



16th – 21st July
Across Leicester
and Leicestershire

41 young people and their youth leaders came together for one week of the summer, to #beablessing to the communities they were called to serve



Sunday

The week started with a worship service lead by the Countesthorpe Band and a talk on #beablessing by Tim Stokes; followed by a BBQ. Parents and church friends were invited to come along to support the young people. It was great for everyone to get together and spend some of the time catching up or making friends.

Teaching Days

A great programme was put together for the teaching days based on the theme of #beablessing. It was a time where the young people could spend time with God and get to know one another as a team, with lots of fun thrown in!

We would like to thank the Blakemore Foundation for their contribution towards the refreshments and food for the young people during the training days.



Evening teams

There were 4 local evening teams this year. The Reality bus visited many of the evening teams, enabling them to connect with the young people in their communities. Bouncy castles, BBQS, detached work with donuts and drop-ins were organised. It was great to see the young people taking the ideas they had learnt throughout the day back to their local churches and blessing those communities too.



Missional Hubs Projects

Once in their Missional Hubs, the young people served the local communities readily by undertaking the projects organised in conjunction with the local authorities and local church.

Netherhall

In Netherhall we worked with the local Housing Office and Church, to help some residents with their gardening and clear the beds outside the shops. Other projects included a litter pick, acts of random kindness and a free Car Wash. Thanks goes to Humberstone & Hamilton Ward for funding this Missional Hub and Laburnum Road Community Church, for hosting the young people for the 3 days.

We had this lovely comment from the local Housing Officer: *“Thank you to you and your Team for tidying the Planters. The Teams hard work really has made a difference to look of the area, I’m currently arranging for new plants to be put in there to bring a splash of colour all year round.”*



Hinckley

In Hinckley, the young people also provided a free car wash in the town which became particularly popular in the afternoon, meaning the whole team was involved! On the Thursday, they worked with the local council gardening in Hollycroft Park whilst advertising the Free Family Fun Day. The team certainly spread God’s love through their actions and should be credited with getting on with the tasks in hand & doing them well.

Our thanks go to Hinckley Methodist Church for hosting this Missional Hub.

Friday FREE Family Fun Days

Netherhall

The team returned to Scraftoft Valley Primary School for another great afternoon of fun on the Friday. Again a few hundred people came and enjoyed a free afternoon of activities. The Reality Bus was there, along with bouncy castles and games. The Netherhall team again made us proud; working hard to make sure everyone had fun.

Our thanks go to Scraftoft Valley Primary School for allowing us to use their grounds for the Free Family Fun Day.



Hinckley

It was another amazing Family Fun Day at Hollycroft Park on the Friday. The music played, the noise of children laughing from the bouncy castle echoed around the place and the grass was full of picnic blankets with people chatting & eating on them. The young people worked hard: painting faces, producing balloon models and making sure everyone had a good time – they were amazing!! We reckon 300 people came to the park that afternoon and enjoyed a free afternoon in the sun.

We would particularly like to thank Marie Eaves, Community Champion at Asda Hinckley for working with us and getting funding through the Asda Foundation to provide free picnics to those who came. Another thank you goes to Hinckley Methodist Church for providing the young people a base and great food for the three days.

It's amazing to think these Friday Fun Days reached a five hundred local people altogether over both Missional Hubs and received a blessing when the young people stepped out in Jesus' name.



Celebration Service

The teams came back together to for a celebration service at Kirby Muxloe Free Church, lead once more by the Countesthorpe Band. It was a powerful worship service and great to hear the stories from each group/Missional Hub. We thank God for how he had used every single person over the week. The team most definitely were #beablessing and I'm sure many lives have been touched by the young people's actions.

