

Plus *Points*

Good news & developments from Adventure Plus

Adventure Awaits...

Welcome to our annual update on encouragements, challenges, and plans for our unique Adventure Youthwork here at A+ and the continued development of the **Adventure Base**, providing life-changing adventures throughout the year for even more children and young people.

It is wonderful to know that, with your help, Phase One of the base is now complete: Affordable, Accessible Accommodation for up to 180 is now in place and much appreciated by schools, youth groups, church communities, and training agencies. So we now turn our attention to Phase 2: Affordable, Accessible Adventure facilities.

We are seeing more young people encouraged in their mental health, some equipped to re-enter mainstream education, others coming to realise that they are greatly loved and highly valued, and some embarking on a faith journey that brings fresh hope and wellbeing into everyday life. The vast majority choose to keep in touch and come to A+ time and again, knowing that they are always welcome.

What an exciting journey for us all!

Plans for Affordable, Accessible Adventure on site include extensive climbing opportunities, a caving trail, low and high team challenges, practical conservation opportunities, and the only inland artificial coasteering course in the UK beside our brand new Adventure Lake: complete with islands for bridge building challenges and camping!

Of all the new adventure facilities, The Lake will transform the site the most. Four acres of water will bring much beauty and refreshment, not least as it reflects the incredible sunsets we often see. The Lake will enable safe watersports year-round, eliminating the need to drive to the river for every session and ensuring we are close to warm showers and hot chocolate.



Adventures in Worship

The 100,000 tonnes of spoil will then become The Hill on the adjacent field, adding further relief and beauty to our very flat site and accommodating a new caving challenge and mountain boarding.

Events have aligned wonderfully to enable us to embrace the challenge of The Lake creation:

- High power electricity lines across the field were removed by SSE – largely at their expense!
- A contractor has offered to dig The Lake and create The Hill at a very reasonable cost.
- A key supporter has offered to match-fund any giving towards The Lake, Hill and coasteering wall project!

We are thankful that these elements are in place and excited to share the plan with our faithful and enterprising supporters, as we gear up for this significant project.



**Affordable, Accessible
Accommodation is
now complete!**



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Our prayer is that our supporters 'catch the vision' for this transformative initiative and respond with sufficient enthusiasm to enable us to confirm the plan by Christmas so the contractor can commit six weeks of the summer to dig The Lake and create The Hill!

Of course, the facilities are only tools to equip our excellent instructor team and volunteers better, enabling transformational change and encouragement for the many young people we are privileged to engage with here at A+. I hope you will enjoy reading about some of them.

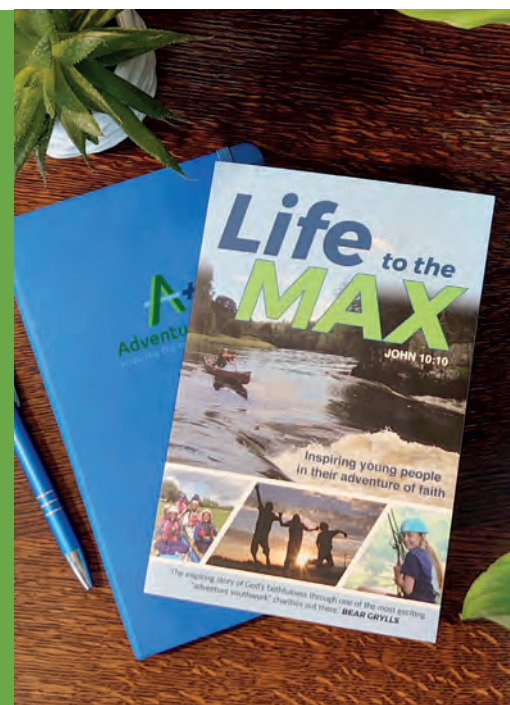
Jon Cox

Want to learn more about Adventure Plus?

Be encouraged as you read how the calling at the heart of A+ has been followed by many answers to prayer, clear guidance & evident provision, which have combined to create the dynamic ministry of A+ today.

It's an ideal gift for friends, family, and godchildren.

Available on our website.



The Gap Team

Another fantastic Gap Year has begun with a full intake of six new team members!

After a thoroughly blessed and enjoyable year for the 24/25 Gap & Intern intake, we said goodbye to Karen, Emily, Rhoda, Dom, and Tim. Karen has gone on to study BSc Geography at Durham University. Emily is now working for Youth for Christ in Dorset, and Rhoda has moved to our friends at the Abernethy Trust in Nethy Bridge. It's also been a huge blessing to see Tim and Dom growing in numerous ways in their past Gap Year. Tim is looking to continue his involvement in the outdoor industry elsewhere, and Dom is exploring options to see where God wants him next. The whole team were a huge asset to A+ and we are very grateful that they chose to join us. We hope to see them very often in the future!

We have welcomed a full intake of six, and we are delighted that Elizabeth has decided to stay on for a second year. Exciting times indeed, and praise God! She enjoyed her Gap Year so much that she decided to stay as an Aim Intern. Reflecting on her previous year, for those who are thinking of joining, she says, *"Do it! The people here are just awesome, and you find out so much about God and yourself. Adventure Plus has really helped me further my relationship with Jesus and given me a lot more confidence in myself."*

Joining the Gap Year are Hannah, Ash,

Sonia, Harry, and Reuben. Toby also joins us heading up our Conservation and Land Management Internship.

Hannah joined following a BA Hons in Acting and has a particular interest in our Aim department. Ash has become part of the A+ family over the past decade or so as a

Sports and Exercise Science degree beyond her Gap Year, a fantastic idea. Harry is a keen climber, looking forward to upskilling in this area and he has expressed that he is keen to explore the Christian faith. Reuben has a background in volunteering with church youth groups and a genuine

passion for being outdoors in God's creation. He desires to build his confidence in all three paddlesports: canoeing, kayaking, and paddleboarding.

Toby found his Conservation Internship at A+ through A Rocha's website after studying Countryside Studies, Wildlife and Land Management. He already has helpful qualifications in chainsaw cross-cutting and brush cutting. Here are his thoughts for those thinking of joining:

"If you look at the activities and you are nervous because you have never done it before, or look at the abundance of knots, don't fret!

The instructors are all really helpful and willing to teach you at your

own pace. The community aspect of it, too, is fantastic, and you will make some great friends."

To enquire about the Gap Year, contact Siôn:

gaplead@adventureplus.uk



The Gap Team - Left to Right

Toby, Sonia, Reuben, Hannah, Harry and Ash (front).

camper and scamper on TA camps. She also has a background in acting and drama, and is passionate about progressing in climbing and kayaking. Sonia joined after doing her Gold DofE residential with us last year and thought that this would be a good chance to gain experience and develop her faith at the same time. She has her sights on a

"Adventure Plus are those pastures green spoken about in the Psalms" Ash - New Gap Year intake

Shop Launch

You asked, so we are delivering! Literally! Over the years, A+ has benefited from talented designers who work to make A+ T-shirts eye-catching and inspirational Christian apparel. This year, we are launching a back catalogue of some of our most iconic designs available to purchase online from our webshop. Now you can look your best AND support our small charity by wearing your heart on your sleeve! You can find our new merchandise shop on our website.

Total Adventure Holidays

2025 was a remarkable year for Total Adventure! Our summer camps were not just filled with energy, laughter, and life-changing moments, but also with personal growth and transformation. Our dorm leaders and guest speakers, with their inspiring guidance, helped the children and young people stretch themselves, form new friendships, and encounter God in fresh, personal ways.

One camper shared *"My dorm leaders helped me understand God"* and a grateful parent told us *"My son had a fantastic time as a first-time camper. He has made friends and had an amazing, active week out in creation (away from devices). He loved joining in with the worship band and the team were all fantastic. Keep it up and thank you!"*

Most exciting of all, around 30 children made the incredible decision to give their lives to Christ, including some of our Adventure Impact students (Aim). For our Aim team, Total Adventure was a special end-of-year highlight, with four students joining us and experiencing "life to the max" for themselves.

These stories of transformation are only possible because of your prayers, encouragement, and support. Your involvement has been instrumental in making this summer truly unforgettable!

Thank you for being a part of our journey.



Total Adventure Holidays 2026

Ski A+ 13th-21st Feb

Easter (8-11) 30th Mar - 2nd Apr

One 2 One 24th-26th Apr

Beacon (8-12) 27th -31st Jul

Peak (12-17) 3rd-7th Aug

One 2 One 2nd-4th Oct

Adventures in Worship 28th -30th Oct



Adventure Plus Website

"We really appreciate that Adventure Plus instructors don't come to just run the activities; they actively get involved with the children, looking to build relationships and showing genuine interest in them - even if it is just a one hour session."

Tower Hill School

To Do
Book kids camps for 2026



"A+ meet young people where they are at, inspire them and build their confidence through adventure youth work and outdoor education. This work transforms lives for the long term". Jo Gambi, Record Breaking Mountaineer and A+ Patron



Saturday 9th - Thursday 14th May 2026

Experience the achievement of completing the Witney to Westminster Canoe Challenge. Along this epic journey, you will paddle 127 miles of the Thames, from Witney to Westminster.

Challenge yourself to paddle all 6 days in the UK's longest charity canoe fundraiser! Your participation and sponsorship will have a direct impact on our community, enabling us to develop the Adventure Base here in Oxfordshire and continue to offer thousands of children and young people the opportunity to experience outdoor adventures and build their confidence in a welcoming Christian environment.

Last time we raised an incredible £25,000, and this year we are aiming even higher, to ensure we can fund The Lake and The Hill. So, join us if you can or why not rally your friends and form a team?

Our A+ instructors will provide all relevant training, and you will be in excellent hands with our experienced canoe expedition leaders. Please get involved and support our paddlers by sponsoring their efforts in this epic local adventure.

To sign up contact Graham:
training@adventureplus.uk

A+ Hospitality — Windmill Farm —

Whether you're looking for a relaxing week away in a stunning Cotswold stone farmhouse or a professional setting for a business meeting with 20 to 100 attendees, we have you covered. Our versatile venue is ideal for school residentials, leadership retreats and more, ensuring we can cater to your every need.

Here's what sets us apart:

- Professional and welcoming staff who invest in your experience.
- Our beautiful rural location offers a serene and picturesque setting.
- A wide variety of accommodation styles to suit your preferences.
- Multiple event spaces, including a sports hall, lounge, conference hall, and 15th century stone barn.
- We can comfortably accommodate groups of up to 200 people in our rooms, yurt village, cabins, and camping field.

*"We had a great time, comfortable accommodation, delicious and abundant food, professionally led activities and friendly staff who were all willing to help with any need we had.
Thanks for hosting us!"*

We look forward to helping you create a memorable experience for your group.

01367 810258 - hospitality@adventureplus.uk



"What a great charity A+ is. Some people dream of changing the world - this lot actually do it!" Jeremy Vine, Patron



Join us hiking the Yorkshire Three Peaks to support A+

28th - 30th May 2027

In 2025 Yorkshire Three Peaks raised over £20,000 thanks to an incredible team of 21 hikers.

We are so grateful for their efforts! Sign up now for 2027 and step up to support A+

Adventure *Impact*

Our specialist Youthwork and SEND team

Adventure *Impact* are now working with more young people than ever!

Adventure *Impact* (Aim) has experienced significant growth over the last year. Following a major push before the holidays to organise September placements, we began the year with nine students attending multiple sessions, filling nearly all our available spaces. We are now exploring ways to expand our provision, enabling us to reach more students daily with this crucial programme.

We take referrals from schools, pupil referral units, youth offending services, social care, and other charities or youth organisations. Having four young people to work with each day is an incredible privilege and blessing. Our 15th century stone barn is a welcoming safe space for gathering and learning. Seeing our students attend and enjoy themselves in a place where they feel comfortable is genuinely remarkable. This term, we have been focusing more on AQA UAS awards, which the students choose and then work through to achieve. When they receive their certificates, they are so proud, and we hope they take this new-found confidence and resilience with them back in to school and beyond. Some students struggle with reading and writing so Sara, a colleague, introduced us to a reading programme that has helped her family. It is so rewarding seeing students get

excited about succeeding in something which has been a massive barrier to them in school.

Elizabeth has joined us for an internship after finishing her first year with the Gap team. It has been great to see her get alongside the students and help them unlock their potential. She is an excellent asset to the team and we are excited to work with her over the coming year.

We are thrilled each time an Aim student chooses to join our Total Adventure (TA) camps. We had one student returning for his third year at TA. It is fantastic to see the mature young man he has become since finishing the Aim programme. One of our younger students attended TA Easter and TA Beacon, where he enjoyed spending time with other young people in a fun environment and learned about Jesus' love for him. Another of our students even asked to attend Adventures in Worship despite having no musical experience because he is enjoying our TA holidays so much!

We look forward to welcoming more Aim students to TA in the future, where they can form lifelong friendships and experience God's love.

The Aim team deeply appreciate your continued support and prayers for the Aim students and instructors throughout the year. Your involvement is vital to our mission and we are grateful for it.



Aim canoeing session

"My son faces so many challenges in his life on a daily basis and is often very misunderstood, but not here. One of his biggest battles is low self-esteem and lack of confidence. In his short time with Adventure Plus I can honestly say he has finally found a place that he feels he belongs. I feel very lucky to have found an environment with such amazing people, to offer my son the type of care, support, guidance, and fun that every child deserves."

Aim Parent

"Without your excellent provision we would not have been able to make the difference to those children" Local Teacher

Volunteer

Adventure Plus recently hosted our first Volunteer Working Week. We aimed to deep clean, rub down, and re-weatherproof the yurts ahead of the coming winter. Thanks to a sterling team of 15 volunteers, we achieved this and a lot more. All six Yurts were cleaned and painted, all the cabins and self-catering kitchen were deep cleaned, the paths to the Yurts were cleared and levelled, the bike track through the copse was cleared, and we began work on our new frisbee golf course.

It was a great encouragement to see how enthusiastic all the volunteers were to support the work and mission of Adventure Plus, and to reflect this in such a practical way. A great sense of team developed over the week, and new friendships were made.

A couple of the volunteers took the opportunity to stay overnight in the cabins; we were treated to an excellent BBQ; and some of the team joined the A+ Canoe Club on Wednesday for twilight canoeing.

We'd like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who took part; some for a day and others for the whole week. We'd also like to thank Atkins Realis, Oxford City Council, and Hachette for allowing staff to use their corporate volunteering days to participate.

Our next volunteer week is in April and we would love to see you!

Contact Marian:
volunteering@adventureplus.uk
to register or for more info.



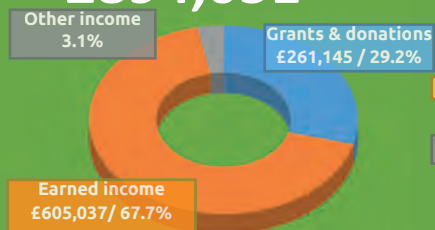
Weatherproofing the yurts

13th - 17th April 2026

Finance 2024

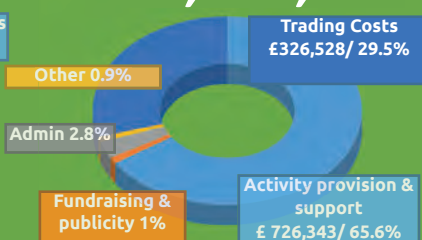
Income

£894,051



Expenditure

£1,107,024



Donate now

A+ continues to step out in faith, as we grow our outreach and develop more effective facilities for adventure youth work. We continue to rely on your generous ongoing support.

We are always happy to share stories of lives changed and God's faithfulness. Please get in touch if you'd like us to speak at your church, youth group or Christian Union.

Thank you for *your* part in our life-changing outreach to young people in our community.

Please donate via our website or get in touch!



Gap team training - Trevor Rocks



Open Afternoon

Join us for one of our regular supporter events!

Open Afternoon
14th March 2026

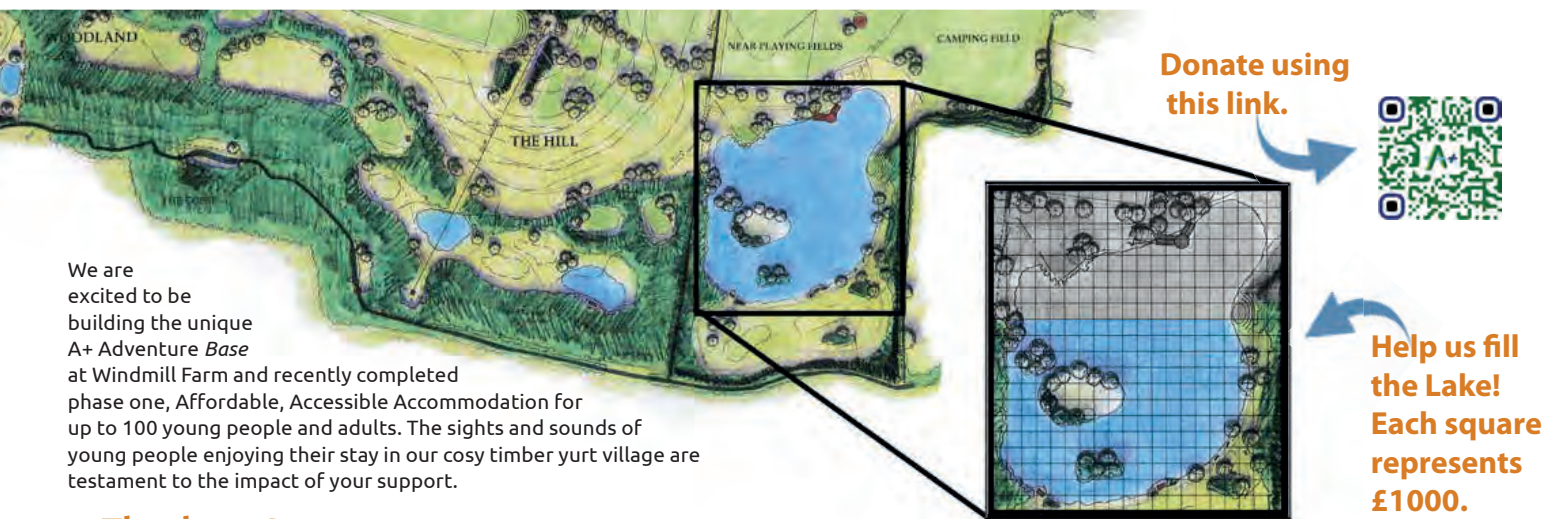
Summer Drinks and Jazz
5th June 2026

Open Afternoon
13th March 2027

Summer Drinks and Jazz
4th June 2027



Summer Drinks and Jazz



We are excited to be building the unique A+ Adventure Base at Windmill Farm and recently completed phase one, Affordable, Accessible Accommodation for up to 100 young people and adults. The sights and sounds of young people enjoying their stay in our cosy timber yurt village are testament to the impact of your support.

Thank you!

With phase one complete - we are now ready to begin phase two:

Affordable, Accessible Adventure!

The Adventure Lake will allow us to host safe water sports at the Adventure Base throughout the year and feature an inland coasteering wall. It will also create The Hill with a mountain boarding course, an amphitheatre, a caving trail, conservation zone! This is a big task, but two key factors have combined to make this the right time!

- **An offer of Matched Funding for any support you can offer!**
- **An unexpectedly reasonable quote from a local contractor**

This is an exciting opportunity to create the long-awaited Lake (with a coasteering feature), which will transform the site and enhance biodiversity. Will you respond to their generosity and help us create the Lake and Hill at A+ this summer? **Your contribution will be worth double!** With Gift Aid, a gift of £100 will be worth £250, and every £1000 will be worth £2500!

With evident mounting pressures on mental and physical health amongst many young people – we are encouraged by the positive impact of time spent here at A+. Our unique mix of stimulating activities in such a positive, welcoming, Christian environment makes a huge difference in the lives of many young people who visit regularly, are referred by school or Social Services, or join us for our regular Adventure Club or Total Adventure Holidays.

We need to raise: £160,000 (which will then be matched)

Timescale: Contractor to be confirmed Christmas 2025

Work to begin Summer 2026

With your help, we have already raised £110,000!! Can you help us reach £160,000 by Christmas?

We love to see so many returning time and again for their next adventure here at A+!



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£100 ☐ **£250** ☐ **£500** ☐ **£1000** ☐
Other £

Contact us if you would prefer to pledge now and donate in the New Year

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I am a UK tax payer and I would like A+ to reclaim tax on my donations.*

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made ☐ today ☐ in the future.

Signature:

Date:

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Thank you for your support!



Standing Order

I would like to make a monthly donation of:

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£50 ☐

£100 ☐

£250 ☐

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Please pay Adventure Plus, NatWest (Witney branch) Account number 43000894, Sort Code 60-24-60 the amount.

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ADVENTURE PLUS

LET'S DIG A LAKE

CHALLENGE!

We have a vision to excavate a
4-acre lake. Sounds crazy, right?

But imagine all that this will bring!
Enabling exciting water sports onsite
– not to mention the significant gains
in biodiversity and opportunities for
wildlife conservation and education.

**OVER HALF
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RAISED**