



The Reader

CONNECT  
REALISE  
CHANGE



# a role model

# for others

## A Young Reader's Story

*“The change in Charlie in the space of only a week could not go unnoticed.”*

Charlie is 13 and had a number of behavioural issues that affected his life both in school and at home with friends. He struggled academically and in relationships with his peers.

**He didn't always have the words to express his feelings; finding life hard to cope with, and discovering it was easier to lash out.**

Charlie was brought home multiple times by the police in the space of a few weeks. He needed to be listened to, and people did, but it didn't always get through to Charlie.

Reluctantly, he agreed to give the *Shared Reading* sessions 'a go'. Charlie talked to us, coming across as engaging and intelligent.

He had lots of interests including the First World War and so we tailored our first *Shared Reading* session to reflect this.

**He was able to connect closely with the book, Michael Morpurgo's *Private Peaceful*, talking about complex matters such as morality and survival, and the actions of its lead character Tommo.**

Charlie spoke about how he often takes the blame for things his friends do.

**When asked what Tommo might do in the same case, he became quiet and contemplative, responding thoughtfully and empathetically that 'Tommo would probably do the right thing.'**

Following the success of his reading sessions, Charlie attended a Young Reader Event. The change in Charlie in the space of only a week could not go unnoticed. At the event he served as a role model for the younger, more disruptive boys which led to one particular boy reducing his hostility significantly - all thanks to Charlie.

**Get in touch and be part of the story**

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