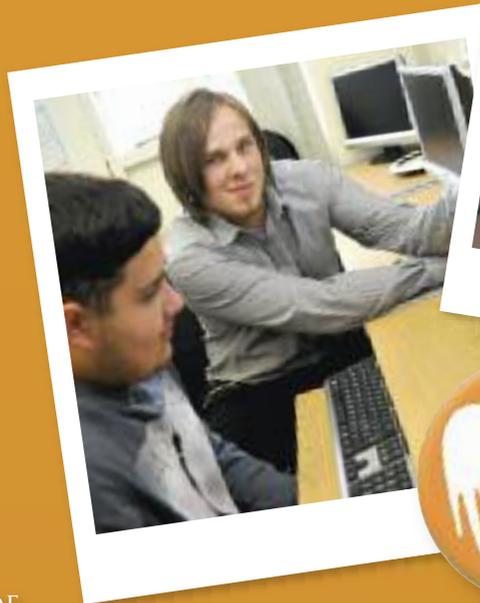


# Pride Passion Purpose Teesside united



MIDDLESBROUGH & TEESIDE  
PHILANTHROPIC  
FOUNDATION



Andy Preston, Chairman

# onwards and upwards!

I'm exhausted because in the last few weeks I've had so many positive meetings and conversations across Teesside about new challenges and exciting projects. I'm currently asking our trustees to consider some fascinating opportunities to push our group onward and do even more for the area we're so very proud of.

**I expect that the next year (our second twelve months) will see us deliver results in three key areas:**

1. Even more jobs for local youngsters
2. On-going support for our most vital community groups
3. Create a new not for profit group

It's clear to me that our charity's future will be exciting, challenging and frequently exhausting!

But I think we should consider the past for a minute...the last 12 months have been a staggering success. The generosity and local patriotism of our patrons has been moving and inspirational. Their money which has flowed with goodwill and care has helped make Middlesbrough and the whole of Teesside a little better in many, many ways.

No other area in the UK is doing what we are doing - we are redistributing local generosity, passion and talent - helping ourselves and setting an example for others to follow.

Please do two things for me...make sure you look at the list of great projects our group has helped in it's inaugural year - then look at the list of individuals and businesses whose patriotism and generosity has made this possible: our patrons.

Thanks to you all - you are heroes!

I'll be back soon with more news. Get in touch if you want anything.

Talk soon,  
**Andy Preston**  
Chairman

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An update of what we've been up to, a roll-call of people we've helped and those who've helped us, plus some dates for your diary.



You can find out more by visiting [teessidecharity.org.uk](http://teessidecharity.org.uk)

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At those individuals and organisations who have benefitted from the Foundation's help



*Pennyman Primary – the children will be going on an all-action adventure thanks to the Foundation, find out where on page 6*

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They make it work. Find out more about some of those who give their support to the Foundation.



*Cleveland Juniors FC celebrate on page 5*

## Let's kick off...

With a big thank you to all of our patrons who support the Foundation with time, expertise and financial assistance.

We'd also like to welcome some new patrons who will be boosting the great work the Foundation does.

**Bill Scott, Ramsdens Financial, Evolution Business and Tax Advisors LLP, Macks Solicitors, The Sizer Family**

Plus new trustee **Nigel Williams**

Special thanks to Peter Whelan of DTW



## Come dine with us

Our 2012 celebration dinner on Friday, October 5th will be absolutely massive... building on the huge success of last year when Mackenzie Thorpe personally helped us to raise over £41,000.

Supported by Teesside's biggest business names we're going to create an even more glamorous event with the best food and entertainment for miles around.

We've already sold 15 of the 32 available tables... they're priced at £790 for ten places including reception drinks, dinner, table wine, entertainment and dancing.

It would be great to see you there... get in touch via email to find out more [info@teessidecharity.org.uk](mailto:info@teessidecharity.org.uk)



## On your marks!

Join our team of 100 runners in this year's Middlesbrough 10k on Sunday, September 2nd - we aim to raise more than £35,000.

BBC TV's Steph McGovern and MP Tom Blenkinsop are leading the field for us in this hugely popular event and helping us raise money for Teesside communities.

Anyone of any ability is very welcome - you can walk the 10k if you want! Visit [www.boro10k.co.uk](http://www.boro10k.co.uk) for more info... sign up and help us support 20 community groups with the proceeds.



## Making a difference

We keep saying it but the Foundation really does make a difference – just look at the amount of people and organisations we've helped so far.

- Stonham Gainford Homeless Project
- Friends of Gleneagles (FROGS)
- Kidz Konnekt
- Cleveland Juniors FC
- Forget Me Not Bereavement
- Pennyman Primary School
- Advance in to Nature, Hartlepool
- PATCH, Hartlepool
- Young Carers, Hartlepool
- The Youthy, Thornaby
- Cleveland Army Cadets
- Education Centre for Down's Syndrome
- Oulton Manor Neighbourhood Watch and Youth club
- South Bank ABC
- MFC Ladies Juniors
- High Clarence Primary School
- Grangetown Royal Sapphires Marching Band
- Stokesley OAP's Bingo
- Teesside White Knights
- Stockton Cornerhouse Youth Project
- Cleveland Friends of Arms
- Middlesbrough Sea Cadets
- Redcar Athletic U9's Football
- Cleveland Youth Club for Partially Sighted

- TFM's Cash for Kids
- Saltburn School PFA (Community Play Area Contribution)
- The following job opportunities (Apprenticeships):  
Paul Neasham  
Joe Whittingham  
Luke Anderson  
Rachel Lockwood  
Samantha Wood  
Mark Thompson  
Erin Cowling  
Sam Savage  
Jack Durrent  
Matthew Thompson  
Elizabeth Jarvis  
Corey Bowen



Funding for an additional  
**10**  
apprenticeships with Tees Active

*Matthew - another of our young people to benefit from the Foundation jobs scheme. Read his story on page 7*



# Patron Power

The generosity and commitment of our patrons is helping to shine a spotlight on Teesside for all the right reasons - from the willingness to give, to the strength of commitment of private sector businesses and the area's own ambitions for a better, more positive future.



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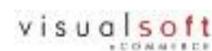
Andy Preston



Sizer Family



Bill Scott



Nigel Williams

## Our Trustees

Andy Preston, Tanya Garland, Mark Bolland, John McCullagh, Nigel Williams

# Back of the net



A free football academy which counts Manchester City's Adam Johnson and Middlesbrough's Tony McMahon amongst its alumni, Cleveland Juniors FC relies on sponsorship and donations in order to survive.

£5,000  
donated by the Foundation



**Vandalism had left the club without adequate changing facilities and without the grant from the Philanthropic Foundation, the club may have not been allowed to continue under FA guidelines.**

Chair of the club Michelle Rush, said: "Vandals had burnt down our changing room and we were concerned that without changing and toilet facilities we would not be able to run the club until our new building was finished.

"The £5000 we received from the Philanthropic Foundation meant that we were able to rent changing facilities and a portable toilet until our new building is completed next year. It's not ideal but it means we can keep the club running throughout 2012, especially during the busy summer months.

"We have more than 200 local players now and our numbers are growing all the time. So we also used part of the grant to buy equipment such as kits, goals, balls and bibs which constantly need replacing, and to train two more coaches which will allow us to welcome 100 more kids into the academy.

"We've been going since 1985 and we're proud that people like the Philanthropic Foundation buy into our ethos and help us to continue to be a sustainable club and a vital part of the community."

Charity patron Stewart Smith, chairman of Middlesbrough FC sponsors, Ramsdens Financial, said: "We are relatively new to the Foundation but already we can see the great work it does.

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Stewart Smith, Ramsdens Financial

# Access all areas



A primary school which prides itself on giving all pupils, regardless of ability, the best education possible was a perfect fit for the Foundation.

**Pennyman Primary School in Netherfields, Middlesbrough, is a mainstream school with a dedicated unit for children with complex needs. Part of the bespoke curriculum that the school offers the pupils is an annual outward bound trip. But as funds dwindled, this year's trip became less and less likely until the Philanthropic Foundation stepped in.**

"The money we received from the Philanthropic Foundation means that not only will this year's trip go ahead as planned, but we will also be taking more pupils – doubling the numbers to 30 and taking over the entire centre as oppose to just part of it.

"We are going to Peat Rigg in North Yorkshire. It's a working farm that offers a wide range of activities and experiences and the children are really looking forward to it.

"The donation that the Foundation has given us is absolutely fantastic. We can still hardly believe it – we danced all the way home after hearing the news!"

Charity patron, Ken Devereux of Devereux Developments, said: "It is places like Pennyman Primary School which make us proud to support the Foundation.

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**£5,200**  
donated by the Foundation

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# Apprenticeship gets right to the hub of things



Langridge Initiative Centre is best described as the hub of the community. A resource centre slap bang in the middle of Berwick Hills, near to Park End in Middlesbrough, it provides local residents with somewhere to meet, somewhere to learn new skills, somewhere to search for jobs and somewhere to socialise with a café and crèche.

**Set up in 1996 the centre is very well used by all ages with weekly bingo and housing and career advice sessions proving especially popular. But recent times have seen a distinct lack of funding which left centre manager Michael Finn with too many jobs and too little time.**

With no budget to fund any extra staff Michael couldn't quite believe it when The Philanthropic Foundation stepped forward with funding for an apprenticeship at the centre.

Michael said: "The situation really was getting more and more difficult. The centre is well used and I literally didn't have enough hours in the day. Funding from the Foundation was an absolute godsend."

The funding was a godsend for someone else too – 20 year old Matthew Bennett from Linthorpe who was volunteering at the centre when the apprenticeship came up. He was successful in his application and is now the full-time IT technician at the centre.

Previously unemployed Matthew now spends his time at the centre helping people out in the IT suite with pc and web skills as well as covering general managerial and administrative responsibilities.

"The apprenticeship position was fantastic news for me and the centre. I was already volunteering here and really enjoyed it but obviously I needed to pay my way too so was going to have to move on at some point" said Matthew.

"I love working here I really enjoy helping people out and all of the new people I meet. I'm gaining more and more experience every

day and learning new skills all the time too. It's great and I'm really grateful to the Philanthropic Foundation for the opportunity they have created for me here."

Neil Stephenson, chief executive officer at Onyx, is pleased to see charity funds improving IT in the area. He said: "It's fantastic to see this sort of initiative successfully working in the community. Apprentices are a vital tool to business and Matthew and the Langridge Centre are a perfect example of how well it can work out for everyone involved. The positive results of this funding are obvious for all to see and that's why Onyx is proud to be a patron of the Foundation."

Michael added: "Matthew is a vital member of our team, we couldn't do without him – and we certainly couldn't do it without the help of the Foundation."

**£2,500**  
donated by the Foundation

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Neil Stephenson, Onyx

# Strength in numbers



We could achieve nothing without our patrons, they are the sole reason for our success. In each edition of this newsletter we will focus on a handful of the companies who are making the Foundation a success.

“By becoming a patron of the Foundation we know that we are helping deserving organisations to provide services which benefit the local community and that’s a fantastic feeling.”

Mick Flynn , Director, Unasys

## Erimus Insurance Brokers

Based at Riverside Park in Middlesbrough, Erimus Insurance Brokers specialise in business-to-business insurance, offering professional insurance broking and risk management services.

The company is also a patron of the Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation.

Being in the business of risk assessment means Erimus is keenly attuned to the hardships still faced by many people across Teesside, and the positive effect charities and community groups have on the area.

Commercial director Paul Davison said: “The name Erimus is Middlesbrough’s Latin motto meaning ‘we shall be’.

“The Erimus motto signifies the determination of a town nicknamed the Infant Hercules by William Gladstone to grow and become great. And that’s exactly what we wanted for our company too.

“Our roots are very important to us and we believe Middlesbrough can continue to grow and be great, but it needs everyone to pull together.

“The organisations helped by the Philanthropic Foundation are at the core of the community. It is these men and women who devote their time and expertise to making Middlesbrough the fantastic town it is and we feel very privileged to be in a position to offer them financial assistance and support.”

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Paul Davison, Commercial Director - Erimus Insurance Brokers

## K Home International

Stockton-on-Tees based K Home International provides comprehensive world class engineering design solutions from concept through to beneficial operation for developers and operators of process and infrastructure projects.

Founded in the North East, and proud of its Teesside location, K Home is a global company with a local heart.

And it was this local pride which led to the company becoming a patron of the Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation.

Company director Ken Home said: “We work on projects on an international scale in a variety of sectors but we’ve never lost sight of where we started and the people of the North East who supported us when K Home first started.

“The company has a proven track record of delivering consistently productive capital projects by helping our clients to adapt to changing time and cost requirements.

“What the Foundation is trying to do is help much smaller organisations right on our doorstep to cope with the economic downturn by offering some financial assistance.

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£150,000  
donated to local good causes  
by the Foundation



The local community is very important to insurance brokers Erimus



Thousands of miles didn't stop the Philanthropic Foundation's message getting through to Steve Nichols in Hong Kong

Thanks to everyone for all of your help!

If you are interested in becoming a patron and helping local people and local communities please get in touch. Call Andy Preston on 07922 478994 or visit our website [www.teessidecharity.org.uk](http://www.teessidecharity.org.uk)

## Steve Nichols

Steve Nichols is a stockbroker who is originally from Middlesbrough but now lives in Hong Kong.

He read an article in The Sunday Times which featured the Foundation and the work it was doing in the town. Boro born-and-bred, and with family and friends still in the town, the story resonated greatly, so Steve decided to become a patron of the Foundation.

A keen Boro supporter, who follows the team religiously, Steve regularly travels home to Teesside but has lived overseas for the past 18 years, including nine years in Japan.

Steve became a patron because he wanted to do something that benefited the community.

“I want to do anything I can to promote the town and help people in Middlesbrough.

He said, “No matter how long I’ve been away, I’ll always consider Middlesbrough as my home. Helping even one local organisation would give me enormous pleasure.”

Steve Nichols - Stockbroker

## Unasys

Based in Teesside, project management specialists Unasys makes its living working with construction clients on a global scale to provide complete solutions.

They recognise the factors which determine whether a project fails or succeeds.

Unasys is also keen to create opportunities at a local level through recruitment and training of local people. That’s why the company is a patron of the Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation.

Director of Unasys, Mick Flynn, said: “As a Middlesbrough based company we have a vested interest in helping the community to thrive and flourish.

“No matter how well run an organisation is, how passionate the staff are and how appealing the concept, nothing is sustainable without some form of financial backing and that’s where the Foundation comes in.

“By becoming a patron of the Foundation we know that we are helping deserving organisations to provide services which benefit the local community. That’s a fantastic feeling.”

Patrons featured in our next issue:  
Macks Solicitors, Evolution Business and Tax Advisors and Glanbia Nutritionals

A total of  
**£30,000**  
was distributed to  
the organisations.

# A positive twist in the tale

THE Foundation joined forces with TFM Radio's Cash for Kids to run a campaign with a difference.

The 'Better Tomorrow' campaign launched in February this year with a massive £30k kitty. Organisations and groups in Teesside were invited to apply for their share of the fund and all they had to do was; describe their organisation, how it makes a difference to and benefits local people and what a difference the extra funding would make.

The focus was on organisations that support and benefit children and the work that they do.

The response was tremendous. Applications flooded in with lots and lots of very worthwhile causes getting in touch. It was very tough, but eventually a shortlist was drawn up and the lucky few were invited to attend a special awards night at mima.

Organisations had been told they were on the shortlist and as you'd expect turnout was high. Patrons and trustees from the Foundation also came along to see the results of their support.

The atmosphere was electric and anticipation was palpable. Each organisation's representative gave an overview of their group and what a difference the money would make to them, and a film showcasing their work was shown.

Requests ranged from £4000 for sensory equipment to a pair of football boots, with the specific needs of each group taken into consideration by the judges.

And as the tension mounted it was crystal clear just how much this kind of funding was needed by each and every group.

But there was a twist in the tale. Every one of the invited 13 short listed organisations had been successful in their application.

“It was genuinely moving to see how much it means to these organisations to be given a little bit of financial help and how they were all rooting for each other. I can't think of more deserving groups for the Foundation to get involved with.”

From the Education Centre for Down's Syndrome and FROGS to Kidz Konnekt and Hartlepool Young Carers everyone got something and, despite the groups being ever so slightly misled to believe not all of them would be lucky enough to receive a grant, there was a strong sense of kinship amongst those attending – and an even greater sense of delight when they realised they would all be lucky enough to receive something.

Andy Preston, Chairman and Founder of the Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation said: “It really was a fantastic evening, we listened to all the amazing things these organisations do. How they make kids' lives better and really contribute to their communities. That's what the Foundation is all about.”



Stonham Gainford  
awarded  
**£500**

Friends of  
Gleneagles (FROGS)  
awarded  
**£1,000**



Advance in  
to Nature  
awarded  
**£1,000**



Forget me Not  
Bereavement at  
Teesside Hospice  
awarded  
**£1,000**



Kidz Konnekt  
awarded  
**£1,200**



Centre for Downs  
Syndrome awarded  
**£1,250**



Oulton Manor  
Youth Club awarded  
**£1,250**



Youthy awarded  
**£2,000**

Cleveland Army  
Cadets awarded  
**£2,500**



Hartlepool  
Young Carers  
awarded  
**£4,000**

Hartlepool PATCH  
awarded  
**£4,100**



Cleveland Juniors  
FC awarded  
**£5,000**



Cleveland Army  
Cadets  
awarded  
**£1,000**

Pennyman Primary  
awarded  
**£5,200**

# Our patrons

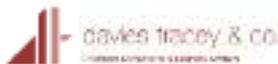
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