



THE BIG TODDLE SAFARI LEADER CHECKLIST

The Big Toddle is all about fun, adventure, and playful exploration – perfect for your little explorers! This checklist is to help you organise an un-fur-gettable toddle, creating special memories, all whilst helping other children thrive.

As the organiser of your toddle, you're responsible for keeping everyone who's taking part as safe as possible at all times. Check out our handy guidelines to help make sure your event is safe, legal and everyone has roaring time: www.barnardos.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/keep-it-legal-be-safe-guide

Planning your event

Register your Big Toddle on our website so that all children taking part can get their **medal** and **stickers**.

barnardos.org.uk/events/big-toddle

Pick a date and time that suits all the children and families toddling.

Plan a safe, fun and accessible route for all ages – whether it's at school, home, or at your local park.

Start fundraising

The easiest and quickest way to fundraise? Set up a JustGiving page.

justgiving.com/campaign/thebigtoddle2025

You can find our elephant-astic fundraising page top tip. [Big Toddle JustGiving Top Tips.pdf](#)

Download and print your **sponsorship form** for any offline donations. barnardos.org.uk/Big-Toddle-Sponsorship-Form

Promote your toddle

Whether you're taking part as a Toddle Together or Home Safari, spread the word with your safari themed invitations and invite your herd! Download and print from barnardos.org.uk/sites/default/files/2025-01/Big_Toddle_Invitations.pdf

Share your toddle and JustGiving page on social media using your assets.

barnardos.org.uk/events/big-toddle/resources

Share your toddle and JustGiving page with friends and family by email, WhatsApp and SMS for explorers who aren't on social media.

Get crafty and creative

Make the most of our roar-some activities in the lead up to your walk, including colouring in **animal masks** and **party hats** for your safari-goers to wear on their adventure.

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Download and print your **Thank you for taking part certificate** to celebrate all your little adventurers. barnardos.org.uk/events/big-toddle/resources

Day of your toddle

Go wild and decorate your route with your safari-themed bunting.

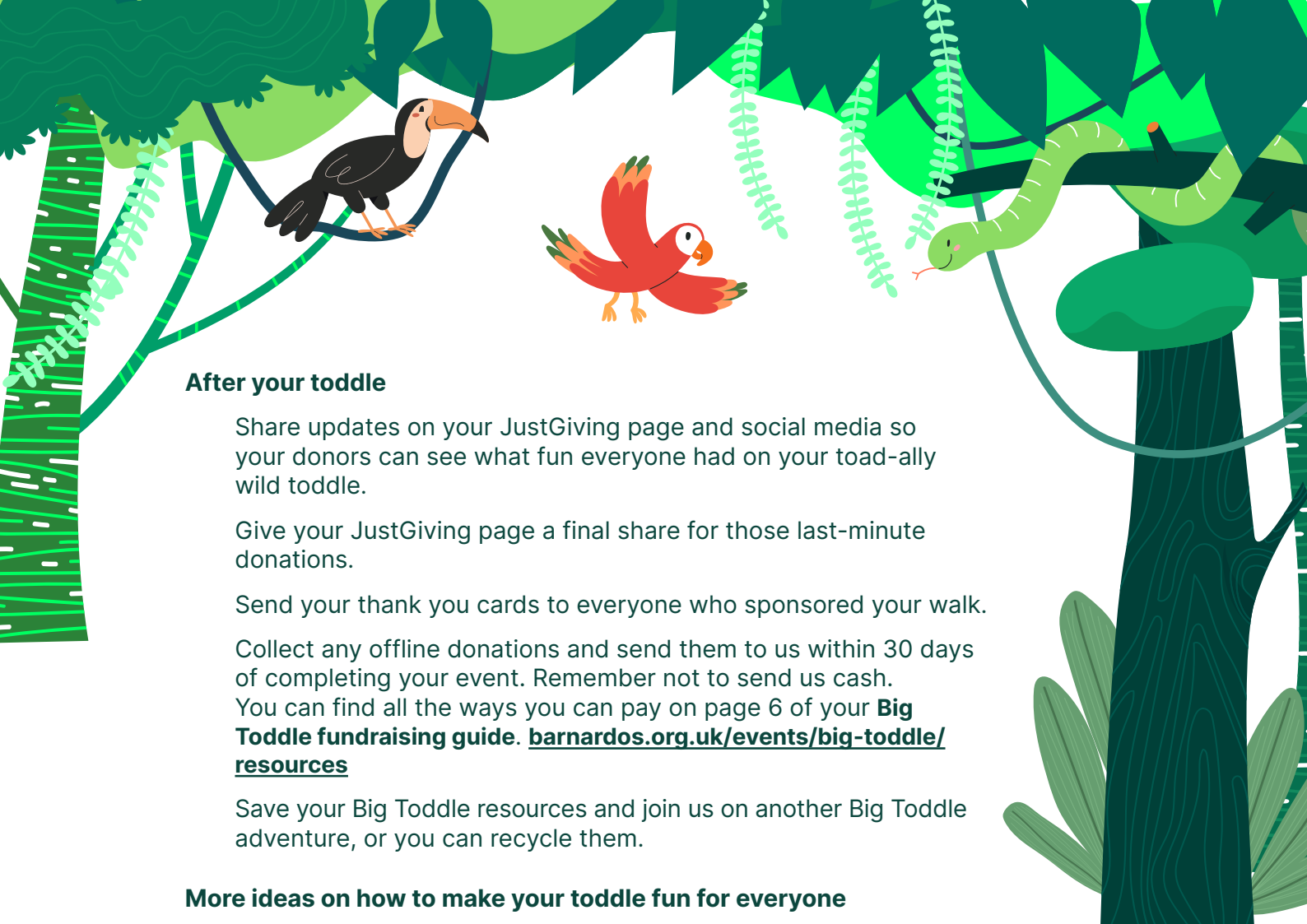
Set up a finish line with your paper garland.

Encourage the children to wear safari-themed costumes, or they can dress up in whatever they like! And don't forget about the colourful animal masks or party hats!

Gather your herd and have lots of roar-some fun!

Once you've finished your walk, celebrate by handing out the children's safari medals and certificates.





After your toddle

Share updates on your JustGiving page and social media so your donors can see what fun everyone had on your toad-ally wild toddle.

Give your JustGiving page a final share for those last-minute donations.

Send your thank you cards to everyone who sponsored your walk.

Collect any offline donations and send them to us within 30 days of completing your event. Remember not to send us cash.

You can find all the ways you can pay on page 6 of your **Big Toddle fundraising guide**. [barnardos.org.uk/events/big-toddle/resources](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/events/big-toddle/resources)

Save your Big Toddle resources and join us on another Big Toddle adventure, or you can recycle them.

More ideas on how to make your toddle fun for everyone

Safari gear: encourage the tiny adventurers to wear safari-themed costumes, or they can dress up in whatever they like!

Interactive play: hop like a kangaroo, stomp like an elephant, or crawl like a snake to reach the finish line.

Wildlife spotting: make your toddle route interactive by using your **safari map** so the little adventurers can explore nature. [barnardos.org.uk/sites/default/files/2025-01/Big_Toddle_Safari_Map.pdf](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/sites/default/files/2025-01/Big_Toddle_Safari_Map.pdf)

Play jungle themed tunes whilst on your walk, or at the finish line.

Gather round for story time: host a post-walk safari themed picnic and read. **Big Todd's Animal Adventure!** [barnardos.org.uk/sites/default/files/2025-01/Big%20Toddle_Animal_Adventure_Storybook.pdf](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/sites/default/files/2025-01/Big%20Toddle_Animal_Adventure_Storybook.pdf)

