

The Second Chance Charity

For Children Who Need Special Help

Annual Report

&

Account of Spending

For Year

1 Jan 2023—31 Dec 2023

Its That Time Of Year Again – Hello to all who have helped...

It hardly seems a year since presented our Annual report and Accounts but here we are the end of 2023 has past. I must be getting old for just as the police get younger so the time seems to fly even faster!

We have had an eventful year, the political atmosphere has been charged with uncertainty. Wars in Ukraine and Israel and much media attention to the cost of living and the rising need for food banks. These things have affected us as you might expect by yet another fall in income. However we are also able to report that we have increased the provisions we provide to try and counter the ever spiralling number of referrals that the conditions of our economy and society are creating.

I am delighted to report that we have resumed using our facilities in Finland despite the exorbitant air fares, which has meant a drastic cut in our intentions for the place. The biggest news will be reported elsewhere in this report but it is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I can report that the building of our new facility here (we have decided to call it our ‘fishing lodge’) at our Rural Centre is now more than underway. As I write the building is fully water tight. Cladding, roofing and double glazing are all in and we are progressing fast now with the inside. There will be a grand opening at some time this coming year, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Many of you will know that a significant portion of our referrals come from schools and social workers because the children they are responsible for are not attending school. Despite the best efforts of all concerned many of the children are not getting access to a proper education. It has become clear to us over the past 5 years and not wholly because of lockdowns that it is now a commonly held belief by very many of the children that school is an ‘option’! This has led to many, many children having none to about 2 hours a week of tuition. Our ‘back to school’ scheme is in overdrive and our work experience and training for the 16 and 17 year olds who have escaped the system is working flat out.

As a teacher myself I find it a sad fact that some of our children left the education system in September this year with less knowledge and life skills than their counterparts of, say 1976!

We are however, with your support, doing as much as we can about these things.

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



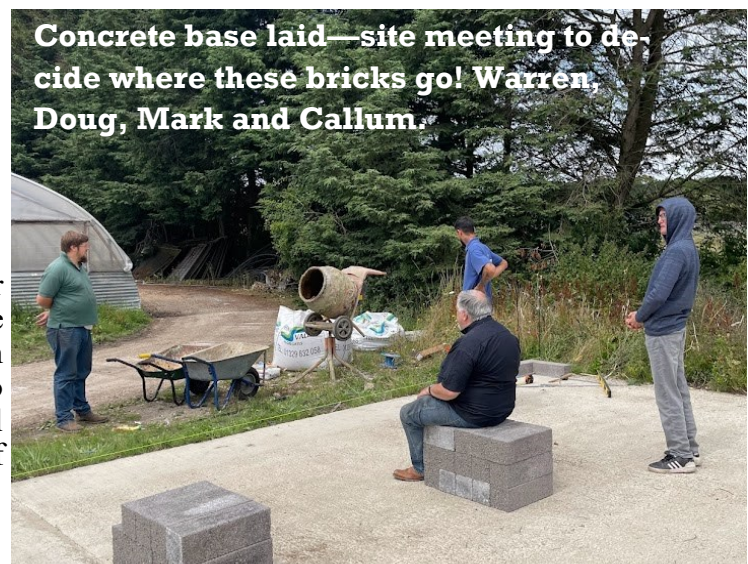
Doug Hulme
Chief Executive
December 2023

The Fishing Lodge...

Perhaps the biggest and most significant thing of this year has been the building of our new ‘fishing lodge’ at the bottom of our nursery site. Most readers of this bulletin will know we set off on this project 3 or more years ago but because of fundraising, then intransigence of the local planning department, then lockdowns it has taken all of this time to get round to actually building the thing!
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Cover Picture of our end of our “End of Term Report”... Beginning of the year saw a cold start and our lakes frozen over. Mark Hodnett, our Assistant Site Manager, demonstrates why there was no fishing at the time on our wetlands



Concrete base laid—site meeting to decide where these bricks go! Warren, Doug, Mark and Callum.

We still haven't finished as we only started in earnest in late September but as you will see from the photographs the outside is substantially completed; only the porch and veranda to add. The building is now weather-proof and perfectly dry inside. As I type we are now working on the plumbing inside and the second fit electrics will take place probably before you read this... We are getting there! It will make such a difference to the way we work. It will extend the use of the site during the winter when we have traditionally been so hampered and limited by inclement weather. The showers and toilets will extend the educational facilities in limitless ways and when we are camping and doing outdoor activities in the summer it will also come into its own. It is transformational. There are many people and organisations that we need to thank for this development. From providing finance to giving practical assistance with building there are many to thank. We commit the cardinal sin of mentioning some and not everyone in this, for which we are sorry - if we don't mention you, it is no indication of the level of appreciation we hold for you. The lions share of financing the project has been met by The BAND Trust and we thank our very good friends Nicholas and Lavinia Wallop for their unfailing belief in this project. Alastair Leslie, The Bernard Sunley Foundation and many who gave us unrestricted funds for which we used some towards this. Southern Timber Frame Ltd, Marley Tiles, Borderland Fencing Ltd, B&Q, Spiral Carpentry Ltd and all the volunteers who have pitched in with practical building skills and labour.



Bricks Laid, Walls Going Up



Roof Up, Tiles going On



Wall cladding complete. Roof tiles in place. Double glazing installed. Gable end finished.



Inside cladding complete. Floor insulation going down. Next is the pipework for the underfloor heating.



The Front - Facing The Nature Reserve, Porch yet to come.



Cooking in our kitchen, learning life skills.



Donated Christmas presents, enough for birthdays too — thank you everyone!



A second replacement bus to compliment 'Ruby's Bus' ...thank you Jan Dye.



Planting in the 'Seedlings Centre' A great way to learn some gardening skills!



New Bell tent, first time up — thank you Alastair Bentall



Revamped, restocked and tidied 'Mud Kitchen' in our early years Seedlings facility



Another bench made by the youngsters — ready for going out



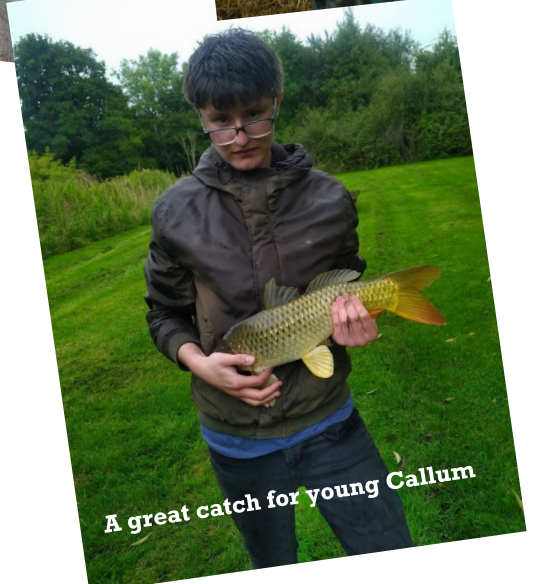
Lambing went well this year and the youngsters love being involved



Tubing on an artificial ski slope.



Pete, our Youth Worker, sadly left us this year but is still a volunteer



A great catch for young Callum

Finland again ...

We were delighted to get back to the cottage this year and make use of the mind blowing facilities and scenario that we own there. A facility way beyond any of the young peoples experiences. Taking them beyond the close confines of their lives where many have not been further than a mile from their inner city home. Placing them in a cabin, in a forest at the side of the Baltic Ocean reduces their normal street wise, sometimes arrogant belief, that they know everything to the point that they ask what they should do and what are they seeing here. It's then that we can get inside their heads and begin a dialogue that often changes their lives forever.

We have not been able to use the facilities nearly as much as we would have liked because the cost of air fares does not make for the prudent use of our much in demand funds! We intend to appeal to the CEO of Finnair once more to see if there is any chance we might once again enjoy some special treatment. Both Finnair and British Airways have previously declined to re-instate the historical friendship we once shared—time will tell and will directly effect how much we use our cottage in 2024.



On the steps of the last Tsar of Russia's Fishing Lodge. It's an iconic pose - we do it with every group. There is a similar picture with the last Tsar - it all helps build a picture for them.



Camp fires always feature heavily. Great for social skills and memories!



One of the affects we have on them... the end of a week—on our way home to the airport!

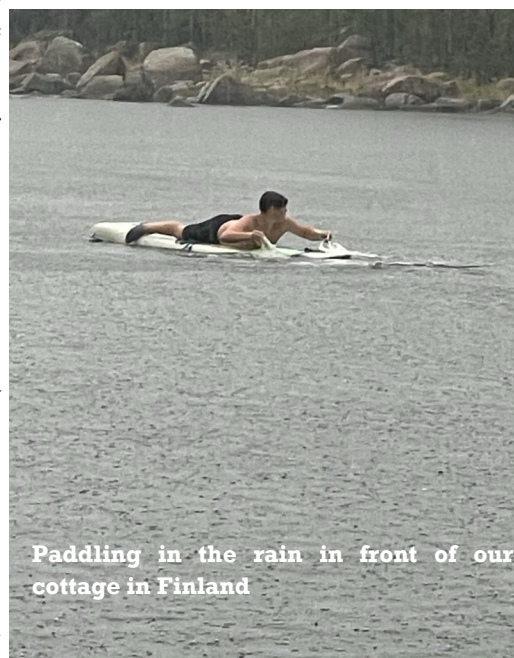


Setting off from the bunkhouse on an exploratory bike ride around the forest!

family imparted them to them are sadly missing. The many and varied activities we engage in are not frivolous or merely to occupy—they serve a purpose!

Funding is crucial to us. We don't charge for our services and most of our families cannot afford to contribute. We are finding that our services are more and more required to teach the young people the values that we hold dear and which our society is based upon. Most of our young people are not stupid but will leave school without any meaningful qualifications. They will need the social and work skills we are teaching them to survive and become contributing members to our society. We are pragmatic about these things but if we don't succeed then many will look at a life of benefits at a cost to the tax payer. We aim to get them all in gainful employment and enjoying good balanced family lives.

Many of the young people are referred to us by schools and social services because they are not attending school and many are now 'enjoying' just two hours a week of home tuition. An hour of Maths and English, that is their total input in an academic sense! We aim to get them back into mainstream school, full time, but regardless of outcome... they do need us!



Paddling in the rain in front of our cottage in Finland



Boat Fishing In The Solent. Skipped by our Andy Snow. No one was sea sick!!



Our Corporate Day, fishing at Dever Springs in October, was perfect weather and many fish were caught as opposed to the hard work earlier in June.

We so enjoy meeting with patrons in this way and we thank you all for your support.



David Price plays a fish whilst fishing the corporate day at Dever Springs Fishery—it would be nice to see you there next time as well?



We took two of our young people to help out at our dinner at The House of Lords this year. Here they are in the Great Hall at the Palace of Westminster. Treading where kings tread!

Dates for your Diary 2024

House of Lords:

Friday 1st March

Dever Springs Fishery:

Wednesday 19th June
and Sunday 6th October



Work parties are a vital support for us. Here are some from Markerstudy Insurance ... Could your work place volunteer for a day?



Zurich Insurance, making good the gardens at our Rural Centre, Titchfield.



One work party from Mountjoy rebuilt our bridge into the main sheep field, despite inclement weather (rain) we managed and the bridge is here.



At the Airport on the way home from a reward trip.



'Bowling always works, good for the maths as well as social skills!



Raft building is always a good team building exercise!!!



Summers are idyllic in the nature reserve; sun, grass, flowers, lakes, fishing - it all happens! This is the lawn and shelter beside our Mill Pond



Working a flight simulator when visiting the Aircraft Museum near Andover

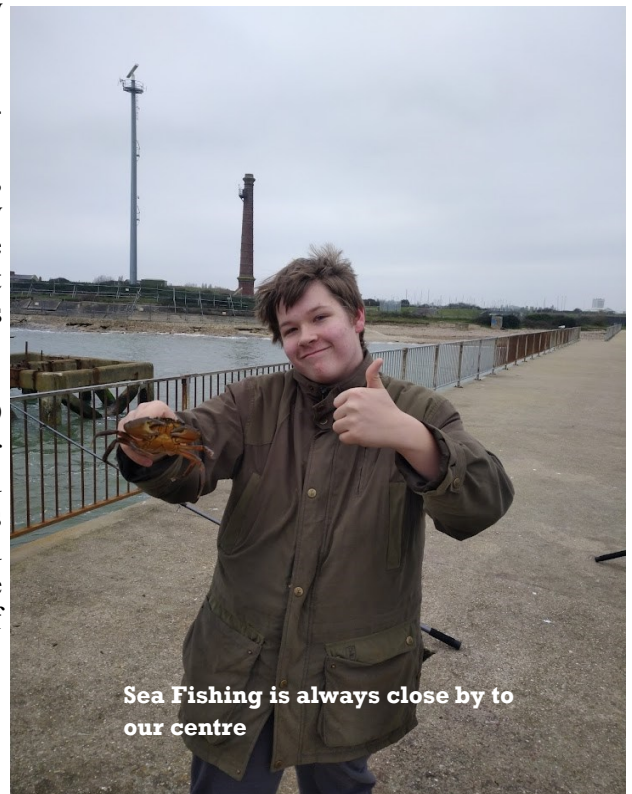
What Cost A Good Education? ...

Elsewhere in this newsletter we mention the new phenomenon of children deciding school is an option and no one managing to counteract that stance. There's a new government report that states that smartphones and social media are the biggest problem when it comes to plummeting attendance rates at schools. They think cyber bullying and false expectations are tied in with this. We are not sure that's entirely right and there is much more to this than one or two simple reasons. However it is a fact that today the number of pupils absent from school is double what it was 3 years ago.

Figures for the last academic year show more than one in five pupils were "persistently absent", that's missing 10 per cent or more of their lessons. That equates to 17.2% in primary schools and 28.3% in secondary schools! We have been saying for a long time now that family breakdown is an even bigger contributory factor. A strong and sensibly orientated family unit can counter many things such as bullying, too much computer game time, false information. Without it what does the child find to turn to for guidance and direction?

There is evidence that says we do know that one of the biggest impacts on the children's side is family breakdown.... And according to the report we are now the family breakdown capital of the Western World here in the UK. Nearly half of our children now will experience their parents' relationship break down during their childhood. In our experience that almost always means that mum is the single parent. We don't express an opinion on this, we are pragmatic about it, but if you think about the difference between a stable family unit and one struggling to make ends meet, no positive male role models, working and trying to get children to school at the same time etc. then there's a big contrast. It's just worlds apart.

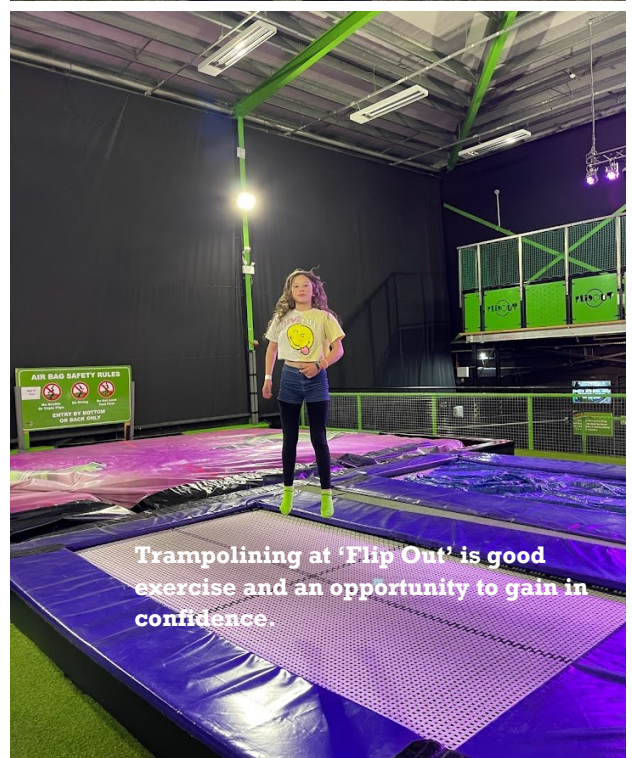
The Office of National Statistics revealed that there were 2.9 million lone-parent families in 2022, accounting for 15 per cent of all families. These two problems alone (schooling and family breakdown) now account for about 80% of our referrals and the work we are engaged in. Everyone deserves a second chance but we can't offer that to everyone. Please, please continue to support us in what we can do. It really is a case of 'one child at a time' for us.



Sea Fishing is always close by to our centre



Back to the classroom! CEO Doug is taught how to jigsaw by a young expert !



Tramplining at 'Flip Out' is good exercise and an opportunity to gain in confidence.



Electric Trikes was a new activity for us!

Thank You... We were sorry to lose the services of our Youth Worker Pete Tomlin. There is a gap there for someone who has a love of fishing, the outdoors and the countryside. If you have any suggestions let us know or send us your CV!

There are more photographs and less text in this edition so do visit our website for more information and sign up to receive online updates.

We haven't printed our 'shopping list' of wants this time but you can be sure it does exist!

01329 842525 gets us!



'Grown Up' Activities are a great way to help young people move away from childish ways and accept responsibility, along with consequences.



The New Forest Wildlife park is close for a visit and an education about the deer that visit our Rural centre.



A visit to 'Monkey World' can sometimes lead to difficulties differentiating some patterns of behaviour!





Winters can be bleak, even if you are allowed to light a camp fire! Our new Fishing Lodge will be a massive help for these times when it is completed.



An early Chub caught in our Mill Pond



Using our boats in the harbour for fishing and recreation can lead to some interesting spectacles. Here we take a look at the new Queen Elizabeth Aircraft Carrier... not too close though!



A Nice Roach From The Stock Pond



We unsuccessfully (as it turned out) remodelled our sea frontage at the cottage in the spring more to come in 2024.



A Fine 'bag' of carp taken from our Wetlands Lake

Thank YOU ...

*This is just a **small glimpse** of some of the activities and impacts made during this year. We would like to thank **all** of you who have helped in **any** way.*

We are changing young lives here and we are really grateful for your support.

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*

PARTICULARS OF TRUSTEES

As at end of financial year

Name	Address	Occupation
<i>Baroness Elin 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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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 01.01.23 to 31.12.23

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



25 September 2024

Name:- *Mr Andrew Short, ACMA - Chartered Management Accountant*

Occupation: *Associate Director of Finance, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Commissioning Board, NHS.*

Address: *19 Buchan Avenue, Whiteley, Fareham, Hants, PO15 7EU*

SECOND CHANCE CHILDRENS CHARITY

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestrict- ed Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022	
		£	£	£	£	
A	Incoming Resources					
A1	<u>Incoming Resources from generated funds</u>					
A1a	Voluntary Income	1	307,782	-	307,782	272,335
A1b	Income from Activities for Generating Funds	2	31,665	-	31,665	32,849
A1c	Investment Income	3	3,627	-	3,627	1,454
A2	Activities in Furtherance of the Charity's objec- tives	4	-	-	-	-
A3	Other income	5	28,869	-	28,869	16,732
	Total Incoming Resources		<u>371,943</u>	-	<u>371,943</u>	<u>323,370</u>
B	Resources Expended	6				
B1	<u>Cost of Generating Funds</u>					
B1a	Cost of Generating Voluntary Income	7	25,952	-	25,952	20,894
B1b	Fundraising Trading		42,339	-	42,339	31,952
B1c	Investment Management Costs	8	-	-	-	-
B2	Charitable Activities	9	306,147	-	306,147	301,105
B3	Governance Costs		-	-	-	-
B4	Other Resources Expended		-	-	-	-
	Total Resources Expended		<u>374,438</u>	-	<u>374,438</u>	<u>353,951</u>
	Net incoming/(outgoing) Resources		(2,495)	-	(2,495)	(30,581)
C1	Extraordinary Items	10	228,020	(228,020)	-	-
	Net Movement in Funds		225,525	(228,020)	(2,495)	(30,581)
	Fund Balance b/fwd at 1 January 2023		1,963,261	283,287	2,246,548	2,277,129
	Fund Balance C/fwd at 31 December 2023		2,188,786	55,267	2,244,053	2,246,548

Notes to Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

Note 1		
	Donations by Charitable Foundations – unrestricted	173,676
	Donations by Charitable Foundations – restricted *	-
	Donations by Corporations	10,056
	Private Donations	124,050
	Grants—Covid funding	-
	TOTAL	307,782
Note 2		
	Subscriptions to “100 Club”	2,085
	Dinner & Auction at the House of Lords	21,450
	Sponsored Fishing Days	6,975
	Jack Frost Memorial Fishing Match	655
	Other Fund-raising Activities	500
	TOTAL	31,665
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	28,869
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	10,204
	Staff costs	6,971
	Support costs	8,777
	TOTAL	25,952

Note 8		
	B1b Fundraising Trading	
	Dinner & Auction at House of Lords	15,436
	Other Fundraising Events	3,921
	Staff costs	8,663
	Support costs	14,319
	TOTAL	42,339
Note 9		
	B2 Charitable Activities	
	Expeditions to Finland	20,227
	Other Expeditions	-
	Other direct costs	20,507
	Monetary & material support for children in the care of the Charity	17,009
	Enhancement of facilities (Fontley Lakes and Solent Nurseries)	39,194
	Refurbishment of Second Chance House (Restricted Funds)	-
	Depreciation	17,282
	Transport and Travel	47,890
	Staff costs	47,342
	Support costs	96,697
	TOTAL	306,147
Note 10	C1 Extraordinary Items	
	Self build of fishing lodge from restricted funds, becoming an unrestricted asset	228,020

SECOND CHANCE CHILDRENS CHARITY

Balance sheet As at 31 December 2023

	TOTAL £
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	2,212,754
Non-current assets	-
Total Fixed Asset	2,212,754
Cash at bank and in hand	63,898
Current assets	75
NET CURRENT ASSETS	63,973
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Credit cards	9,503
Current liabilities	23,171
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	32,674
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	31,299
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,244,053
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	2,244,053
Restricted funds	55,267
Unrestricted funds	2,188,786
Charity funds	2,244,053



***2024 is coming ... and we would love
you to journey with us ...***

***Please lend your support to 2024. 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 Excel-
lence' 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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