

We have had a great Summer!

We started it all off with our Gig Buddies Big Camp Out at Mortonhall campsite, and we ended it at Connect music festival. In between we had our local area pub meet ups and socials. PLUS a whole month of group socials at the Edinburgh Festivals, read on to find out more...

Gig Buddies Big Camp Out!

Our weekend of camping at Mortonhall campsite was full of sunshine and fun. We were very lucky with the weather, it stayed dry the whole weekend. 10 tents were put up and they all stayed up!

On the Friday evening we enjoyed a lovely takeaway, delivered very quickly by a local takeaway. Some of us headed off to play pool, or went to the pub, and some of us just stayed in our camp.





Saturday was such a lovely day, we were joined by a couple of extra gig buddies and some friends from Get2gether for a picnic. We played rounders and frisbee, until it got stuck up the tree! Sam played some music on his guitar. We all had a lovely ice cream before the visitors went home. And we spent a relaxing early evening in the sun.

Some people went to the local pub restaurant for dinner, and some stayed by our tents and had a delicious Chinese takeaway. Again, some of us headed off to play pool and others stayed and the campsite and had a chat.





The camping was brilliant I really enjoyed it. It was nice meeting people from other areas, and catching up with a few people that I know quite well. It was just a real nice time, having drink at the bar and breakfast together.”

-Sarah

On Sunday morning we were relieved to find it still dry, and we all packed away our tents, ready for the next time. We also collected some campers top tips to share with the other Gig Buddies members who planned to attend a weekend music festival.

The campsite workers came along and rescued Sam’s frisbee by standing on their tractor, it lives to see another field!





Edinburgh International Festival

We went to **4** Edinburgh International Festival gigs plus the Opening Ceremony.

“I loved the Edinburgh International Festival Opening Ceremony, it was really good. It was my first live orchestra, I really enjoyed it, even when it rained!”
-Sarah

“Jake Bugg was amazing. My favourite song was Two Fingers.”
-Stuart.

Edinburgh Fringe Festival

We went to **12** Edinburgh Fringe shows. And here's what some gig buddies had to say about it!

"I saw Police cops the musical, it was fun."

-Sandra

"Rosie Jones was fantastic I really enjoyed it, a real laugh out loud night out!"

-Cammy

"Ed Gamble was my favourite."

-Natalie



“The Black Blues Brothers were incredible! My highlight of the year, it was spectacular, it’s extraordinary what they do!”

-Sarah

“It was brilliant!”

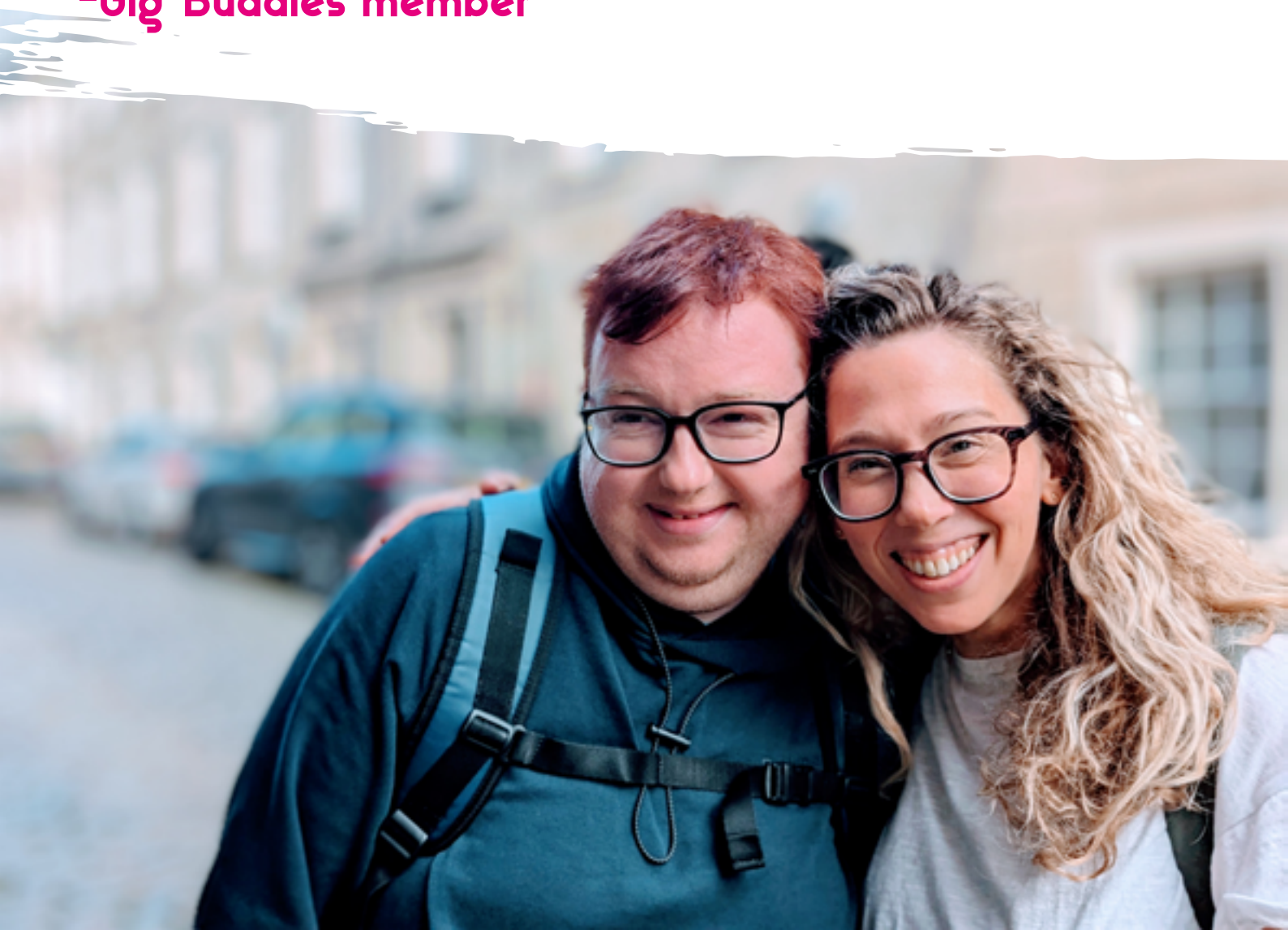
-Gig Buddies member

“Rosie Jones was very good, and it was very funny.”

-Kieran

“I saw a comedian I’ve liked since the 00s when he was on Mock The Week. He was actually funnier at his own show than on that!”

-Gig Buddies member





Edinburgh International Book Festival

We went to **3** International Book Festival events.

“I went with my gig buddy and the group to the Book Festival.

I went to Alastair Moffat, Footsteps of the Clans, it was good, interesting. It was about the highland clans and how they fought for their land, like at Culloden. It was brilliant, I bought the book!

I also saw Josie Long, she was really good, very funny”

-Michelle



CONNECT Music Festival.

Thanks to our friends at DF Concerts 6 gig buddies pairs went to CONNECT music festival!

We also had a stall at the festival to recruit some new Gig Buddies Volunteers and members. We asked everyone to share their best gig with us and chatted about barriers to staying up late. Thanks to all of the members and volunteers who came to help us on the stall!

