

# Accessible Retail

a valued supporter of Variety, the Children's Charity

For twenty years, Accessible Retail has supported the work of Variety, the Children's Charity, raising over £1 million, funding 54 Sunshine Coaches and more recently, two wheelchairs for disabled young people. The improvement in the lives of thousands of some of the most disadvantaged children across the UK, cannot be exaggerated.

The words of the children from East Hunsbury Primary School who received their AR funded coach last year, say it all...

*'We had a sandcastle competition when we made some fantastic sculptures and won first prize! I like the minibus because we get to go on trips, and we learn new things' – Naomi*

*('Until you get to 18 and then you know everything' - Joseph)*



Two sports wheelchairs were also funded from the 2015 lunch. Laura Greening's chair has enabled her to excel in Disabled Basketball and in 2015, she joined the GB Futures squad. Samuel Lemon has been nominated by BWB (British Wheelchair Basketball) for a TASS (Talented athletes scholarship scheme), which is awarded by Sport England.

We are delighted that the 54th AR Coach was presented to Wargrave House School in St Helens, in memory of valued AR member, Neil Wilson. Pupils at the school are on the autistic spectrum and experience impairment of communication and social interaction. The coach will be used to enable them to access regular daily community and educational visits. All of this is made possible only through the generosity of Accessible Retail and its members.

Pamela Sinclair, Variety's Chief Barker 2016 commented:

*"Variety is enormously grateful to Accessible Retail all the other companies associated with Accessible Retail for their magnificent support and hard work on behalf of Variety".*