



New AdventureBase

The 'Big Issue' for A+ at the moment is the decision of our Directors to build an AdventureBase here in Oxfordshire

see inside for more details...



New A+ AdventureBase would enable thousands more to benefit

Growing School Clubs

Our growing number of regular school activity clubs has been making a positive impact on hundreds of children.

Through these weekly sessions of archery, team games or multi-activity programmes, strong relationships are built with the pupils over months—sometimes years. This increases their confidence, and they develop not only in their activity skills but academically, socially and on

some occasions in their faith.

A+ Instructor, John-Luke, says *'It has been my particular privilege to have seen boys and girls grow into young men and women. We really believe that this is not just a "product" but can be a potentially life-changing experience for those with whom we work.'*



Biking: part of a multi-activity after-school club



Building relationships through team games

These clubs have been held at a wide range of schools from private schools in Oxford to local state schools. Pupils who are vulnerable or disadvantaged have also been able to participate, supported through Go4It, a government funding initiative.

We are now building on this foundation, increasing the breadth of schools we visit, especially in the local area.

These clubs enable us to develop longer-term relationships and encourage young people to join us for our summer TA holidays (see inside).

Ski Holiday Success

Total Adventure™
Ski

Our first ever **TA Ski** was a huge success with 20 people enjoying a fantastic week in Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland.

Everyone from first-timers to experts enjoyed some brilliant skiing/boarding. We were delighted to be working with Goldhill Holidays who provided our ski school and equipment.

The evenings were spent relaxing in our chalet with great food, quality company and evening thoughts.

We had such a good time that plans for TA Ski 2012 are well underway.

As well as a week for young people during February half-term, we are also planning a week for volunteers, supporters and friends of A+ the following week.

So why not join us on our Alpine adventure next year, 10-19th February 2012, for six

days of great skiing in the stunning Swiss Alps. See our website for details.



Skiing in the Swiss sunshine

New Challenges for this Summer's TA

Total Adventure™
Summit

TA Summit (formerly TA Quinta): we are excited that our summer activity holiday for teenagers will be going to the Summit Centre in South Wales for the first time from 7-12th August 2011.

With over 160 indoor routes, including an 8m overhang, the world-class climbing wall will challenge even the most confident climbers!

We will also enjoy local lakes, rocks and mountains for paddling, climbing, biking and walking.

On top of this fantastic activity programme, each evening's Roadshow will challenge and encourage us about how we can enjoy being:

'Out There—*In Him*'.

See website for more details.



Climbing challenges at TA Summit

New Patron: Growing Support for A+



Jo Gambi, Guinness World Record holder and A+ Patron

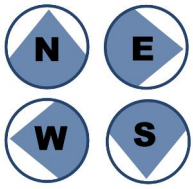
Adventure *Plus* is delighted to welcome Jo Gambi as an A+ Patron. Jo is the first woman to have climbed the highest peak in each of the seven continents and to have skied to both the North and South Pole with husband Rob!

Jo is happy to support our work with young people and adults through adventure and education. Readers may be interested to read more in her book *Holding On*.

As Jo joins Bear Grylls and our other patrons, we are greatly encouraged by the growing quality of support for our work, particularly as we embrace the significant challenge of working to establish an Adventure **Base** here in Oxfordshire (see 'N.E.W.S.' opposite).



Bear Grylls, International Adventurer and A+ Patron



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As I stood to sum up at the end of our

recent Directors' Open Day, guests no doubt anticipated a few well deserved words of thanks and praise to our team. So I noted the odd look of surprise when I began: *'that is all excellent, but it could be so much better!'*

I quickly went on to qualify. We currently operate out of a 'depot-style' HQ in Witney, delivering adventure activities to over 5,000 children and young people every year. Each activity has to be packed into minibuses, delivered to venues, unloaded and set up. We then run the sessions before loading it all into buses and trailers, driving it back to A+, unloading and putting it all away again, (pew).

So whilst great credit is due to our team for their positive approach to such an amazing volume of work every week, here is one reason why, *'it could be so much better'*: If A+ were to develop a purpose built AdventureBase, we could have a wealth of exciting facilities already set up for the growing numbers of local young people we are working with day by day.

Quantity and Quality

And it's not just the quantity of our growing work that led our Directors to consider this important step. It would also bring great benefit to the quality of our work.

If young people are encouraged by the sessions we deliver out in the field, imagine the impact we could have inviting them onto a purpose-built facility with excellent features such as climbing walls, high ropes courses, archery ranges, bike trails, sports facilities... (you get the idea).

Welcome Opportunity

Then there's the welcome we can offer, through genuine and generous hospitality to people that matter to us – as we seek to reflect His light and His love into the lives of thousands of children and young people every year.

There is no doubt that the AdventureBase would become a very special place in the lives of thousands of children over the years, and for some it would be a place they could come back to in the future, when life is particularly hard...



Jon Cox, Executive Director

The Challenge

We are under no illusions that this is a big challenge for A+ to embrace—but for all the reasons above, and many more—we are convinced this is the right next move.

One good thing about a project of this size, like a big bar of chocolate, is that it is too big to keep to ourselves. We can only achieve this if we share it.

We will shortly be writing to grant making trusts, businesses and our supporters to try to raise the support necessary to establish such a strategic facility right here in Central England. If you know anyone who might be interested helping us, or if you would like to **contribute to our pump-priming fund** to get this project off the ground, we'd love to hear from you...

and one day we'll look forward to welcoming you, or children you know, to the AdventureBase.

Duke of Edinburgh meets A+

The Duke of Edinburgh met with staff and volunteers from A+ at St James's Palace to award us with an Operating Authority License for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

A+ has previously offered DofE expeditions as an Approved Activity Provider. This license now enables A+ to provide the full programme of DofE Awards, from Bronze through to Gold.

For example, schools can now come to A+ to support and run all aspects of their programmes, including skills, volunteering, expeditions and residentials.

Trainees on our Leadership Gap Year will also benefit from being able to achieve their DofE Gold Award.



The Duke of Edinburgh with A+ Instructors John-Luke Casey and James Foxtan

21st Anniversary Ball

at THE RANDOLPH, OXFORD

Guest Speaker: **Jeremy Vine**

Join us at the stunning Randolph, Oxford, for a black tie fundraising ball to celebrate Adventure Plus's 21st Anniversary.



Guest Speaker **Jeremy Vine**

The Macdonald Randolph is the leading five-star hotel in Oxford, with AA Rosette award-winning food. It is also famous as a frequent setting for Inspector Morse.

We are honoured that our after-dinner speaker will be winner of Speech Broadcaster of the Year (Sony Radio Academy Awards 2011) Jeremy Vine, one of A+'s original supporters. Guests will also be treated to a delicious three-course dinner and live music for dancing.



Ball Venue: The 5* Randolph

Tickets and details can be found at www.adventureplus.org.uk/ball. Price: £75 (£60 before 1st July). Our last ball sold out, so don't delay.

Victorious Canoeists

28 brave canoeists took part in our marathon Witney to Westminster Challenge raising over £15,000 for A+.

One finisher, Rachel said, *'it was absolutely exhausting paddling 127 miles, especially towards the end, but definitely worth it when thinking about all of the young people that will benefit!'*

We are so grateful to the many individuals and companies who supported the event and the churches that provided such splendid accommodation and food. Photos can be seen at www.adventureplus.org.uk/w2w.



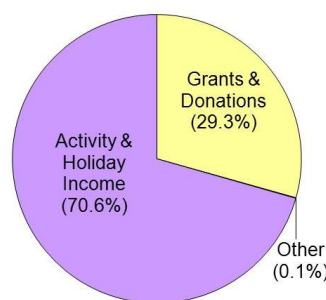
Jon pointing out the emergency exits at the start!

Financial Review 2010

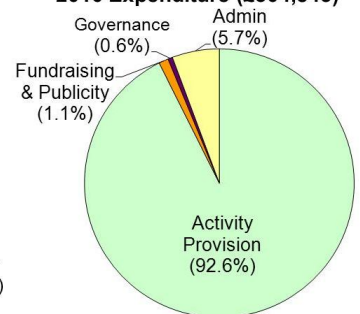
Thanks to the generosity of supporters, churches and trusts we were able to cover the costs of helping over 5,000 children and young people in 2010.

We face a tough year ahead with government cuts, so your financial support will be particularly valuable at this time. To start or increase your support to A+ please contact: andy@adventureplus.org.uk or call 01993 703 308.

2010 Income (£307,449)



2010 Expenditure (£304,843)



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Established in 1990, Adventure Plus helps over 5,000 young people and adults every year. We challenge them physically, socially and spiritually through a wide range of activities. Our work falls into 4 main areas:

- **Total Adventure:** activity holidays for young people
- **Mobile Adventure Plus:** activities to challenge and develop your group
- **Adventure Impact:** programmes to inspire & mentor vulnerable young people
- **DisTIL:** Discipleship Training, Instructor & Leadership gap year programme

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