to engage in shared activities. Parents fear how they are going to cope and families can be at risk of collapse. A national emergency in social care funding is truncating the accessible services SEND and disabled children and their families need.

We have been able to provide safe holiday clubs, run by experts who are familiar to the children, including cookery sessions, drama and sport, performance, art and crafts, music and very messy play only thanks to the kindness of the wider community including residents of Phoenix Housing. So, if you have money, energy, expertise or connections to share, please reach out. **Lives can blossom when specialist help like holiday clubs; counselling; music therapy is delivered.**

We want to help support school-leavers in their housing and employment. One of our parents has already started kickstarted a social enterprise providing health drinks. We are very interested in initiatives like this, so if you have expertise to share, do get in touch.

As an exempt charity, donations qualify for gift aid – so if you can, please help provide some of Lewisham’s most disadvantaged children exciting opportunities that will enrich their lives

Gift Aid

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Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £..... and any donations I make in future to Brent Knoll & Watergate Co-operative Trust. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donation in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature

Date

Please note that the data collected on this form will be securely held on Brent Knoll & Watergate Co-operative Trust’s database and will be held securely in line with current data protection legislation. For full details please see the Trust’s website www.bkwgtrust.org.uk

We’d love to stay in touch to tell you about the wonderful projects your donations are funding and other ways you could get involved. What works for you?

Email / Phone / Post

Please complete relevant contact details if different from overleaf:

Address

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