

Spotlight UK Newsletter

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What we do

For **ALL** families, we can offer our **Gold Membership**: just £7.50 a year per person, offering activities (such as trampolining, bowling, laser tag, paddle boarding, football and performing arts) at 50% off.

For **Scarlett's Smiles**: £5 a year per person, providing free and very low-cost activities and days out, as well as tickets to Merlin venues.

Spotlight UK Scarlett's Smiles specifically supports children aged 6-16 who are facing challenges:

♥ Young carers ♥ Children with terminal or long-term serious medical conditions, or whose parent, sibling or carer is unwell ♥ Children experiencing loss or separation, including armed forces families ♥ Children in care ♥ Children affected by domestic abuse ♥ Children impacted by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) ♥

Scarlett's Smiles' Awards

Saturday 25th April 2026

On Saturday 25th April 2026, we are hosting our inaugural Scarlett's Smiles' Awards at the Hurst School in Tadley to celebrate children from across Hampshire and Berkshire.

Nominations are OPEN and we would love to hear from you and your families.

★ Creative Award ★ Good Neighbour Award ★ Top Student Award ★
★ Scarlett's Bravery Award ★ Sienna's Sibling Award ★ Young Fundraiser ★
★ Young Sports Personality ★ Young Environmental Ambassador ★
★ Teacher/Support Worker Award ★ Young Carer Award ★ Friendship Award ★
★ Inspirational Award ★ Family Activity Venue ★ Special Recognition Award ★

Please circulate this newsletter to staff and families and ask them to nominate children who they feel have excelled or gone above and beyond for others this year.

We are also seeking nominations for the **Teacher or Support Worker of the Year** who has gone above and beyond for their students, and the best venue for family activities.

Nominate Now!

Nominations close on Tuesday 7th April at 6pm

To nominate, please [complete the nomination form](#).

A description of each award is on the form.

Partners in Travel



Local businessman **Mike Daymond** of Not Just Travel has partnered with Spotlight UK through the **NJT Partners in Travel** programme.

If you book a holiday through Mike, a % of the commission from that booking goes directly to Spotlight UK. Using Mike's services is completely **FREE** – he receives his commission from the travel companies, not from you.

Get in touch with Mike to discuss your travel plans, and recommend him to your friends and family.

Mike Daymond – Not Just Travel – 01635 783453 mike.daymond@notjusttravel.com

You can contact Mike by telephone or email, or make a booking enquiry through the [Partners in Travel](#) website. Mike says, "I'm really proud of this partnership and helping to support Michaela's amazing charity."

How about a Holiday?



How you can help us ...

✦ At Spotlight UK, we rely on donations and fundraising to enable us to offer support and activities for as many young people as we can. Every penny goes towards vital services and we are ever grateful.

We recently received an absolutely amazing donation of **£1500** from **Hozah Parking and Festival Place**, which is enough to provide **300** discounted fun activities for local children, helping them create positive memories and boosting their mental health. We really do appreciate such generosity – thank you so much!

Sometimes, though, donations are not just about the pounds and pence, but about gifting **time**, **equipment** or **skills** and **services**. We are always so grateful for any support from local businesses, like **Paula Johnson** and the team from **Herd Hire Basingstoke** who made our wishes come true at the end of last year!



Paula Johnson, Owner, Herd Hire Basingstoke

Herd Hire really kindly lent us a van so we could pick up and deliver masses of gifts and parcels for our Christmas Appeal. We simply couldn't have done it without their help – the use of their roomy van was invaluable given the **record number** of gifts donated this time: over 5,500 presents collected, wrapped and delivered to local children. 📺



Santa may have his sleigh and his trusty reindeers, but at Spotlight we had our own Herd for a few days!

If you own or have links to **local businesses** in the **Hampshire, Berkshire or Surrey** area, please do ask if they have a **chosen charity partner** or are looking to boost their **Corporate Social Responsibility** this year.

Let them know about Spotlight UK and the difference their support could make to children facing hardship in their local area. We would really appreciate it.

Happy Birthday Spotlight UK!



Wednesday 15th April is our **17th birthday**, and we feel we should celebrate and mark the occasion, with some big birthday **FUNdraising!**

We're looking for local schools to hold some fun fundraising events, the crazier the better!

Get your heads together and have a think what your school could do, perhaps a **sponsored obstacle course or mini-Olympics**, a **Talent Show** or a **Guess the Baby Photo Competition** for the teachers? There are so many options, just have some fun and help us fill the coffers!

All funds raised will go towards vital services and memory-making activities for children in Hampshire, Berkshire and the surrounding area.

Spotlight on ... Fabulous Fundraisers!

Pupils at **Perins School** in New Alresford recently raised an amazing **£1010** for Spotlight UK – what a fantastic achievement! Students from **Terra House** at Perins voted to support Spotlight UK this year, and all funds from their fundraising day will go towards providing support and fun activities for children experiencing difficult times in Basingstoke area and across the region.

The students held a variety of lunchtime stalls and games – including a Cake Sale, Hook a Duck, Hamper Raffle and Guess the Name of the Teddy – and for a donation of £1 they were able to wear a hoodie to school. Amazing effort, Terra House, we are so grateful!



Robert Mays School in Odiham, **The Hurst School** in Baughurst, and the **Vigo Primary School** in Andover all organised different activities, from cake sales to a basketball challenge, again raising much needed funds for Spotlight UK.

Thank you so much to all their pupils, what a great effort!

Easter Egg Appeal

🐰 🥚 Thank you for your generous donations of Easter Eggs to spread joy (and chocolate) to local children. Your treats will help the Easter Bunny put smiles on children's faces this Easter.

Thanks as well to all our collection points, including the **Nationwide Building Society** in Festival Place, and a number of pubs and shops across Hampshire and Berkshire. Your support means a lot.

Happy Easter, everyone! 🐰



Thanks so much for reading, keep an eye on our website and our socials (LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram) for more news on events and how you can get involved.

Michaela and the Spotlight UK Team