

# The Archie Foundation

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### The Archie Foundation Newsletter April 2022

Dear Friend

March was a busy month for Team Archie. The return to in-person fundraising and some big news has really put a spring in our step. It gives me great pleasure to share this with you along with updates about recent activities and upcoming opportunities to get involved in helping Archie make the greatest difference possible for babies, children and families in your local area. I really hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes

*Paula Cormack*

Chief Executive

P.S. please share this newsletter with friends or family members - the more the merrier!

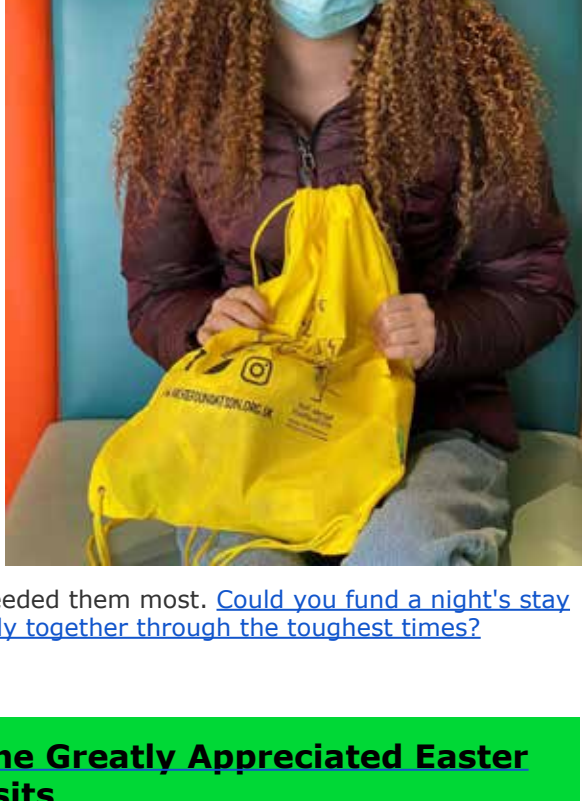
### Meet Amazing Meaghan Who Brightened My Day in The Archie Office

We take it in turns to staff the Archie "glass office" in the foyer of Royal Aberdeen Children's Office. For me it's one of the real highlights of my role as I get to meet so many of the young patients that Archie supports.

This week I was both privileged and humbled to meet Meaghan, an incredible young lady who is battling leukaemia.

Meaghan popped by our office with her mum to make a donation, to say thank you for the amazing support she and her family have received. Mum took the opportunity to buy some of our Archie merchandise, including a Neo giraffe, and as we chatted I learned that Meaghan had also benefitted from our charity's support eighteen years ago, when she was a neonatal baby.

It amazed me how incredibly positive both Meaghan and her mum are, despite all the difficulties and challenges they have faced. It would be understandable if they felt they had been dealt a bad hand, but instead all they could speak of was praising the amazing clinical care and charity support they have benefitted from, in particular the Archie Family Centre which has ensured Meaghan could have her parents at her side when she needed them most. [Could you fund a night's stay in the Archie Family Centre to help keep a family together through the toughest times?](#)



### Archie and Friends Make Some Greatly Appreciated Easter Visits



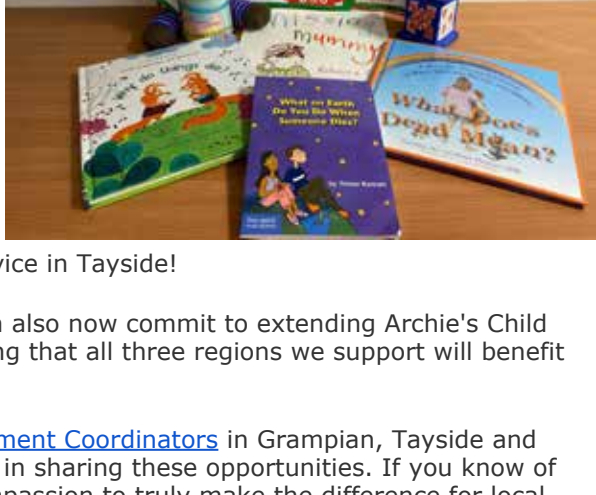
Meaghan was one of the first to benefit from amazing Easter treats donated to Archie this year. So many of our incredible supporters worked really hard to make these much appreciated Easter donations, including Alfie who visited us with his little brother Ayden to donate eggs bought with money he raised by baking cakes for his friends and family. Archie enlisted the help of his friends the Easter Bunny and a dancing unicorn and they all had a ball handing out eggs, books and gifts. Treats and visits like this really make all the difference when children are in hospital and we are so grateful to everyone who donated.

### Expanding Archie's Child Bereavement Service into Tayside and Highlands

Tragically every year 41,000 children in Scotland are bereaved of a parent. We have been supporting bereaved children in Grampian for over 12 years and the difference our service makes is priceless.

There is currently no service like ours in Tayside or Highlands and professionals in the child healthcare, education and social work sectors have told us that if such support were available it would be used.

We are delighted to announce that, thanks to a generous pledge from The Gannochy Trust and amazing support at our recent Spring Ball in Dundee, we have now secured funding for the first year of Archie's Child Bereavement Service in Tayside!



Better still, with this key funding secured we can also now commit to extending Archie's Child Bereavement Service into the Highlands, meaning that all three regions we support will benefit from this vital Archie service.

We are excited to now be recruiting for [Bereavement Coordinators](#) in Grampian, Tayside and Highlands and would really appreciate your help in sharing these opportunities. If you know of someone who you believe has the skills and compassion to truly make the difference for local bereaved children and their families please forward this newsletter to them, so we can find the right people for these key roles.

### Building Works Complete on Tayside's New Children's Theatre Suite!



around Tayside Children's Hospital's outstanding new theatre suite.

We received some very exciting news this week about the new Theatre Suite at Tayside Children's Hospital. Building contractors Balfour Beatty have handed the keys over to NHS Tayside! Commissioning work is now in full swing to install all the medical equipment in preparation for receiving the first patients into the new facility on 9th May. We are delighted to invite you to be one of the first to get a sneak peak inside - [click here](#) to join Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist Grant Rodney and artist Suzanne Scott, also known as WhimSicAL Lush, on a fantastic tour

### Helping Children in the Highlands When Diagnosed with Diabetes

Since 2019 Archie has been proud to support the Highland Paediatric Diabetes Service by funding starter packs given to children and young people when diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. These packs contain items needed to help with carbohydrate counting and the day to day management of diabetes - kitchen scales, 'carbs and cal' book, recipe notebook, measuring cups, calculator and highlighters.

Recent feedback from the families supported has been incredible with 81% telling us they found the packs to be extremely useful, while the remaining 19% said they were somewhat useful. Not one single person said they didn't find the packs useful! The "Carbs and Cals" book and the weighing scales are the most frequently used items with some families going as far as to say they "would be lost without them".

We currently provide these packs in Grampian and the Highlands. Could you help us extend this support by [funding a pack like this](#)? Each pack costs £50, the difference it can make for a child or young person newly diagnosed with diabetes is priceless.



### Gorgeous Gifts for Newborns Across Grampian, Highlands and Tayside



We are fortunate to receive some wonderful donations from supporters who dedicate a great deal of their time and talent to making gorgeous hand-crafted toys, blankets and clothes for the babies and children we support. Items like these make treasured gifts for newborns in the maternity units The Archie Foundation supports. We really need some additional help in managing the receipt and onward distribution of beautiful donations like these and are looking for a new [Volunteer Knitting Coordinator](#) to join Team Archie.

If this sounds like something you would like to help us with [please get in touch](#)!

### Archie Chair, Carol Munro, Enjoyed A VIP Tour Of The New Baird Family Hospital Site

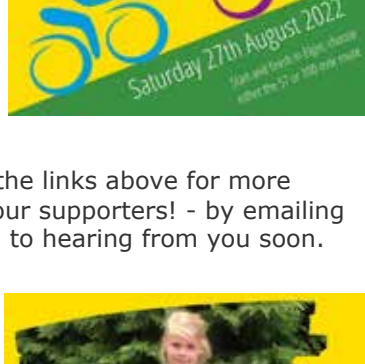
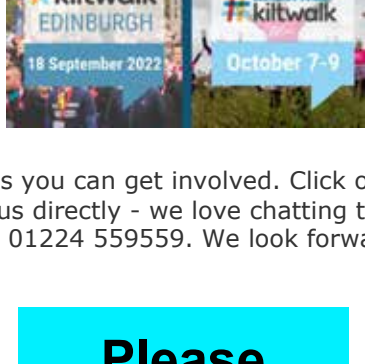
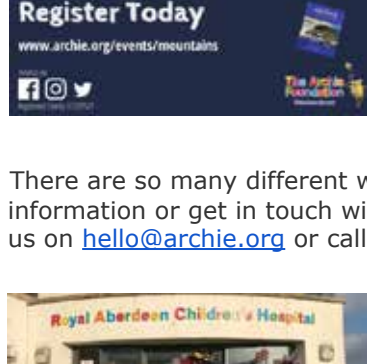
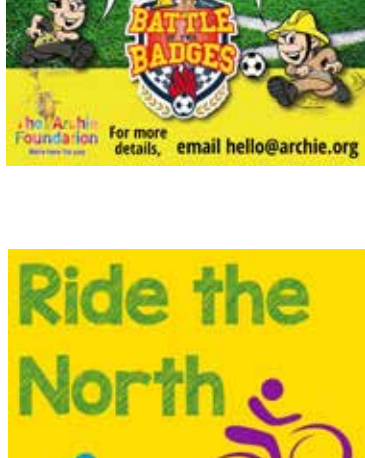
Our Chair of the Archie Board of Trustees, Carol Munro (pictured right), enjoyed a site visit to the new Baird Family Hospital as part of a VIP tour which included Consultant Breast Surgeon, Elizabeth Smyth (pictured left). The group saw first hand just how well building works are progressing, and the Project Team confirmed that the hospital remains on target to open early 2024. This will truly be a state of the art facility and will make an enormous difference for local families. Archie aims to raise £2m to deliver the difference at the Baird by enhancing the clinical environment and funding cutting edge equipment that would otherwise not be available within an NHS facility.



Neonatal parents who have benefitted from Archie's support very kindly shared their stories in this [moving video which showcases the new hospital](#). Their stories help demonstrate the difference Archie's support will make to maternity services in North Scotland. If you would like to find out more about this project and how you can support its delivery, please [get in touch](#).

### There Are So Many Different Ways You Can Support Archie - Whatever You Do, Please Do Something!

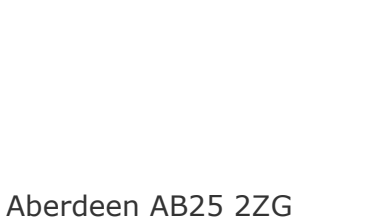
Everything we do is thanks to generous donations and fantastic fundraising efforts of incredible people like you and we have some really exciting opportunities coming up in the next couple of months. How about [abseiling down the side of one of Scotland's most iconic castles](#)? Or if you're more amorous than adventurous, you might fancy your chances at [winning your own wedding](#)? Or perhaps you'd prefer to [conquer one of Scotland's highest mountains](#), or to claim the 50% top-up to your fundraising efforts that's on offer through the [Kiltwalk](#)? Click on the links below for more information about these activities and more. We hope to see you soon!



There are so many different ways you can get involved. Click on the links above for more information or get in touch with us directly - we love chatting to our supporters! - by emailing us on [hello@archie.org](mailto:hello@archie.org) or calling 01224 559559. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



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