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Let's Read Woking



Making a difference to young lives through literacy

Who We Are

We are a group of people who have a passion to make a difference to the lives of young people who struggle to read. Our Charity, **Let's Read**, is based in Woking, Surrey and we partner and support 10 local primary schools.

We truly believe that improving basic literacy skills can break the cycle of disadvantage and deprivation in our communities. Currently, we are the **only charity** in Surrey offering **free practical help** by providing books and trained tutors to help young people with their reading.

Registered with the Charity Commission and Companies House in 2008, Let's Read was formed out of the Sheerwater Maybury Partnership, which was an early attempt at 'levelling up' in Woking. The work of the charity is supported by an enthusiastic band of volunteers some of whom have been with it for over ten years.

What We Do

Let's Read helps to improve the literacy of young people in the Woking area in two main ways:

- by giving free books to the pupils at 10 primary schools in Woking. Providing books is simple, effective and relatively inexpensive way to promote language growth. Owning books is a critical feature of every child's intellectual development. Some of the children we support may have no books at home and our gift is highly treasured. Pupils typically get a book of their



choice each term. At present we are distributing about 600 books a term.

- by providing one-to-one tuition at four of Woking's primary schools. With two teams of tutors who go weekly into schools, we

help about sixty pupils each school year, whose schools see them as being behind in their reading. Our tutors are given training in the use of 'phonics', which is used in all Surrey schools for reading tuition. We use a structured phonics reading scheme from Read Write Inc, which has proved successful with the children over the years.



Providing Support

Our funding is principally through donations from individuals or private sector organisations, either of money or books. Every penny of the money donated for books is used to buy books for children. Woking Borough Council give us use of a small office space and, in the past, a funding grant. All our reading tutors and book-gifting staff are volunteers.

We are truly grateful to all our supporters and volunteers who give us their time, money and resources to enable the charity to continue this important work.

