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# THE BOSP STAR

LATEST CHARITY NEWS



## BOSP FAMILY FUNDAY - MAY 2025

Wonderful memories were made at our BOSP Family Funday on 30<sup>th</sup> May at Thriftwood Scout Camp. This fun filled inclusive day for BOSP families included an animal workshop, archery, party entertainment, marshmallow toasting, games, wall climbing and Woodland Warrior 'Tiffers' on hand during the day. Everyone was supported and encouraged to join in the activities, and treated to a fabulous BBQ lunch and refreshments during the day. The sun shone to ensure everyone had a wonderful day.



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## BOSP WOULD LOVE YOUR SUPPORT!

Could you help us by encouraging your employer or employers of your friends and family to choose BOSP as their **Charity of the Year** or **match fund** a **BOSP fundraising event**?

BOSP is a small independent charity that relies on the kindness and compassion of charitable trusts, personal donors, and corporate/community fundraisers, to enable us to deliver our work.

### WAYS TO HELP

You can support BOSP in many different ways:

- Set up a Monthly Donation
- Payroll Giving
- Donate an item from our Amazon Wishlist
- Give in Memory
- Leave a Gift in your Will
- Support one of our fundraising events
- Organise your own fundraising event in aid of BOSP

Check out the support BOSP pages on our website for all the information you need!

## Community Supporting Community

Community  
SUPPORTING  
Community

We cannot thank the local community enough for their wonderful support of BOSP over the summer ★ Here are just some of the fabulous recent events.



Starting top left: Huge thanks go to Harry's Day, held at The Railway Pub in Billericay. With special thanks to Sue, Lance, Jim, Bob, Mags and Sarah and all the staff and customers for such a wonderful afternoon in memory of dear Harry. BOSP were the grateful recipients of the amazing £3,985 raised on the day!

Congratulations and a big thank you to BOSP Trustee Joe and his crew. They raised a whopping £908.75 by completing the Cork Ocean to City Race and won the fastest service crew trophy, a wonderful achievement!

The Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower's Music in the Garden event raised a fantastic £1,000 for BOSP!

Many thanks to the Chelmsford Star Co-operative Society for their wonderful support of BOSP's Forest Fun Days with a grant £4,139!

We had a brilliant day at the Billericay Summerfest, running our ever popular tombola. With thanks to the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower, our lovely volunteers and everyone who supported BOSP at this wonderful local event.

BOSP was honoured once again to be chosen as one of the beneficiaries of the JP8 Charitable Trust's Charity Football Tournament and Family Fun Day. We are so grateful for their generous donation of £1,200.

**Volunteer Focus - Peter**



Peter has been a volunteer at BOSP for over 9 years. He is a committed supporter of BOSP including being the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and taking part in many fundraising and community events over the years.

Peter said, "I was invited to join the Board some 8 years ago, after retiring from many years in business".

"I was elected as Chairman 6 years ago. This role includes overseeing the current activities and future strategy of the Charity in close association with the CEO and current Board members".

"After 50 years working, it is so rewarding to give my time and experience to such a marvellous Charity as BOSP and working with our wonderful staff and families is a real privilege!!!"

In 2024 Peter was awarded a Community Star Award in Basildon Council's Volunteer Awards. Everyone at BOSP was so proud of Peter's achievement.

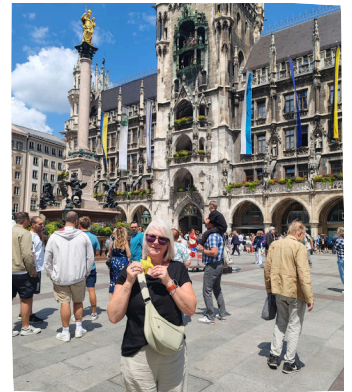


We cannot thank Peter enough for all his continued support. He is a true BOSP star!



**BOSP WOULD LOVE YOUR SUPPORT, TO DONATE PLEASE CLICK OUR STAR**

**BOSP Travelling Star**



Our Chairman Peter, opposite, took his BOSP Travelling Star on a recent trip to Canada. What a wonderful trip our Star had! He has certainly been busy this summer and had some wonderful adventures. Take him with you when you go out or go on holiday and let us know what he's been up to!

Get your BOSP Star while stocks last. See the page on our [website](#) for details or contact The BOSP Office.

**Help BOSP get noticed!**



Please like and share our social media posts so more people know about the work we do here at BOSP.

Find out about all the wonderful fundraising events we hold and updates on all of BOSP services and don't miss out on a thing!

Please encourage your family and friends to follow BOSP on its social media channels!



## FUNDRAISING NEWS

We rely on donations and fundraising in order to provide our services, so for more information on our events or if you would like to arrange your own fundraiser, please contact us on 01268 553117 or [community@bosp.co.uk](mailto:community@bosp.co.uk) for our Fundraising Pack. We'd love to hear from you! Keep an eye on our website [www.bosp.co.uk](http://www.bosp.co.uk) for all future events or challenges you might like to participate in.

### FUNDRAISING IN AID OF BOSP - future events

#### SPARKLING LUNCH - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025

BOSP will once again be holding this event at Harry's Bar in Billericay. Come and enjoy a delicious 2 course lunch and a glass of fizz with friends and family. Tickets £32 each. Tables available for 2 to 10 people. Contact Helen at [community@bosp.co.uk](mailto:community@bosp.co.uk) to book your tickets.

#### THE FUN WALK - During September 2025

The Fun Walk is back again this year for the month of September! You can take on a 2k or 5k sponsored walk anywhere and anytime during September to raise much needed funds for BOSP. We'd love to know if you are taking part! More information and sponsorship forms on our website page, please click [here](#)

#### BOSP CHARITY SHOPPING DAY - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025

Come and enjoy a lovely day out at Bicester Shopping Village with friends and family. Return coach from Billericay with a glass of fizz on the way home to celebrate your purchases! Tickets £29.50 each. Contact Helen at [community@bosp.co.uk](mailto:community@bosp.co.uk) to book your tickets.

#### WOULD YOU RUN FOR BOSP? - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

Would you be interested in running in the Matchroom Brentwood Half Marathon on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 to raise vital funds for BOSP? BOSP would love to know if you are taking part on our behalf. We can provide a BOSP running vest and support you with your fundraising. Please contact Helen at [community@bosp.co.uk](mailto:community@bosp.co.uk) or telephone The BOSP Office. Please register for your place via the official website: <https://www.brentwoodhalf.org>

#### ULTRA CHALLENGE FOR BOSP

Walk, Jog or Run at YOUR pace on the Ultra Challenge Series event of your choice in aid of BOSP. Click on the Ultra Challenge Event Brochure to explore the events in date order and their fabulous locations:

<https://www.ultrachallenge.com/2025-events-calendar/listed-charity/>

### SAVE THE DATES FOR 2026!

#### BONKERS BINGO - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Due to the success of this year's event, we will once again be holding another Bonkers Bingo in 2026 at The Chantry Centre, Billericay. Expect another madcap night of fun and bingo! Keep following us on social media for more details.

#### BOSP's 35<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BALL - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026

We hope you will come along and join us next year to help celebrate the wonderful achievement of BOSP's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Downham Hall. Keep following us on social media for more details.



**Bonkers  
Bingo!**  
with  
**Skittelman**

**FUNDRAISING IN AID OF BOSP - just some of the wonderful recent events**

**BOSP BIG NIGHT OUT - May 2025 - SOLD OUT EVENT!**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported this event and made it such a wonderful evening! Fabulous live music from Programmed2Function, lots of dancing, 'theatre bites', BOSP signature cocktails and a raffle with wonderful prizes, made for a very successful fundraiser. With your help we raised an amazing £1,610 for BOSP. Wow!



**VICKI'S JURASSIC COAST ULTRA CHALLENGE FOR BOSP**

Vicki, a loyal BOSP Supporter, took on the 100km Jurassic Coast Ultra Challenge in May to raise much needed funds for BOSP. We cannot thank Vicki enough for taking on this challenge, she raised an amazing £887.50 for the Charity.



**Feeling inspired?** If you are thinking of taking on a challenge in aid of BOSP we would love to hear from you. Check out the full list of Ultra Challenges and sign up to support BOSP. Please click [here](#)

**Make a Big Difference with a Small Monthly Donation to BOSP**

By donating as little as £2 a month to BOSP, you can help us improve the lives of children and young adults with complex disabilities or life-limiting illnesses.

It's really easy to set up a regular donation to BOSP via PayPal or by standing order with your bank. Please click on this link to our [PayPal page](#) or visit our website fundraising pages.



**Gift Aid Awareness Day - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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Click on Gift Aid for more information

Gift Aid is a simple way to make your donations go further at no extra cost to you or BOSP. It enables us to reclaim the basic rate of tax from HMRC and all you have to do is be a UK taxpayer and make a Gift Aid declaration! Then for every £1 you donate, we can claim an extra 25p.

Additionally, if you are a higher rate taxpayer and declare your donations on your tax return, you can claim a rebate based on the difference between the higher rate and the basic rate when you fill in your self-assessment form.

Your tax band	You donate	BOSP can claim through gift aid	You can claim back (through self assessment)	Actual cost to you	BOSP receives
Non UK Tax Payer	£100.00	£0	£0	£100.00	£100.00
Basic Rate Tax Payer	£100.00	£25.00	£0	£100.00	£125.00
Higher Rate Tax Payer (40%)	£100.00	£25.00	£25.00	£75.00	£125.00
Additional Rate Tax Payer (45%)	£100.00	£25.00	£31.25	£68.75	£125.00



## BOSP SERVICES UPDATES

### BOSP TOTS

Our inclusive baby and toddler group is for children up to 5 years with any kind of additional need and their parents, carers and grandparents. Sessions include pre-school and sensory equipment, optional messy play, song circle, snack time, and visits to the park's adventure playground.

It will also provide the opportunity to meet with others facing similar challenges and to receive help and advice from our specialist staff.

If you have a friend or relative who would like some support but they are worried about coming along on their own, please bring them along, we would love to see you.

The sessions are held each Tuesday morning during term time from 10:00am to 11:30am, at BOSP's Skills For Life Centre. £5 per child. Places are limited. [Book your place here](#)

### INDIVIDUAL SENSORY SESSIONS

BOSP offers bespoke individual sensory room sessions with 1:1 specialist support on Tuesday afternoons at BOSP's Skills for Life Centre.

Sensory environments can help de-stress and be highly absorbing, providing comfort and calm for overactive and distressed individuals. Helps children and young people to focus in a safe place. Contact The BOSP Office to book. Cost £7.50 per child or young person.



### BOSP SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN!

BOSP provided nearly 3,000 hours of fun filled activities with full care for children and young people with disabilities during the summer break. From Forest Fun Days at Wat Tyler Country Park and Out & About days including music therapy, pedal cars, archery and wall climbing. Along with our Pioneer Fun Days using their hydrotherapy pool, soft play and adventure playground. Everyone enjoyed safe, inclusive fun.



### BOSP FAMILY ADVOCATE

**TRANSITIONING INTO ADULT SERVICES & ORGANISING DAY OPPORTUNITIES IS NOT AN EASY PROCESS BUT AT BOSP WE CAN HELP!**

This free holistic service can help support you with:

- enabling your young person to access **BOSP's Skills 4 Life Weekday Daytime Programme**, and other community services
- submitting Carers Needs Assessments
- obtaining a young person's personal budget
- improving links with social care
- helping you fill the gaps when your young person leaves full-time education

Face to face and telephone support available.

## BOSP's Progression Activity Clubs & Services that support you and your child or young adult's development

Service	Service Description	Location	Day and Time
BOSP TOTs	Our inclusive morning baby and toddler group for children up to 5 years and their parent carers/grandparents. It provides peer support and an opportunity to receive help and advice from specialist staff, whilst children learn social skills, fine motor skills, structure and sharing. Activities include themed Tuff trays, messy play, sensory play, adventure playground and snack time.	BOSP's Skills for Life Centre, SS16 4UH	Tuesdays term time 10:00am to 11:30am
Individual Sensory Sessions	Individual sensory sessions for children and young adults whose health needs preclude them from attending a group session, for those who are overwhelmed at being in a group setting or struggling to access an educational setting.	BOSP's Skills for Life Centre, SS16 4UH	Tuesdays term time 12:45pm to 1:15pm 1:30pm to 2:00pm 2:15pm to 2:45pm
Saturday Club	Social & educational club with mostly one-to-one support for children and young adults 4 to 25-year-olds. Activities include: Hydrotherapy, sensory rooms, soft play, sports, inclusive gym and wheelchair swing, adventure playground, bouncy castle, crafts with a weekly theme.	Pioneer School, Basildon, SS14 2LA	Saturdays term time 10:00am to 3:00pm
Holiday Club	Social & educational club with mostly one-to-one support for 4 to 25 year-olds. Activities include hydrotherapy, sensory rooms, soft play, sports, inclusive gym and wheelchair swing, adventure playground, bouncy castle, crafts with a weekly theme.	Pioneer School, Basildon, SS14 2LA	Summer, Easter, Christmas holidays, and some half terms. 10:00am to 3:00pm
Holiday Club Out & Abouts	Providing one-to-one support, BOSP delivers a wide range of stimulating activities out in the community for children and young adults 4 to 25 years, during the school holidays. Activities include Woodland Warriors, Sea Life Centre, farms and zoos.	Various	Various 10:00am to 3:00pm
Forest Fun Days	Activity days based in a woodland setting with mostly one-to-one support. Children and young adults get the chance to enjoy the fresh air and take part in exciting indoor and outdoor activities, including archery, water zorbing, wall climbing, woodland trails, craft, pizza making, animal therapy and music therapy.	Various Woodland Settings	Summer, Easter, Christmas holidays and some half terms 10:00am to 3:00pm
Let's Connect	The next step on from Saturday Club, aimed at children and young adults 11 to 25 years, who are ready to socialise and learn life skills such as road safety, money handling, budgeting and eating out. Events include bowling, cinema, crazy golf, laser madness and include a meal in a restaurant.	Meet at the Pioneer School, SS14 2LA, then leave for community activities	Saturdays 10:00am to 3:00pm

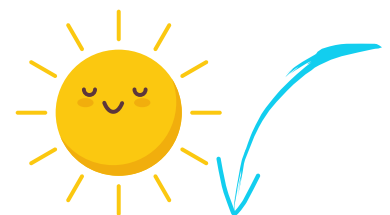
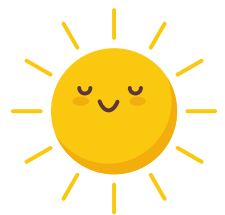
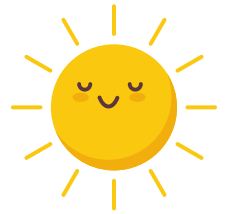
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Big BOSP	A fun youth club for young people offering social and learning opportunities, while providing parents/carers with evening respite. Activities include board games, quizzes, arts & crafts, treasure hunts, outdoor games, forestry activities, shopping, meal planning and preparation.	BOSP's Skills for Life Centre, SS16 4UH	Alternate Tuesday evenings 4:30pm to 6:45pm
Chill Zone	Fully supported social club for young adults aged 18 to 25 years, that takes place in the community. It is aimed at promoting independence through decision making, social skills and travel. Activities include theme parks, foot golf, theatre, Canal Ability, treasure trails, clubbing and meals in a restaurant.	Various	Saturday evenings and Sundays various times (4-6 hours)
Skills 4 Life	Educational weekday, daytime opportunities for young adults aged 18-25 years, providing bespoke vital life and social skills to support their transition into adulthood. Age appropriate activities include cooking (and washing up!), meal planning and preparation, housekeeping, sports and keeping active, gardening, travel training and visits to local attractions.	BOSP's Skills for Life Centre, SS16 4UH	Weekdays term time 9:30am to 3:30pm
Family Fun Days	A fun filled day for the whole family with woodland activities, entertainment, BBQ and refreshments.	Various	Various dates and times
Big Days Out	Family days out to exciting Theme Parks, Zoos and Theatres.	Various	Various dates and times
Counselling	An experienced child/family psychotherapist provides either counselling for parents/carers, siblings or children/young people with a disability.	Virtual or face-to face, Harold Hill RM3 9EN	Various dates and times
Family Advocacy	This free holistic service can help with the challenges associated with moving over to adult services, including accessing BOSP's Skills 4 Life Weekday Daytime Programme, other community services, requesting a Carers Needs Assessment, personal budget and links with social care.	Various including BOSP's Skills for Life Centre, SS16 4UH	Face to face or telephone support available



UK Government

BOSP are now a registered provider under the Tax Free Childcare Provider Scheme. For the scheme's website click [here](#) or on their logo to see what support you may be eligible for.

# A LOOK BACK AT SUMMER AT BOSP



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