

Ember Youth (closure and disposal of assets)

After careful consideration, the trustees have decided to wind down the charity (1200739). We are now in the process of appropriately disposing of our assets.

In accordance with regulations and our own mandate, we are currently identifying charities and organisations that work with young people in our local community and could benefit from our physical assets and financial contributions to support their causes.

Amongst these assets we have a 9-seater minibus which we need to dispose of by the means of transferring its ownership to another organisation.

Minibus

In 2022, we were privileged to receive funding to acquire a minibus to enhance our community work, supported by Children in Need and the Youth Investment Fund. We are now required to dispose of this asset in compliance with the original terms under which the funding was granted. Consequently, we are seeking local charities or organizations in Tonbridge and the surrounding areas that provide services to young people, who may benefit from this asset.

To be considered to receive this asset, we request a written submission detailing the work your charity or organisation does within the community and how the minibus would be used to assist with your services. The criteria by which the trustees will make their decision will be as follows:

- Proximity to Tonbridge and the surrounding area
- The number of young people impacted by the provisions provided
- Alignment of values and mission shared between the applying body and Ember Youth

The final decision for transferring the asset is subject to the approval of BBC Children in Need.

Vehicle details:

Make: **Ford**
Model: **Torneo Custom**
Colour: **Black**
Seats: **9 (including driver)**
Engine: **2.0L Diesel**
First Registered: **2018**
Category: **M1**



How to express interest

To express your interest in this asset, please complete this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6fbNrxhPbm>

About Ember

The Ember Trust (Charity Number 1031548) was established in January 1994 by local Christians aiming to provide a safe meeting space for youngsters. Initially, they used a double-decker bus as a mobile coffee bar and information centre. By 1995, the familiar yellow bus served Tonbridge and nearby areas. The long-term goal of the Trust was to have permanent premises where additional support services could be offered. This vision was realized with the opening of a building at the old Star & Garter pub, known as 'switches'.

In 1999, the Trust appointed its first full-time Youth Worker. By late 2000 and early 2001, the Ember Trust revised its mission to focus on working with the town's secondary schools. The Trust engaged with five secondary schools in Hildenborough and Tonbridge, conducting assemblies, leading Religious Education lessons, and supporting Christian Unions. The Trust employed two youth workers—one full-time and one part-time—and collaborated with other youth workers employed by local churches on initiatives such as a monthly 'FUSED' youth service and the Tonbridge Churches' Youth Committee. In 2014, the Trust continued to serve the young people in and around Tonbridge by providing financial assistance to support local initiatives and youth projects through its grants programme.

In 2020, the trustees transferred assets to the new Ember Youth initiative. Ember Youth continues its work to support young people in and around Tonbridge, focusing on their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health to help them reach their full potential.

Ember Youth is committed to the belief that each individual possesses the potential for greatness, irrespective of age, gender, ethnicity, ability, or any other characteristic that has historically been a basis for discrimination. Ember engages with young individuals in their own environments, fostering relationships through conversations and activities that resonate with them. The primary role of Ember is to facilitate social education, enabling young people to learn from their own experiences and create meaningful opportunities for growth. Recognizing that young people are vital members of any community, Ember ensures their voices are heard, supports their personal and relational development, and assists them in discovering and accessing opportunities that enhance their lives.

