



Thomas Samuel Theyer was 18 on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2013; he died just over a month later on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Thomas was a student at the University of Derby (UoD) College Buxton. He was a happy, kind person who loved to make others laugh. He loved to keep fit and exercised regularly. His main passion was running and he usually ran every day. After college he would run from his home in Chapel-en-le-Frith to Whaley Bridge or other routes, and he was a member of Buxton Athletics Club, running with other club members on Monday and Thursday evenings. On the 29<sup>th</sup> June he completed the Whaley Waltz Fell Race and on the 12<sup>th</sup> July the Buxton Carnival race. Additionally Thomas was a keen football player and a regular participant in matches at Stockport and Derby county football grounds - organised by UoD.



***Thomas at the start of Buxton Carnival Race – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013.***

At primary school Thomas was diagnosed as having Dyspraxia and Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). Dyspraxia affects fine and/or gross motor skills and general coordination. Additionally people with Dyspraxia may have difficulty with planning and organising, speech, general perception and thought process. Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), is probably lesser known than Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). People with ADD are sometimes overlooked because they are not hyperactive! They can however struggle to maintain focus or can become over focused on things. Their mind is often on something else.

The Thomas Theyer Foundation has been set up by; Alan, Chris and Aimee Theyer - Thomas's dad, mum and sister. Thomas and his sister Aimee both went to Chapel-en-le-Frith Primary School and then to St Thomas More School in Buxton. Thomas's dad grew up in Chapel-en-le-Frith and his mum Chris in Buxton and both families have lived in the Peak District for several generations.

### **The Thomas Theyer Lodges at White Hall Outdoor Centre**

- The Thomas Theyer Foundation is currently raising funds to build two lodges at White Hall – Outdoor Centre, situated just outside of Buxton in the High Peak. The lodges would provide the opportunity for young people, with different needs, to enjoy a break at White Hall and participate in the great outdoor activities available at the centre.
- The lodges would be available not just for school groups but also for families – so that they can enjoy respite breaks. It may be that there is a family member who would benefit from a break and the young person is a member of that family or even a young carer.
- Each lodge will accommodate 6-8 people and can be occupied by two groups or one large group.
- The overall aim of the lodges is to provide the opportunity, for young people and families, who may have special requirements or difficult life circumstances, to benefit from a place to stay and outdoor activities.

*“Thomas’s gross motor skills were improved greatly by exercise. In addition the enjoyment he got from participating in sports and outdoor activities was a massive part of his life. As a family we want to see if we can do something to help other children/young adults like Thomas and their families. Also, Thomas was so kind – he once said if he won the lottery he would give it all away to charity – and he probably would have. We want Thomas not to be forgotten and to do some good in his name.” Chris Theyer.*



## Helping the Foundation – can you help with any of the following:

### Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways, particularly at events and general fundraising activity. For our website we are looking for someone with experience in Special Educational Needs – who can help with the content and provide advice on services and support available for young/people and their parents/carers.

### Active challenges

If you are considering taking part in a sponsored walk, race, triathlon, trek, swim or sporting event and you would like to do this for the foundation – please contact us. Sports tops available.

### Fundraising events

If you would like to support the foundation by putting on an event – please contact us.

### Business sponsors

We want to keep the costs low so that the money we raise goes straight to the project, that means that we are looking for people to provide any of the following:

Printing Banners T-Shirts Promotional materials

### The Thomas Challenge

Could you raise £1,000.00 for the Thomas Theyer Foundation?

The challenge is for any individual/groups/schools/businesses/organisations who feel they could take the challenge and raise a minimum of £1,000.00 for the foundation within 12 months.

### Charity of the Year

Many businesses nominate a charity each year to raise money for. Please contact us if you would like to put forward the Thomas Theyer Foundation as your 'Charity of the Year' or take on The Thomas Challenge.

### Schools

The lodges at White Hall would be available for school groups and we are particularly interested in forming links with schools. If every school in Derbyshire held a non-uniform day for the foundation – we would raise enough money for the White Hall project. Schools participating in The Thomas Challenge will also be included in a draw to win an activity at White Hall (Buxton) or Lea Green (Matlock) or opportunity to have a climbing wall activity at their school.

**We can come and speak to any organisation who would like to find out more about the foundation – our current and future aims.**

### Donations:

If you would like to make a donation you can do so via our website, via Just Giving or by post.

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