

The Second Chance Charity

For Children Who Need Special Help

Annual Report

&

Account of Spending

For Year

1 Jan 2021 - 31 Dec 2021

The End of 2021!

I'm not sure where to start with my introduction as its been a very 'interesting' year but firstly welcome and to all those who have journeyed with us, in whatever capacity, a huge thank you for your support.

At the beginning of the year we were looking forward to a return to 'normality' through 2021 and the demise of the covid 19 virus. As it turns out neither actually happened but, nonetheless, we have survived. You might remember that in 2020 I was worried that the real danger for our funding was not the year of the lockdowns but the following year of the financial returns! So it has proved, by the end of this year we were short of our normal unrestricted or core funding by about £110,000. That's not as bad as it might seem because of course, we have spent a lot less than we would have done had we of been able to move around at will in the country and use our facilities in Finland. Nonetheless it is a challenge and there will be some kick back on the things that we have saved on, like maintenance and dilapidations, especially on vehicles. Some people have held on to their donations as a precaution against any covid effects, others have chosen to prioritise other areas of work with covid. This was a disappointment to us as we haven't had a single day off of working with our vulnerable children, we even had a bit of action on Christmas itself and because many schools closed their doors to our children we had even more than normal. I mention this so that if you are one of the many who did maintain their giving you might realise how very much we appreciated your support. I didn't think it possible that we could be more grateful than we normally are but apparently that is one of the side effects of the pandemic!



We rather liked this photograph as it tells a story. A young person, with their mentor (in this case our long standing volunteer Paul Tarrant) out in the countryside with the sweet smell of success cradled in their hands. As someone once said "perfick".

Despite this gloom, our accounts for the year will not look unhealthy at first glance as with thanks to the BAND Trust, several other funders and some generous individuals we have reached our target to pay for the building of a new facility here at our Rural Centre. These funds are of course allocated and cannot be used for running expenses but by the time we write another one of these reports we hope we will be in residence of a wonderful new facility—more news on this subject later.

I commend this Annual Account of Spending to the reader as a brief glimpse of some of the work the staff and volunteers have done during this very unusual year. We have experienced a huge increase in referrals and yet have continued to support and help these children who have needed a second chance at life in general.

Please do what you can to support us next year.

...changing the world... one child at a time.

Doug Hulme
Chief Executive
December 2021



Our Rural Centre has taken centre stage again this year. There is something about being in the countryside and experiencing success, like catching these fish, that has a profound and positive effect on our children.

Oliver's Bike Ride

Just after we wrote our last report Oliver Ward announced he was going to cycle 500km - from The Lake District to his parents' house in Southsea for Christmas Dinner! He invited people to sponsor him. Covid 19 intervened—not that Ollie caught it but the second lockdown hit just before Christmas and it transpired Portsmouth and Southsea were in tier 4 early on. Oliver couldn't travel to The Lake District nor return to Southsea. He came up with a delightful answer. He did the 500km indoors on an exercise bike combined with circuits of Portsmouth on his main bike. David, his father, was able to join him for some of the ride. Oliver decided to do the whole thing because his parents jewelry shop couldn't hold their annual fundraiser for the charity.



(See <https://www.barbaratipple.co.uk/>) We are delighted to acknowledge Oliver's great effort and to thank him as **he raised the magnificent sum of £5,600...** Ride strong Ollie!

Fishing for Success!

We have featured our fishing and angling activities in these first few pages because we have found the activity to be so beneficial to our young people. For many of them the feeling of success is completely unknown. They may come from a dysfunctional family or a poverty stricken background. Many don't attend school full time, if at all in some cases. They have been excluded from 2 or sometimes 3 schools. Their lack of education means they don't read or write too well, if at all. It's likely that quite a few have been in trouble with the law, some are 'looked after' children with foster carers or in a children's home. None of these are the best foundations for building a future life on.

Catching a fish can change lives, no matter who you are, or what your circumstances are.



In their own minds these children have become failures with corresponding low expectations of life in general. Catching a fish, especially a big one, with an accompanying photo that they can share, is quite literally life changing for some of them. It is astonishing how quickly they can change their lives from a success like this and the great thing about fishing is it does not matter what gender you are, what size or age, how fit (or otherwise) you are - you can experience success. Even better from our point of view is that with various tactics we can artificially increase the chances of success without the child knowing or devaluing the experience that they have achieved something amazing. People rarely believe us when we say how fishing can change lives. Sounds trite but it isn't!



The summer season was great for catching fish in our lakes..



Some random pictures of children catching fish from our lakes—life changing for many of them.



Finland 2021...

Sadly, for the second year running, our cottage remained empty. Even when the travel bans were lifted the conditions requiring tests and inoculations and stuff made it impracticable to take the children to our beloved cottage in Finland. However at the beginning of November both The Finnish and British Governments made changes to travelling and arriving that look like it *may* be possible to once again resume visits. We are thinking of taking a single group of 7-10 boys in February 2022 to experience Finland in the winter! Providing climate change allows us we intend to show them what a Finnish winter looks like; frozen sea and minus temperatures and all the snow they can chuck at each other! Hopefully next years account will contain many photos of both winter and summer activities at our cottage. We really hope so.

The Creative Arts and Cultural Centre

The lockdowns and continued staffing problems within schools has meant we are still frustratingly waiting on things to improve. Despite having gained sponsorship of a salary for 3 years we have still to find a suitable candidate for the post. Our Portsmouth centre is currently underused as we ship many of the Portsmouth youngsters out to our rural centre in Titchfield. Portsmouth City Council are not encouraging us to work with their children as you will see elsewhere in this news letter!

Portsmouth City Council Bites The Hand That Feeds It!

We work with about 14 different local authorities around the country and of all of those we find our very own Portsmouth City Council to be the least sympathetic and helpful of them all. They have closed our main vehicular access route off to our centre with a rather bizarre criteria of improving city health by making people walk! In so doing they have shut off the only street level entrance we have to our building for anything other than pedestrians. These things we could live with but they have now decided to withdraw their discretionary relief for our council tax on our centre. Many of you know that charities are nationally exempt 80% of their council tax bill and the local authority have the discretion to allow the further 20% as well. Working as we have done over the years with hundreds of children in their catchment area and not charging them a penny for our services we thought there would be no problem with them granting us that discretionary charge. We estimate each child we work with saves PCC around £50,000 a year. However over the past 2—3 years they have reduced that discretionary relief each year to an almost non existent situation. We have protested the unfairness of this scenario but each time it falls on deaf ears. As mentioned elsewhere we are experiencing a shortfall of about a third of our normal income this year so we wrote to them explaining that we did not have any money and asking their advice. There response was to say we had to pay anyway but they would let us pay it in 4 instalments. We were going to argue the toss on that one but before we could reply they took us to court and demanded £7,000 plus expenses!



Our 'Finnish' Land Rover has sat, sadly, in our store in Hampshire gathering dust for almost 2 years now.



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We have had to borrow money from the building fund in order to avoid a court order. We don't think that's exactly friendly for an authority that we have saved millions of pounds for over the years. It's especially unfair in that although they say they cannot afford to be discretionary we know of dozens of other charitable organisations in the city that don't get charged. Although the City Council tell us they are charging other charities we don't actually know anyone who is being charged! We house, free of charge, another charity in the city and would not dream of charging them or passing a charge on.. Do unto others and all that! Hence the headline about biting the hand that feeds it. We wonder if it would be better to pull out of Portsmouth and just transport the children we are working with to our Rural Centre where Winchester City Council honour and help us.



Second Chance House in Portsmouth. Portsmouth City Council have decided to charge us for not charging them!

House of Lords ...



We tried but... The chances of us holding our annual March dinner at The House of Lords this year were blown out of the water when the Christmas/New Year lockdown was announced by the government. We held on to the hope that we might have had an autumn date but even that was eventually scuppered as Covid infection rates continued to expand and catering in numbers became impossible - so alas for the first time in 26 years we were unable to hold this annual event. The good news however is that we have booked the **Friday 18th March for next year** and Covid and God willing we shall meet again for another memorable evening to raise much needed finance for our young people work.

Fund Raising in 2021

As we predicted last year, this year has been the problem year. During the initial period of lockdown in 2020 we had access to government grants and local authorities (but not Portsmouth City Council who refused our applications). This made up for the shortfall in individual donations and for the normally supporting trust funds that strangely directed their giving to other pandemic related needs despite our work amongst the vulnerable actually increasing as a response.

The problem with this year is that dividends and investments have not done as well as they might in normal times and the trust funds and companies that relied on the performance of these to donate to us have had diminished returns and therefore they have been unable to pass as much or anything on to our work this year. Ignoring the funding we gained to build our new facility at The Rural Centre we are more than £100,000 down on our expected income this year. This is not disastrous because as you will see elsewhere in this account we have not spent as much because of the pandemic. None the less it has meant budget trimming in order to survive and there are things we either wanted or needed to do that we haven't been able to (not helped of course by Portsmouth City Councils bill).



Cheque Presentation for £509 from South East Hampshire Masons Festive Board.

We hope as the effects of the Pandemic recede we will get back to normal next year and we can forge ahead with some new plans and activities for our children and young people.



Our Local Co-Op Stores Raised £5,415. Here is the presentation in The Highland Road store in November.



Thanks to **Wave 105**, the local radio stations Christmas Appeal, we had bundles of presents for our underprivileged children at Christmas.

Social and Emotional Education ...

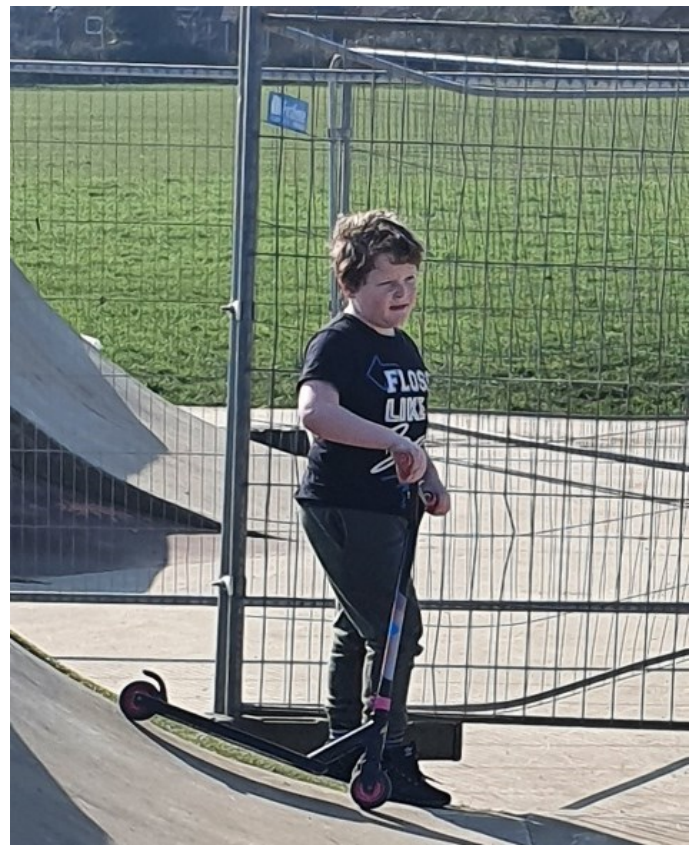
Many of our children will leave school without any meaningful qualification (indeed that is if they went to school at all). This is not to say that most of them lack any intelligence, far from it. So we aim to teach them or help them discover qualities that will make them highly employable. Social skills are top of the list, work ethic is high too and generally a realisation that being a nice person can have its rewards and get you noticed. This is not easy and we have to get inside their heads and win their confidence to do this. A lot of this can be done in social and leisure activities. Don't confuse this with the old chestnut of rewarding bad behaviour... our youngsters really earn anything we give them. Here are a few activities we have repeated throughout the year.



Team Bowling. A very popular activity, especially if it includes lunch at the alley!

Arcades are not normally thought of as 'educational' but we can afford to be a bit off the wall. It's surprising the learning experiences you can find in any activity!





Skateboards and scooters are very popular just now - and great exercise too!



'Slime' making!

Other Activities include...



Cooking In Our Kitchen!
Independent Living Skills are an important and forgotten art it seems!



Mini Bus ...



The pandemic has put many things on hold and again this year we are still spending undue amounts of money keeping our aged mini buses on the road.

We need a sponsor to replace one or both with a low mileage second hand replacement 17 seater. Preferably a reliable Mercedes.

'Projects and Objects'

We need the following if you can help or know of someone who can! ...

- Musical Instruments (for our Creative Arts and Cultural Centre)
- Fishing Tackle
- Camping Gear
- Old roadworthy cars and mopeds (for the older youngsters to get on the road)
- Auction items for The House of Lords
- Week day volunteers for fishing and other activities - when we are not locked down.
- Mountain Bikes
- Fibreglass, clear and metal corrugated roofing sheets
- Your time to Taxi children around Portsmouth, Southampton and as far as West London areas.

Our Lakes: Wetlands and Mill Pond





Our flock of Wiltshire Sheep. . .
They shed their own coats so that saves one job!

The Farm ...

has continued to be an oasis for our children who mainly come from inner city areas and think cows lay cartons and chickens wear cellophane jackets.

The sheep give biological and life lessons, the chickens, cows and other animals all contribute to a valuable life experience for the young people and allow us to work on their social skills too.



Lambing is a great time for the children to learn much... even lessons on contraception have been known to take place!!!



Pete, our Youth Worker, shows how his young charges can feed the sheep flock in winter.



Alan Fleming Memorial...

Our CEO Doug Hulme was pleased to attend the memorial of Alan Fleming at Heron Lake, in October this year. This was Alan's own lake in Cambridgeshire where, for many years, the charity children enjoyed fishing and camping holidays. Alan was, for many years, a founding trustee and even Chairman of the charity for a short while. His ashes were interred on an island in Heron Lake and a lovely bench with a suitable plaque was sited in his favourite spot. Rather appropriately the newest generation was the first to use it and here we see Doug's grandson Percy, the first to sit on the bench watched by Linda - Alans always supportive wife... Thank you Alan for many years of loyal and hard working service to the charity—your legacy (and you) live on in the lives of the next generation.





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We built this fishing shelter next to one of our lakes this year.

Working Parties...

We rely so much on volunteers coming in and doing 'work parties' to get maintenance and new projects off the ground, often incorporating the young people too. However the Covid pandemic has robbed us of all but **one** working party this year! **Portsmouth Grammar School** brought their (at the time) Lower Sixth form to the Rural Centre. There were over 100 of them and they worked so hard, it was a real boost for our maintenance and building programme. From pulling Himalayan Balsam weeds to painting our newly built store they worked valiantly - and went a long way to making up for the inability of others to come as they would have liked. Anyone up for a working party in what must soon (surely?) be a Covid free world then you would be most welcome... we will find you jobs that need doing - that's for sure!



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Painting Our Store Building
With 'Creocote'



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Benches Painted



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Have Wheel barrows - will landscape!

Thankyou...

We hope you have enjoyed this small glimpse into some of this years activities of the charity. It is impossible to show the social work and the educational work we do with the children and their families. We don't just treat the symptoms, we hope to offer a permanent solution to all who need our help. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all who have supported financially, practically or morally. We need you all and we are so grateful to you.

To The

CHARITY COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

(Sent to the Charity Commissioners pursuant to the Charities Acts 1992 & 1993)

Name Of Charity:- *The Second Chance Charity - For children who need special help.*

Registered Address:- *Meon View House, Fontley Road, Titchfield, Hampshire, PO15 6QS*

County:- *Hampshire* Charity commission reference No:- *1001462*

Area of Operation:- *National*

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT for year ending:- *31st December 2021*

PARTICULARS OF TRUSTEES

As at end of financial year

Name	Address	Occupation
<i>Baroness Llin Golding</i>	<i>House of Lords, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA</i>	<i>Peer of the Realm</i>
<i>Tim Maitland</i>	<i>Black Cottage, Downs Road, West stoke, Chichester, W - Sussex, PO18 9B.</i>	<i>Retired Commercial Manager</i>
<i>Douglas Hulme (Ex Officio)</i>	<i>Meon View House, Fontley Road Titchfield, Hants, PO15 6QS</i>	<i>Chief Executive</i>
<i>Paul Stevens</i>	<i>Tillanda, Southern Road, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 7ES</i>	<i>Landscape Gardener & Plant Operative</i>
<i>Dr David Coates</i>	<i>47 Glenavon Park, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, BS9 1RW</i>	<i>Consultant Anaesthetist</i>
<i>Neil Collins</i>	<i>12 Gertrude Street, London, SW10 0JN</i>	<i>Journalist</i>
<i>Alex Hunt</i>	<i>Farley Oak, Farley Lane, Braishfield, Hants, SO51 0QR</i>	<i>Managing Director</i>

Objects of the charity:

The objects of the trust are to relieve and educate young people up to the age of twenty five who are in need because of adverse environmental, domestic, social or economic circumstances by providing facilities or other resources so as to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved”

The organisational & decision-making structure:

The charity is constituted by the Governing Deed of Trust. It is run by a board of trustees who at any one time should consist of at least three members. The board meets at least quarterly throughout the year, sometimes more often if there is a pressing need. The Chief Executive Officer is accountable to the board of trustees and is a member of the board. He is responsible for the day to day running and decision making of the charity, including its staff and volunteers. Election to the board of Trustees is by way of invitation, to suitable persons, from existing members of the board and by mutual agreement at an appropriate meeting of Trustees. All cheques and expenditure need authorisation of two trustees.

The Board of Trustees have identified, as far as they are able, all major risks facing the charity and have taken such steps as they can see to mitigate them.

Address of The Principal Office of The Charity:

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Telephone:- 02392 872790 or 01329842525 Fax 02392 737550.

Email: charity@second-chance.org.uk

WebSite: www.second-chance.org.uk

Bankers: *Unity Trust Bank, Nine Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2HB. Sort Code 60-83-01. Account no 20142951 'The Second Chance Childrens Charity'.*

Independent Examiners Report/Statement to the trustees of
The Second Chance Charity, Registered Charity number 1001462; On
Statement of Accounts for year 01.01.21 to 31.12.21

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken did not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met. Nor is there any matter which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



30 September 2022

*Name:- Mr Andrew Short, ACMA - Chartered Management Accountant Occupation: Associate Director of Finance, West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Address: 19 Buchan Avenue, Whiteley, Fareham, Hants, PO15 7EU*

SECOND CHANCE CHILDRENS CHARITY

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

		Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
			£	£	£	£
A	Incoming Resources					
A1	<u>Incoming Resources from generated funds</u>					
A1a	Voluntary Income	1	271,814	200,000	471,814	266,479
A1b	Income from Activities for Generating Funds	2	22,367	-	22,367	22,859
A1c	Investment Income	3	16	-	16	95
A2	Activities in Furtherance of the Charity's objectives	4	-	-	-	-
A3	Other income	5	17,671	-	17,674	25,512
	Total Incoming Resources		<u>311,871</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>511,871</u>	<u>314,945</u>
B	Resources Expended	6				
B1	<u>Cost of Generating Funds</u>					
B1a	Cost of Generating Voluntary Income	7	25,693	-	25,693	17,374
B1b	Fundraising Trading		22,546	-	22,546	28,595
B1c	Investment Management Costs	8	-	-	-	-
B2	Charitable Activities	9	244,118	-	244,118	266,976
B3	Governance Costs		-	-	-	-
B4	Other Resources Expended		-	-	-	-
	Total Resources Expended		<u>292,357</u>	-	<u>292,357</u>	<u>312,945</u>
	Net incoming/(outgoing) Resources		19,514	200,000	219,514	2,000
	Fund Balance b/fwd at 1 January 2020		1,974,328	83,287	2,057,615	2,055,615
	Fund Balance C/fwd at 31 December 2020		1,993,842	283,287	2,277,129	2,057,615

Notes to Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

Note 1		
	Donations by Charitable Foundations – unrestricted	182,280
	Donations by Charitable Foundations – restricted *	200,000
	Donations by Corporations	25,150
	Private Donations	64,385
	Grants—Covid funding	-
	TOTAL	471,814
	Refurbishment of Second Chance House and Fishing Lodge	
Note 2		
	Subscriptions to “100 Club”	2,980
	Dinner & Auction at the House of Lords	-
	Sponsored Fishing Days	3,855
	Jack Frost Memorial Fishing Match	6,640
	Other Fund-raising Activities	8,892
	TOTAL	22,367
Note 3		
	The amount shown reflects interest and refunds on bank accounts	
Note 4		
	The amount shown reflects Rental Income	
Note 5		
	Other Income	
	Gift Aid	17,674
Note 6		
	Support costs, including staff costs where these cannot be set against an expenditure line have been allocated pro-rata to each expenditure line.	
Note 7		
	B1a Cost of Generating Voluntary Income	
	Printing and postage	10,198
	Staff costs	7,364
	Support costs	8,131
	TOTAL	25,693

Note 8		
	B1b Fundraising Trading	
	Dinner & Auction at House of Lords	1,500
	Other Fundraising Events	4,906
	Staff costs	9,005
	Support costs	7,135
	TOTAL	22,546
Note 9		
	B2 Charitable Activities	
	Expeditions to Finland	-
	Other Expeditions	-
	Other direct costs	13,886
	Monetary & material support for children in the care of the Charity	17,486
	Enhancement of facilities (Fontley Lakes and Solent Nurseries)	19,931
	Refurbishment of Second Chance House (Restricted Funds)	-
	Depreciation	8,199
	Transport and Travel	52,449
	Staff costs	54,915
	Support costs	77,252
	TOTAL	244,118

SECOND CHANCE CHILDRENS CHARITYBalance sheet As at 31 December 2021

	TOTAL £
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	2,035,374
Non-current assets	-
Total Fixed Asset	2,035,374
Cash at bank and in hand	269,591
Current assets	75
NET CURRENT ASSETS	269,666
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Credit cards	3,012
Current liabilities	24,899
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	27,911
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	241,755
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,277,129
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	2,277,129
Charity funds	2,277,129



Journey into 2022... Travel with us ...



Please lend your support to 2022. Consider funding our work either with Core Finance or Capital Costs. We do not charge for our services and we do not receive any funding from statutory funders. We notice every penny and we make every penny count!

Please join with us this year and help us to build a centre of excellence where children from all over the UK will travel to and find out what it is to have a second chance.

"You Can Easily Judge The Character Of A Man...By How He Treats Those Who Can Do Nothing For Him!"

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