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BORDERS CHILDREN'S CHARITY
Chair's New Year Report
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There may be a recession on but so many people continue to be so generous in their support of Borders Children's Charity. The end of the year has proved extraordinary and we wish to thank everyone who has donated to BCC, large or small, and given a thought to the needs of children in the Scottish Borders at Christmas time.

Whether it has been through church carol services or collections, school fundraising, giving a donation instead of Christmas cards, donating Christmas fair proceeds or giving an annual or one off donation, so many people across the region have dug deep. And the money has been well spent.

With no overheads and currently no expenses all the money will go, or has already gone to children who need it, whether it be for Christmas presents, beds, winter clothing or trips to name a few. Once again we were delighted to be able to support the Borders Carers Centre with a grant to buy a Christmas present for all 75 young carers in the Borders and respond quickly to requests for young people who otherwise would have had nothing over Christmas.

In the past 6 weeks to mid January we have responded to **17 requests totalling £3130.50**. Overall, since March last year, we have allocated a total of over **£26,000**. Grants have been spent on more than **45 beds, 30 sets bedding, 14 wardrobes and 20 chests of drawers, 60 school trips, 15 pairs of shoes, 20 contributions towards family holidays, activities and days out for almost 100 children, as well as £1,545 worth of clothing.**

So all of us at BCC wish to say a Happy New Year to everyone who has donated or applied to BCC and we hope, that, with your help, we can continue to respond quickly and efficiently to help as many children in the Borders that need it.

Clare de Bolle
Chairperson