



**FAIR EFFORT:** from left, Andy Young, 16, Kevin Broadley, 14, and Chris Hembury, of Youth For Christ, collected more than 8,000 cans at Hull Fair  
 PICTURE: Sarah Washbourn

# 'Can-do attitude will take us far'

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**ALUMINIUM cans may seem like rubbish to many, but for young people in Hull they are a ticket to summer camp.**

Members of Hull Youth For Christ, a community faith group based in west Hull, got up early during Hull Fair week to collect between 8,000 and 9,000 cans thrown on the ground by fair-goers.

They took them to metal processor Lord And Midgley in Harrow Street, west Hull, and traded them for money to fund trips to Christian camps.

Parents also helped collect the cans as part of a year-long exercise for the group, which has recycled more cans this year than ever before.

Chris Hembury, of Hull Youth For Christ, said: "In a world where many people want something for nothing, it's great to work with young people like these who are up for a bit of hard graft. "Camps can be quite expensive

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Used drink cans are helping youngsters go on summer camps.

A Hull-based group collected more than 8,000 cans to help pay for the trips.

and we look at ways of trying to subsidise them.

"We get some funding from grants, but we are generally funded through people giving us money and donations.

"We took a couple of wheelie bins to Hull Fair and worked our way from one end of Walton Street to the other.

"This year we've collected more than ever before."

Mr Hembury, 42, of west Hull, said collecting the cans meant more than paying for the camps.

"We got up at 5.15am and it's a big deal for young people to do that," he said.

"We bagged the cans up and took them for scrap. In the past two years we've made between £700 and £800 from them. "The company gives us 83p per

kilogramme instead of the normal 68p, which is really kind."

Mr Hembury said collecting cans at Hull Fair ensured more young people could go to summer camps.

Andy Young, 16, of west Hull, said: "It woke me up and it gives me a feeling of doing something useful.

"It's saving the planet - better than Superman."

Kevin Broadley, 14, of west Hull, said he enjoyed taking part in this year's summer camp.

"It's a new experience," he said.

"I met lots of new people from other parts of the country and the world."

Matthew Whittaker, of Lord And Midgley, said: "I'm happy to do this.

"I think it's a brilliant idea and I'm pleased to be involved."

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## Links

**Youth For Christ**

[www.yfc.co.uk](http://www.yfc.co.uk)

**Hull Fair**

[www.hullfair.net](http://www.hullfair.net)



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