



Capital Chapter - United Kingdom

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Update Q2 - 2022

Capital Chapter, Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) is pleased to send an update on the last quarter's activity (April to June 2022), to bring our friends and supporters up to date on how we continue to work our Mission and 'be there' for abused children. Already, we are half way through 2022 (where has the time gone?), Applicants continue to join our Mission, Supporters and Members are 'out and about' to introduce B.A.C.A. and 'spread the word' ... and Capital Chapter continues to remain strong and grow.

Removing fear from abused children ... the essence

of the B.A.C.A. Mission: B.A.C.A. does something unique, we focus entirely on abused children; that's why we call them our 'Heroes', because each child has heroically overcome their fear. **There is no other entity like B.A.C.A. with the single, narrow focus of removing the fear from victims of child abuse.**



Fear haunts abused children. Fear that destroys childhood. Fear of sleep that brings nightmares. Fear of being alone. Fear of having to testify in court. Whatever their fears, B.A.C.A. children know that we will be there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. B.A.C.A. fills a void that is not addressed by any government agency, independent agency, law enforcement agency, private organisation or foundation. **The simple truth is, if we don't do it, it won't get done.**



Our constant commitment to training: "No matter how much you think you know, there's always time to learn more." Capital Chapter remains dedicated to training ... we are dealing with wounded children that have been let down by adults ... so there's always something to learn. We place great significance on our Members and Supporters reaching training 'milestones' through our progressive patch system, to recognise the time and effort they must invest to become part of B.A.C.A. and serve our children. Our training programme focuses on turning ordinary people into exceptional people that children can trust. It's a strictly enforced programme. No Applicants are allowed near our children until they have passed an enhanced Security and Background check, and completed their 'BACA Basic' training. B.A.C.A. Supporters also receive **Basic Safeguarding Training** rising to **Level 3 Safeguarding** for Members,

which means they possess the knowledge required to take an active role in any Safeguarding situation and apply our Safeguarding Policy.

Capital Chapter Training Programme:



Tomato Patches and Two-Bar Training Pins were awarded to Cookie, Spitfire, TC and Jill to show they've completed 'BACA Basics'. To mark their Security Clearance, Union Flag and Road Name patches awarded to



Elwood and Moola. Moola was also awarded his One-Bar Training Pin.



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Capital Chapter Q2 News: During the past quarter we have held successful meetings with a number of important Agencies, such as SARCs, Social Services, Children's Protection Agencies, Victim Support and Witness Protection Services, to ensure they know what we do, and let them know how to refer abused children to B.A.C.A. As you will read further in this Update, we have also attended a wide range of events, brought children into the B.A.C.A. family and been 'on the road' ... which is where we like to be!

Whitchurch Cheque Presentation

Although B.A.C.A. doesn't take or seek funding from government or local councils, we remain grateful to those private individuals and organisations that support us and donate funds to our Mission. This is probably a good opportunity to remind our newer friends and supporters that B.A.C.A. is an entirely voluntary organisation. From our International President to the newest Applicant, nobody takes a penny. There are no salaried employees. All donations go towards our Mission to empower abused children.



That brings us to the start of Q2, which kicked off with the presentation of a cheque for £906.74 raised from 'Whitchurch Christmas Lights' last year, organised by Ken and Vicky; both wonderful supporters of B.A.C.A. and our Mission. This time they arranged for Capital Chapter to ride through Whitchurch to the accompaniment of waves and cheers from the townspeople; most of whom we met at the 'Christmas Lights'. Once we arrived at our destination, Dozer, our President and H our Secretary, accepted the cheque on the Chapter's behalf, Dozer thanked Ken and Vicky for their efforts to raise money for B.A.C.A. and assured everyone present that: *'Magnificent donations such as this, truly help us to make a difference to the lives of abused children'*.

Level 1 Praeses Chapter, Sheffield

In May, Capital Chapter attended a Level 1 with Praeses Chapter in Sheffield. Each Level 1 is a unique ceremony, where we bring an abused child into our family to begin the healing process, teach them to trust adults once more and to give them their lives back; children no longer living in fear.



As always, a Level 1 is a wonderful experience, to see a child go from fearful and tearful to smiling and empowered, and in less than an hour to become a 'Hero'. These are the moments that are our reward. Those of us from Capital Chapter that made the ride to Sheffield, then spent the evening having some much appreciated 'social time'.

Two Capital Chapter Supporters: Spitfire and Rolo, received their 'Tear Catchers' to mark their first Level 1 attendance, and to represent that they have 'been there' to help our Heroes shed their last tears due to the abuse and fear they've endured.



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Annual B.A.C.A. 100 Mile Ride

A total of 72 bikes (plus riders and pillioners) turned up for the B.A.C.A. 100 Mile Ride, which this year was organised by Praeses Chapter. The 100 Mile Ride is the weekend when every Chapter in B.A.C.A, across the entire world, rides 100 miles to raise awareness of what we do and raise funds for Mission.



Thankfully, the 'weather gods' were kind to us and the sun shone, through clouds for some of the time but at least the 'wet stuff' stayed away. We took part in a good ride through Sheffield and up into the Peak District, there were not only B.A.C.A. bikers attending, as 'civilians' are always invited to take part as well. There was a presence from Capital Chapter, Coalfields Chapter, Midland Chapter, Raedwald (our newest Temp Chapter) and of course Praeses Chapter. There

were stops at multiple cafes to ensure that everyone was fed and watered, and a couple of fuel stops to ensure the bikes made it through 'the 100'.

Vultures Bike Show

After travelling back from Sheffield, we didn't stop. Capital Chapter attended the Thames Vale Vultures' Bike Show at Pinewood Café, to 'show' the B.A.C.A patch and continue to 'spread the word' about our Mission. There were some amazing bikes and trikes on show and we met a lot of people who were enthusiastic about our work.

The Oaks: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event



Capital Chapter attended the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event at The Oaks pub for the 'Beacon Lighting Ceremony'.



Along with so many places run and managed by kind individuals, The Oaks keeps our collection boxes on the bar and holds Quiz Nights and other events to raise funds for B.A.C.A. The pub's customers and most of the village heard us arrive, and the bikes quickly became a point of attraction. Once again, we spoke to some fantastic people that applauded and supported our Mission. Thank you one and all, it was a great evening, and huge thank you to Ange (landlady at The Oaks), Patsy (who gave us the contact) and all at The Oaks, for their outstanding and continuing support for B.A.C.A.



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MAG Lion Rally



In June, Capital Chapter were invited by the Motorcycle Action Group (MAG) who are longtime campaigners for motorcyclists' rights and safety, to attend the 2022 MAG Lion Rally. They gave us prime position in the centre of the field ... our bikes parked in a line with the B.A.C.A. banner strung across them. We handed out a huge number of leaflets and spoke to everyone present.

During the rally, Capital Chapter was approached by BHP Radio who were interested to find out more about our Mission and asked for an interview, which Dozer, our President, handled on our behalf. The interview was broadcast across the rally site and remains available on the BHP online platform. 'LT' the interviewer and owner of BHP Radio was so impressed with our Mission, he asked Capital Chapter to keep in touch with possible coverage of future events.

Capital Chapter Level 1



As always, there was a fantastic turnout for Capital Chapter's latest Level 1, and we were joined by Raedwald Chapter (Temp). As usual, we met well ahead of time for a detailed briefing and also for 'Signing the Cut'. This is a sleeveless vest, similar to those worn by ourselves, which features the child's chosen Road Name and their preferred B.A.C.A. patch on the rear. So, the child remembers all of their new family who were there on the day, each Member and Supporter signs their own Road name inside the Cut.

The magic and emotion of a Level 1 never diminishes, no matter how many you attend ... once again, we witnessed a timid child turn into an excited smiling Hero within minutes.



After the welcoming ceremony, the child is presented with their signed Cut and a special B.A.C.A. Teddy Bear by their new Primaries. Our Hero was soon sitting on multiple bikes and revving the engines until the smile couldn't be any wider. Then, our Hero was quick to get changed into the bike gear and helmet we provide, and saddled up to hit the road for the 'Child Ride'.

So, what's a 'Child Ride'? If the child would like to go for a ride and if the parents agree, we take the child for a short ride on a suitable motorcycle or trike, with an escort of bikes in front and behind to emphasise that our presence is now around them. It was in a word, transformative to see our Hero's confidence grow as we rode. Soon, our Hero was waving at all the 'civilians' we encountered, all the time clutching the Teddy Bear, as the ride passed by in style. This is what we do and why we do it!

Tigger, Cookie and TC were awarded their Tear Catchers for attending their first Level 1.





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Ale 'n' Cider Fest

Yet another event that Capital Chapter attended was the Ale 'n' Cider Fest. (We are definitely making up for lost time caused by the pandemic.) The weather was less than kind, after all the recent sunshine, those attending got a little damp as the 'wet stuff' kept falling from the sky, nevertheless spirits remained high.

Capital Chapter Meeting - June

This month's Chapter Meeting saw a massive turnout (we will soon need to find some larger meeting venues). As well as Capital Chapter Members and Supporters, the public part of the meeting included new Applicants and interested 'civilians', plus we welcomed two B.A.C.A. visitors from 'across the pond' Beaker and his wife Wanda, from Central Iowa Chapter, USA.



Dr B's Custom Bike Show

In existence for over 30 years, Dr B's Bike Show, organised by the Christian Motorcyclists' Association (CMA), has long been the place to go locally to see some outstanding custom bikes and trikes, and this year did not disappoint. Representatives from Capital Chapter attended, and although not actually in the show, Mo's customised and superbly-painted bike, drew lots of attention. Never one to turn down a media opportunity, Mo posed by his bike and managed to get himself in the local paper.

'Raz's Last Ride'

B.A.C.A. like many other organisations, sadly loses brothers and sisters. To remember them, B.A.C.A. has its own Legacy Chapter, where we remember fallen brothers and sisters. On 29 June, the B.A.C.A. Legacy Chapter gained another Member, when we lost Raz, from Praeses Chapter to Motor Neurone Disease. Raz will be greatly missed by his brothers and sisters. B.A.C.A. gave Raz a true 'biker send-off', with an escort of bikes following Gunner (Praeses Chapter President) with Zuki (Raz's wife) riding pillion, lined up behind the hearse for 'Raz's Last Ride'. Capital Chapter Members and Supporters attended ... until we meet again Raz.



Next time ... Capital Chapter will continue to bring abused children into the B.A.C.A. family, take away their fear and teach them to trust once again. The principle and promise remain unchanged ... empowering abused children not to be afraid of the world in which they live.

Thank you for reading.

Respectfully,

Dozer - President - Capital Chapter

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