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Success Comes In Many Shapes And Sizes
Especially When it Takes The Form Of
Catching A Fish. For many Of Our Young-
sters Catching A Fish is The First Success
they Have Enjoyed In their Lives. It Can Be
Quite Transforming.

*These Fish Caught On our Nature Reserve
During The Summer*



"You Can Easily Judge The Character Of Man...

...By How He Treats Those Who Can Do Nothing For Him!"

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END OF TERM REPORT!

2013

An Account Of Some Activities During The Year



Changing The World... One Child At A Time

Welcome!

I am delighted to welcome you to our "End of Term Report". We hope to give you a flavour of what we have been up to during the course of this year and perhaps more importantly what we have planned for 2014.

Its been a strange year, often dictated by our income. We are now into our 6th financial year that has been effected (maybe that should read infected) by the recession. I had thought we had beaten it and we were steadily increasing our income each year working towards getting back to our pre recession levels. We then entered the summer months and July to September were disastrous for income and all the meagre reserves we had been trying to build disappeared. It seems the recession is still with us and many people although largely unaffected by it are still choosing to keep their disposable income in case there is still a rainy day to come! We have kept really busy however and although we have used the cottage in Finland very little we have extended the use of our rural centre here in Hampshire. We have looked at many ways of reducing our overheads and we have allowed an increase of 10% in our accepted referrals.

This coming year is going to be the most challenging one we have ever had. This is mainly self imposed because as most of you know we took over the defunct Garden Centre adjoining our Rural Centre, near Titchfield, depositing £100,000 we accepted the challenge to raise a further £700,000 by June of 2014. This is the crunch year!! Using colloquial terms, we are sure going to need your help! More of this later in this news letter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped this year either by financially supporting or giving your practical help by volunteering, with the children on the development or upkeep of our Rural Centre or spending time looking after the youngsters. It all goes to building the community we now call 'Second Chance'.

Doug Hulme
Chief Executive
November 2013



Our Rural Centre

We have about 36 acres, including the Garden Centre, straddling the Chalk Stream River Meon. On one side of the river we have a small farm with some cattle, sheep, chickens, where we make our own hay and maintain the hedges and fences and other things. Here the youngsters learn that cows don't lay cartons, chickens have feathers and sheep are covered in wool not vacuum packs! On the other side of the river is the most idyllic nature reserve with paths cut through the natural and undisturbed habitat so the young people can explore the countryside without fear or hindrance. Amongst these meandering paths are three lakes teeming with fish and other wildlife. In the summer the youngsters pitch their tents right in the very midst of all this at the waterside, spending up to a week fishing, camping and exploring the rural way of life. Across the carrier stream is the old Garden centre where the young people and volunteers are working so hard to restore it to its former glory so that the young people will be able to grow things and sell them and learn from various mini enterprises, skills that will help them into employment and responsibility in society. Imagine then if you will the effect all this has on the youngster from inner city London, Birmingham, Portsmouth, Southampton, the youngster that has reached the age of 16 and never left the square mile he calls 'home'.



Canoeing down our section of the River Meon, which runs central to our whole rural centre. It's a real adventure when you are from an inner city area!



Nathan Hulme, CEO's Son
Ran The Athens Marathon for
Second Chance in November
and raised over £8,000



Stewart Balmain added his personal support to his trust funds by coming along to a successful days fishing at Dever Springs. See the dates in this newsletter if you would like to join him!



Cheque presentation at Portsmouth Football Club, donation by "Pompey In the Community"

Your Old Fishing Tackle

Keep it coming please... We can use anything, all the various disciplines Fly, Sea, Coarse - we'll find a good home for it.

Old Cars

We have three or four young people every year that we want to teach to drive and set them up with a vehicle, usually for work purposes. Anyone got a vehicle they could donate for the young people?

Sponsorship In kind

Maybe your company has products or services we could use? No money need exchange hands but the worth to the Charity could be considerable. What about items we could auction or raffle off? We have appropriate functions for items from £5 to £50,000... Just a thought.

Very shortly we hope to launch an online auction, using ebay as a vehicle for this. We have approached several of our celebrity supporters who have agreed to do various things like have tea with the winning bidder, organise a seat at a television broadcast, seats at premier ship football games, meet the producer, play golf with... Etc etc. You will no doubt be contacted to take part in the auction in due course but if anyone has a high value item or activity we could auction, do please let us know. Do you have a helicopter, plane, car, yacht, balloon that someone could ride on for instance or maybe you have a cottage, ski chalet, castle, mansion that someone might want to bid on for a weeks accommodation—that kind of thing, you name it we'll auction it! Please let us know.

Face Book Coming Soon

We are launching a new Face Book Page for the Charity. Please keep an eye open for it and when you see it like it and pass it on please. We hope it might go viral in a very short amount of time with all the supporters we have. It will be a vital tool in promoting our forthcoming appeal but we need you to get it out there. Email us if you think we don't have your email address.

The deal is simple the solutions not quite so straightforward. We negotiated to pay £100,000 immediately to the owners so that would secure the use of the site for ourselves. The owners want a very reasonable £800,000 for the whole transaction. They have remained living in the house on site while we try and raise the balance of £700,000. We have until mid summer 2014 to complete this task. Realising, in the present financial climate this might not be easy, we have made the suggestion, and it has fallen on receptive ears, that if we were to raise the cost of a modest retirement home for the owners (say £250,000) then we could enjoy a considerable extension to the period of time in which we could raise the balance. The initial payment and subsequent payments would be secure in that they have/will be, made on the basis that should the charity fail to raise the final balance all monies paid to that date would be refunded to the charity following



Lower Mobile Home, 13 years established Use—No Planning Needed to replace. With Modern Version

the sale of the site to a third party.

The more modest interim payment might be made by either fund raising, selling the charities present offices in Portsmouth, or taking a loan. Time will tell which road we tread but we are hoping we can raise the money through donations and grants.

Clearly we cannot do this on our own, we need your help. There will be one or two that read this that could make the whole project possible on their own, there will be a few more who could make substantial progress on the project by raising the interim payment that would buy a modest retirement property. Their are a few more still that although they are not in the position to personally donate have access to funds, companies and individuals who might. There are also some who will have a great idea for raising substantial sums of money. We cant possibly know who all of you are so we need you to come forward and help us transform (and in some cases literally save) many hundreds of young peoples lives. Please help us.



Upper Mobile Home, 29 Years Use, Planning Established. Ideal Safe Haven Accommodation, if Replaced



Prospective Chicken Run—Almost ready For Use!



25 Polytunnels, Most need Re-skinning, Great Opportunity For Teaching The Youngsters Horticulture and Enterprise



One Of Many Piles Of Rubbish Before The Big Clean Up!



The small lake which produced a lovely 25lb Common Carp for the first time this year



The main lake in the midst of a camping and fishing week



Looking across the wetlands towards the farm, Fish are growing well in this environment.



There is a wealth of wildlife from swans and various water-fowl to Water Voles, dragon flies and fish



Winter Was Fun Too

Just as we enjoyed a good summer we had a great winter too just enough snow to keep the youngsters happy not enough rain to reduce the land to a quagmire. The centre was in use most days with inner city children benefitting from a completely different environment in a safe situation. The Rural Centre is a tremendous resource for us.



The large Play and Utility Area surrounded by the farm



Snowmen Are Always A Winner!



A Snowball Fight Cannot Be Guaranteed Back At Home.



Very Basic Bricklaying Skills Being Learned As They Construct The New Chicken Run!



Easter

Child and family poverty is rife at the moment and we are working with a number of families to remedy the situation but by their own means and in a sustainable manner. There is also the problem of quality of life and although this is often associated with poor finances it can also be the result of poor education or unlucky circumstances. We are working towards a better quality of life with all our children and the families we work with. They often miss out on traditional and cultural experiences such as Christmas or Easter, we are very grateful to the company Gemalto for supplying our youngsters with Easter eggs this year. This also marked the beginning of a developing relationship with the company that has spilled over into



Toddlers receive Gemalto Eggs at our "Railway Children" Parent and Child group

many areas of our work. Readers will see further evidence of this later in this newsletter where work parties from Gemalto are rolling their sleeves up and clearing our new site. Offers to help with Christmas presents and finances at this time would be gratefully received from anyone.

We try not to forget the older ones either as they may have missed out in younger years. Collette our Office Manager is somewhat overshadowed here by two young men!



Newly Built Offices, ideal for Relocation Of Our Portsmouth Office

The Big Project...

Its the biggest project we have ever taken on, we have called it "Project Transformation" that's because if we succeed it will transform the work we do and the charity itself. It will guarantee the future of the charity for decades to come and will alter the lives of tens of thousands of children, young people and their families.

Many of you will know the situation already, some of you contributed to the first £100,000 that we used to secure the site but for those that don't, this is the situation...

We had lovely neighbours on the other side of the carrier stream, they ran the Solent Nurseries, Garden Centre. Age, illness and the recession took its toll and the nurseries had to close. It has to be said that the decline had left

the nurseries in a sorry state as photos in this publication attest to. At the same time on the other side of the carrier we were busy developing the nature reserve and farm into our rural centre, we had reached the stage where we needed accommodation for the youngsters so that we could extend the residential season from merely the warm months to all year, we also needed more secure storage for the farm and for onsite equipment. We were preparing for a battle royal with the local planners and with no guarantee of success, we had no electricity or piped water. We also needed more scope for practical tuition for the youngsters in their back to school or preparation for work courses. So it was we became very excited when the owners offered us the chance to purchase Solent Nurseries.

In Solent Nurseries we have the opportunity to teach the children new and transferrable skills, with the nursery up and running again we can run mini enterprises with the children where they grow their own products and then sell them, this will teach children who are often bright but with no qualifications at all, entrepreneurial skills that they can apply to any enterprise that will give them employment. We are thinking Koi Carp will also be a product they could engage with too. Rural Skills not normally learned within inner cities can also be transferred, chickens, rabbits and other animals can be kept at home. In other words it is an ideal extension of our farm and Rural Centre.

There are additional facilities to the site. There is a house which would mean we can have a residential presence on the whole centre, great for security, safety and getting things done. There are two mobile homes and several constructed buildings on site, this will mean we do not need planning permission for their replacement which means we will have safe haven accommodation for young mothers, temporary housing for homeless single teenagers and young adults, secure storage for equipment and fishing tackle. We will be able to build a fishing lodge with kitchen and dining facilities, lecture/meeting room plus showers and toilets below with Scandinavian loft sleeping accommodation above.



Old Structure, Concrete Base, Established Use. No Planning needed, Could be Rebuilt As A Fishing Lodge

The existing (newly constructed) office space will make ideal office accommodation for the charity, when the current tenants lease runs out this opens up the possibility of moving our entire operation onto one site with all the cost saving and additional possibilities that would bring.

It is an opportunity of a life time that will transform Second Chance.



House On Site, A Residential Presence Would Make A Huge Difference To Security, Safety and Work Supervision



A New Bridge was installed, replacing the older one that was without foundation and somewhat short. We thank the Besom Trust for making this possible. And The Wright Agency on The Give and Gain Day For Installation

Give and Gain Volunteer Day



The Bridge Builders Take A Break



Bridge Builders In Action



The Rest Of the Give and Gain Team After Planting Trees, Weeding Saplings, Cutting grass, Fencing—A strenuous day, but better than the office!!



SECOND CHANCE

House of Commons Dinner



We once again had a very successful evening together during March in the Members Dinning Room at the House of Commons. A capacity crowd met for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Neil Freeman, was on fire and managed to persuade the guests to part with their money in a most genial and entertaining auction.

Including gift aid the event raised £25,000 for the work of the Charity. We are so grateful for all of you who were guests on the night or donated towards its success.

Last year we wrote that we sensed we now had a community amongst the supporters and there are many who look to renew friendships through these events. It certainly seems true after this year. **The date for 2014 is March 7th ... book it now!**

Leisure Activities Are Important to the Young Peoples Social and Educational Development. Here Captured During A Day At The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu



SECOND CHANCE

The Shop

For much of the year we took a temporary lease out on a large shop in the Hedge End shopping area to sell goods that had been donated to us, both new and second hand. It generated a useful income for us but perhaps even more importantly provided us with employment, work experience and life skills opportunities for our older youngsters.



Our Temporary Shop At Hedge End, Southampton, We Moved Out During June



Great Opportunity For Work Experience and Learning Life Skills

Portsmouth Grammar School



Before The Pupils Arrived

160 Pupils report for work at The Solent nurseries Site. The biggest working party ever!!



Portsmouth Grammar School 'adopted' us for their community outreach day this summer. A small group spent the morning with us learning about our work. 160 of them, the entire 6th form, then joined us for a working party. The many teams made short work of all the clearing and sorting we lined up for them. The pictures tell the story. Thank you Portsmouth Grammar School, you were all stars in our book!



Red Team At Work



The Finished Work—What A Transformation

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL?

SEND IT TO US ON

charity@second-chance.org.uk

Gemalto



Gemalto are a large European company, specialising in security products like Credit Cards. Their presence in Europe strikes a familiar note for us as they have a site on the Segensworth Industrial Estate exactly a mile from our Rural Centre and they also have a site near Helsinki Airport that we pass by each time we go to our cottage in Finland. Gemalto have committed to support us in a variety of ways over a period of time. Readers will have already seen the Easter eggs being

well received but employees have

rolled their sleeves up and undertaken a series of working parties helping to tidy up and put back into use the old Solent Nursery with us. As we write we are expecting a further days visit from them. It would be great to see more groups following their example, it really is a most valuable contribution.

Another Day recently, complete with Young Allister and our Nathan.. Oh yes and Frankie the Dog!



The Dutch Elm Resistant Trees we planted 2 years ago are now beginning to establish themselves in Our Nature Reserve.



The Hazel Copse Planted Last Year At The 'Give and Gain' volunteering day was the subject of an up keeping day this year and is absolutely thriving with wild daffodils below



Chrysler Recently Invited a large group of our youngsters to attend the Premier of the new children's film Turbo. Here's Dylan with his mum Katie, Dylan appeared as a baby in the last newsletter, here he is all grown up!

Dates for Your Diary 2014

HofC – Friday 7th March

Stratfield Saye – Sunday 18th May

Dever Springs Fishery – Wednesday 18th June; Sunday 5th October

Barbeque and Fishing at our Nature Reserve - July TBA

Portsmouth High School



Portsmouth High School adopted Second Chance for a second time this year and they did an amazing job of it. Through various fundraising functions ranging from selling cakes at break times to a full blown fashion show they raised a truly remarkable £6,060-79p. Impressive stuff! Pictured with Chief Executive Doug Hulme are (left to Right) Deputy Head Girl Izzy Printer, Head Girl Beth Garland and Deputy Head Girls Alice Evans and Katie Phillips. Thank you so much ladies for all your hard work.



The Parent and Toddler Group had to say farewell to the mobile library ladies earlier this year who have been servicing the group since its inception many years ago. They are the victims of the recession or politics, not sure which (if there is a difference). It seems a bit short sighted to us since we have enough problems getting young people to read and away from their computers as it is. We have had a great relationship with them, however, and it was very sad to say goodbye. We had cakes and a party to say thank you!

Who Steals From a Children's Charity?

Remember this headline from last year? Well sadly we have to report that one weekend in the summer we think the same people, came back for the nice little fibre glass boat we keep at the lakeside for emergencies and landing fish. We cant prove who it was but we are as certain as can be, but just have to leave it to their consciences I'm afraid. We hope to get a residential presence on site soon and that should make a huge difference to security.



Farewell To Our Library Ladies As Cuts Take Effect



Even Woodwork features in the youngsters Curriculum at Second Chance when on our Back To School scheme.