

Santa delights local children

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Santa made his final pre-Christmas stop to delight children in Little Dunmow on Wednesday night.

Father Christmas, pulled on a sleigh, made four stops this week in total on his visit to the area – Freeport Braintree, Great Leighs, Black Notley, and finally ending in Little Dunmow. He was accompanied by five helpers who collected money for the locally based Play and Resource Centre (PARC) while he visited with children.

The visits were sponsored by the Braintree Rivers Rotary Club. In total, £1200 was raised by the Rotarians to support PARC. PARC is located at the Great Notley Country Park in Braintree and provides play and recreation facilities for children with disabilities in Essex.

One of Santa's helpers, Julia Cripes said: "It is nice to see the children's eyes light up when they see the sleigh. It is great that we can do this and raise money for a good cause at the same time."

The Braintree Rivers Rotary Club brings Santa to the area every year to support a different charity. To find out more information about this year's charity, PARC, or to make a donation, telephone 01376528999. For information about the Braintree Rivers Rotary Club, email info@brr.org.uk.