## **Literature Lifelines**

There is nothing to do but learn and wait, return to work on what remains. Seed will sprout in the scar. Though death is in the healing, it will heal. From 'The Slip' by Wendell Berry

The Reader is a charity that brings people together to enjoy and experience the life-enriching power of great literature.

Here's a snapshot of our work during 2020 - 2021:



## 'The Reader at Home' 7 new ways to keep adults reading together online during Covid-19

Launch of

Life Lines reading activity packs sent out every week to care homes & charities







Radio broadcast in 120 UK prisons

## KEEPING PEOPLE CONNECTED THROUGH SHARED READING **New Shared Reading** New podcast over the phone service brought connection to benefit homeless people in



of Shared Reading

to new audiences



London and isolated people near Calderstones

'felt' more connected

to other people

95%

of people said activities

'improved their wellbeing'

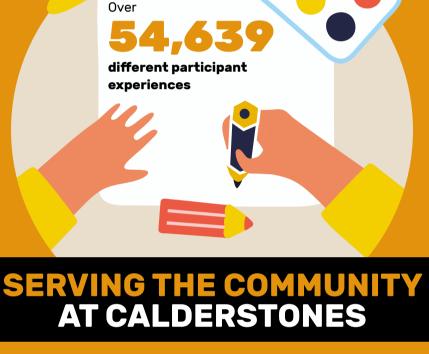


4,275



Centre, Granby and **Toxteth Trust and South** Liverpool Food Bank

555



marginalized communities such as vulnerable asylum seeker & refugee families

Using the **Mansion House** 

to welcome

## soups and hot meals delivered to the local community with information about our Coronavirus support line, Shared Reading services & a piece of literature offering a message of unity, hope, and love

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Approx.

children from vulnerable homes matched with volunteers for one-to-one Shared Reading



of young people showed

significant improvement

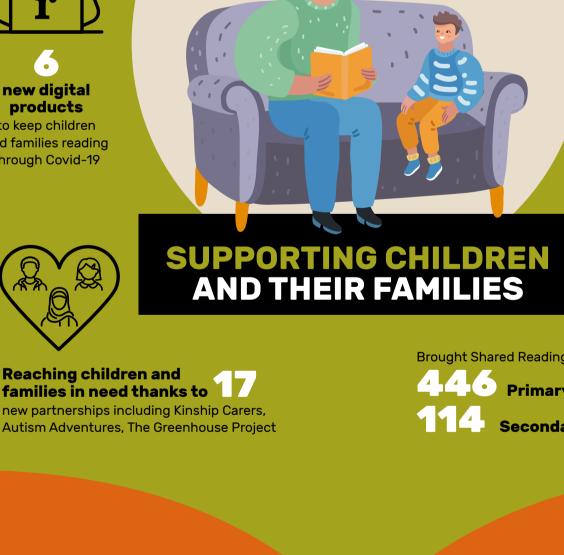
in their confidence and

self-esteem

new digital products

to keep children

and families reading through Covid-19



Volunteer support sessions

tripled

to share thoughts and ideas'

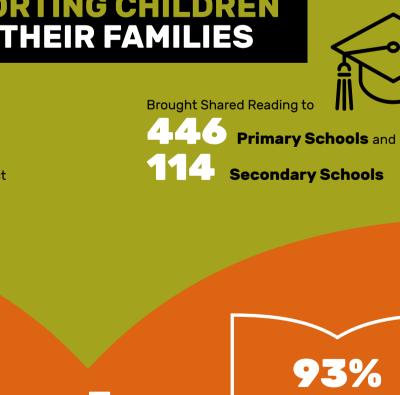
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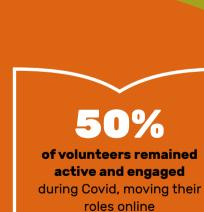
families visited the

outdoor Santa **Post Trail** 

of teachers said Shared

Reading 'encourages pupils





of volunteers at Calderstones said

volunteering 'improves their wellbeing'



reported

'an improved sense

of achievement'



More than

new volunteers

recruited

Launched new volunteer website with 2,000

reading resources

During lockdown, I was virtually housebound for five months. The Reader has been a lifeline and I'm very grateful to have been able to participate in Shared Reading and other activities.

This data is from March 2020 - March 2021