

# Summer Reading Challenge winners

MARC HULL

This year marks our tenth anniversary as a Community Library. It is also our tenth year of participating with The Reading Agency in their national Summer Reading Challenge. This excellent scheme encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays and rewards them with a certificate, medal and small prizes along the way.

As an additional incentive, the Library once again provided an extra prize for all those who completed the required six books and their names were placed in a draw. This year's extra prize was a Metal Springy which many will remember as a Slinky and it has proved to be extremely popular with our lucky winners. We had our highest ever number of participants with over a third completing the challenge.

The Library is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am till 5pm. In addition to our normal library services, we offer photocopying and printing, either from your email, USB memory stick or direct from your mobile phone. The very successful Children's Activities we ran pre-Covid have restarted along with a new Knitting Group. Please take a look at our website for further details: [www.gardensuburblibrary.org.uk](http://www.gardensuburblibrary.org.uk).



Photos: Edward Botterill



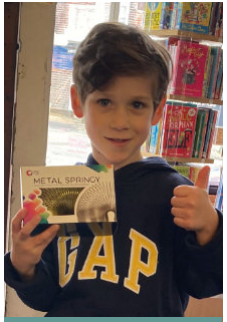
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## An apple a day...

### Will Botterill raises funds for Parkinson's UK

JAC BOTTERILL

Local resident, Will Botterill, aged 10, has been raising much needed funds for Parkinson's UK, to support his maternal grand-mother and anyone else affected by this devastating neurological condition.

To kickstart fundraising, Will took the initiative over half-term to pick organic apples and pears from his grandparents' small orchard in Cambridgeshire, transport them home to London, and sell them in exchange for donations to the cause.

It was difficult to miss Will and his sister Amber by the entrance to Bigwood where their fruit stall attracted attention from passers-by. The family are touched and thankful for the extraordinary generosity, kindness and support shown by the HGS community, including donations from the local postman and tradesmen.

That studies have shown a link between exposure to chemicals in pesticides and herbicides and Parkinson's, was not lost on Will; selling chemical-free fruit to fund research into finding a cure for the disease, felt like the natural thing to do.

As the initiative was so successful (raising £583 as we go to print) and enjoyed by everyone who got involved – look out for them next year, as Will plans to make it an annual event. If you

would like to support Will's efforts for Parkinson's UK, you can donate at [www.gofund.me/d2c5dbed](http://www.gofund.me/d2c5dbed), or scan the QR code.





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