

Chris Westwood Charity

For Children with Physical Disabilities



Progress Report as at 31st December 2016



Charity Commission Registration Number 1101230

What Do We Do?

Background

The Charity was founded on the 19th November 2003, specifically to help children and young people with physical disabilities, in Stourbridge and the surrounding areas, which for practical reasons we defined as being within a 50 mile radius of Stourbridge. The Charity Commission registered number is 1101230.

The stated aim is: *“The provision of financial assistance, at the discretion of the Trustees, to provide the relief of physically handicapped children. This includes improvement to the quality of life by the provision of financial or other assistance, or any other purpose the Trustees deem to be in accordance with the stated aim”.* We make grants for specific uses, where a significant difference can be made to both the life of the child/young person, and the family. Usually this is by the provision of the necessary funding for the purchase of mobility equipment, when there are gaps in the State support system. We endeavour to give a rapid response, typically within 24 to 48 hours, as sadly a number of cases involve degenerative conditions, or are life limited, with time being critical. We also aim to achieve all of this with no administration or operating costs.

Typical Areas of Assistance Provided to date

- Special exercise equipment, special exercise tricycles, walkers, and standing frames, to assist in regaining and maintaining mobility
- Wheelchairs, special mobility chairs, special car seats, special seating, special beds, support and lifting equipment, vision equipment, and sensory room equipment, to improve the quality of life.

How we Assess Grant Applications

Following an initial approach, we request the submission of a detailed grant application. In order to assess the position, we typically require the following:

- Background and reason for the request
- Supporting information from a suitable professional person detailing the medical position and the advantages of the proposed equipment purchase
- A detailed quotation, following assessment by the supplier’s competent person
- Details of any funding already raised, any other sources of funding, and the financial position of the family

Then, provided that we are assured that our help will be for those in real need, the application is in accordance with our grant criteria, and we have the funding available, it can be considered for approval. Grants are usually provided by a cheque payable to the supplier, to ensure that the funds are only used for the intended purpose. All remaining order and delivery arrangements are then left to the applicant, so that we are not involved in any administration costs.



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What have we been up to in 2016?

Following the receipt of a legacy from the estate of a relation of the founder in 2015, and a subsequent substantial collection at the Memorial Service in Worcester Cathedral for Martyn Morgan, one of our founding Trustees, who died suddenly in December 2015, we began the year with substantial reserves.

However, with continued rapid growth, we saw our level of activity expand by 56%, from the £87,270.34 granted in 2015, to £136,323.44 in 2016. Worryingly, while we completed the year still with reserves of £52,561.11 (which now represent 4.6 months of activity at the 2016 rate), if growth in requests for help were to continue in 2017 at a significant rate, we could be faced with a target highly likely to be beyond our ability to fund. Even without further growth it will be a challenge in 2017, and we are concerned that we might be forced to decline or delay help in some cases, as the year progresses, so to try to avoid this, our efforts will continue to find ways of increasing our fundraising in 2017, yet another of our usual annual challenges.

We ended 2016 having completed over £489,000 in grants since we started, all with no administration costs, so we are getting closer to our next milestone of **Half a Million Pounds** raised and granted, all with no administration expenditure at all.

This year we have had exceptional help and support from Charter Court Financial Services, who made us their *Charity of the Year* for 2016, and the present figure for the funding they have raised for us, including additional Gift Aid received, stands at £52,815.17. With some additional events now completed, but the funding yet to be received, we believe that the final figure may well approach a truly exceptional £60,000.00. Without their help we would have begun to struggle as the year progressed, and we have divided the *Fundraising Section* of this report into two parts, the first part giving details of some of the events we have been directly involved with during the year, and the second part giving details of the exceptional effort and support from events organised by Charter Court Financial Services.

In addition to the main fundraising events, we have continued to try to expand regular monthly donations, with some success, and we have gained a number of new contributors this year, but further supporters are urgently needed to boost our level of stable income.

Personal donations have continued to come in, as well as small fundraising activities carried out for us. Particularly pleasing this year has been the growth in collection box income, and with substantial reserves in the early part of the year, we opened a Deposit Account with Metro Bank, and raised some useful Bank Interest. None of the above are very large figures but they are all increasing, and each and every source of income we receive is highly valued.

So, as always, many people to thank for their support, and some trepidation as we start the challenge of another year facing the ever increasing rate of requests for help.

We hope that you will find the sections on how we use the donations received, and how the funding was raised, informative, and thank you all for your continued help and support.



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How a Donation Can Help (1)

Special Bicycles and Tricycles.....



Joseph is a six year old with a diagnosis of autism, severe learning disabilities, and other problems. Already large for his age, a special exercise bike was recommended to both help with exercise and to improve his coordination.

He was assessed and it was decided by the experts that a steady bike was needed with a few additional accessories to ensure that it fitted his exact requirements.

This had now given him some additional confidence and will help to improve his coordination, and we were pleased to have been able to help. With the family raising some funding we contributed the balance of £1,479.95 for the purchase to proceed.



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How a Donation Can Help (2)

Acheeva Beds.....



Jack is seven years old and was born with congenital cataracts, bilateral talipes (*club feet*) microcephaly, and has profound and multiple learning difficulties. He has some limited sight, but has mobility problems, and is not independently mobile, or able to sit unaided. He depends on adult care for all of his needs, and uses an Acheeva bed daily so that he can be made more comfortable, relaxed, and able to take part in school work.

The School had an Acheeva bed which was nine years old and required replacement. With some fundraising available from other sources, we were asked if we could help. As we have previously purchased Acheeva beds, we already had an agreed discount structure in place, which meant that the outstanding balance required reduced to £2,000 with our involvement. We then agreed to fund the balance, and the reports on Jack's progress already show a significant improvement now that he can be held in a more comfortable position, and can concentrate more on his class work.

How a Donation Can Help (3)

Special Seating.....



Hannah has a form of Muscular Dystrophy, Scoliosis (*spinal deformity*) and has lost mobility, now needing to use a wheelchair. We were asked if we could help with the purchase of a more comfortable powered chair, which would allow her to move from seated to the vertical position, provide a more relaxing seating option, and give her a little independence. We agreed to fully fund at a cost of £3,824.70.

We recently received the photograph and the following reply from her mother:

"Thank you so much for supporting us with this chair. We knew from the moment she sat in it that she would never want to get out of it!! It has been wonderful to see her relax in her chair and it has added so much to her quality of life especially after her surgery. She spends many happy hours relaxing in her chair once her school work and therapies are done for the day. This winter (our first since Hannah's operation) we are hoping to enjoy a wonderful 'staycation' and look forward to spending quality time together as a family watching lots of movies!! I do know that she will have many happy memories using her chair after a very difficult period of life dealing with her scoliosis and surgery. Her smile says it all!!

My gratitude to the charity who have supported Hannah with the chair as we couldn't do what we do without those that care and support us".

How a Donation Can Help (4)

An Autism Service Dog.....



This was a completely new area to us, but once we had looked into the need we were pleased to be able to help. Mary has a number of medical problems which means that she needs to use a wheelchair outside, and due to a diagnosis of autism, and some learning difficulties, she was very concerned about going out and leading any sort of independent life.

The request was for help in funding an Autism Service Dog, specially trained to accompany and protect Mary, so that she would have the confidence to do more. With the family having raised some money, we then co-funded the balance with another local charity to generate the £6,000.00 needed to acquire and train the dog.

There are few training experts in this area, and the first company selected did not provide a satisfactory service, even selecting a breed of dog different to that requested, resulting in a need to change direction. After much more research the family were able to acquire Eddie, a golden retriever, and although the initial training period is used to build up a bond between the dog and his handler, it was not really needed as an instant and deep bond was formed between the two. Eddie then underwent a period of high obedience training with a leading company in the field, and Mary and Eddie are now working with a charity called *Appaws for Autism* to train for his Good Citizen awards. The Bronze and Silver have already been completed, and once the Gold has been achieved his training tag (*attached to his collar*) can be removed.

How a Donation Can Help (5)

Helping to fund special treatment to enable a child to walk unaided.....



Harry is 5 years old, and was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy Spastic Diplegia at 16 months. He could neither stand nor walk unaided, and the photograph above shows him with his walker.

The proposal was for him to have Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy surgery to reduce or remove the spasticity in his legs and give him the opportunity to develop more normally. While the operation is relatively new in the UK, it has been performed in America since 1991, and the post operative therapy programme is particularly important to the overall success. A cancellation meant that the opportunity arose for the operation to be performed towards the end of September, and the total cost including the vital post operative care was £80,000. With just over £46,000 collected at the time, the family were desperately trying to raise the balance, and we agreed to donate £2,500.00 towards Harry's fund to enable him to have the operation as soon as possible. This was carried out in September/October in St Louis, and we subsequently received reports and video footage of Harry's time there, which showed the exciting progress he has made.

How a Donation Can Help (6)

Powered Wheelchairs.....



Richie has a diagnosis of periventricular leukomalacia, which is a brain problem not uncommon in premature birth cases such as his. He is wheelchair bound, and struggles to move around in his manual chair under his own power. Due to problems with his assessment for a powered wheelchair, Wheelchair Services were not prepared to fund the cost, leaving the family with no option but to try and raise the £8,000.00 required to purchase what was needed for home use.

After some months of fundraising, we were approached, and we were able to help in two ways. The manufacturer - Sunrise Medical – kindly helps us on a regular basis with staff collections and events, and we were able to take advantage of an additional amount of discount they made available because we were involved. We also agreed to provide a grant of £1,500.00 which covered the balance required to permit the purchase to proceed at the discounted price.

His mother said *“As parents we wanted to help Richie gain the independence he deserves, but several months ago this seemed totally out of reach. To receive such a generous donation from your charity is completely overwhelming. We are so grateful, you have made a massive difference to Richie’s life, and have helped provide a wonderful and very clever power chair”.*

Details of a few more of the Grants Made in 2016

Age (Yrs)	Grant (£)	Details
17	4,000.00	He has a diagnosis of Marinesco Sjogren Syndrome, and is doubly incontinent. He was still using a bed purchased 12 years ago, and we were asked to help with funding a special adjustable bed, urgently needed as he requires changing regularly. Without better access he is difficult to lift. Originally quoted at £4,171.00, the supplier agreed to waive the delivery charges, reducing the cost to £4,000.00 which we agreed to fully fund.
5.5	596.70	He has Charcot Marie Tooth Syndrome, which results in progressive deterioration of mobility. He uses a wheelchair, but is able to use a walker at school. We were asked if we could fund a similar unit for home use to try to help his mobility, and give him some independence, which we approved.
2.25	1,019.30	He has a diagnosis of Ohtahara Syndrome (<i>a rare progressive epilepsy syndrome, which is life limiting</i>) Arthrogryposis (<i>the joints do not move as they should</i>) and severe hypotonia (<i>severely low muscle tone</i>) resulting in the inability to control head movement, sit or move himself. Having outgrown his baby car seat he urgently needed a suitable replacement. This involved the purchase of a special car seat, and the manufacture of a special insert for additional support in the head area. We agreed to fund the full cost.
5	1,842.00	Retts Syndrome (<i>a rare genetic disorder resulting in reduced head growth, delay in brain development, often no speech and mobility problems</i>). She has limited mobility and suffers from seizures. Her leg muscles are weak and her Paediatric Physiotherapist recommended a special exercise trike to build up her leg strength, and improve her balance and coordination. We agreed to fund the full cost which was higher than usual as due to her condition, a trike from a different supplier to our usual option was necessary.
24	3,495.00	Complex autism, Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS) (<i>a connective tissue disorder</i>) reactive hypoglycaemia, gastro paresis (<i>partial paralysis of the stomach</i>), epilepsy and challenging behaviour. She has a mental age of four years, struggles with sleep, and periodically suffers injuries from seizures. A secure, portable, safety sleeper system was requested for use at home and on occasional nights of respite care, which we agreed to fund

The Organisation

Sadly, as we reported last year, we lost one of our founding Trustees, Martyn Morgan, who died suddenly on the 10th December 2015. For the first quarter of 2016 we ran with three Trustees while we evaluated our options, and in April 2016, we appointed Lewis Barnes to the group.

The new appointment continues our plan for long term succession, and the addition of Lewis further widens the age range of the Trustees, as well as bringing a younger viewpoint to the group. With a background in Management Consultancy, he also brings further useful skills including the wider use of modern media.

We are all in regular email and telephone contact, which, as a small group, enables us to give a fast response to grant application requests that are in accordance with our grant criteria. We hold two formal meetings a year, where we complete a full six monthly review of the organisation, and we can quickly assemble for any additional meetings, if necessary.

We have continued to operate with our key aims of zero administration costs, and a fast response to applications in accordance with our grant criteria. It is our intention to continue to operate in this manner, and the only concern on our horizon is ensuring that we can raise adequate funding, as has been discussed elsewhere.



l-r: Lewis Barnes Janine Barnes Chris Westwood Graham Wood, photograph taken after the October meeting

Our Accounts

Reserves held as a Cash Balance and brought forward at 31.12.15: £80,041.79

Income:

Fundraising Events – General 3,465.20

Fundraising Events – Charter Court Financial Services

Collected and Paid Directly 37,501.42

Online Sponsored Pages (Everyclick) 15,313.75 52,815.17

Donation Income

Personal Donations – Direct 9,833.28

Online Donations via Everyclick 3,207.60

Standing Orders 3,419.50

Collection Boxes (All Sources) 488.76

Company Donations 1,140.78

Other Organisations 4,650.00 22,739.92

Legacies and Collections

Final Legacy Payment from a Deceased Estate 13,524.45

Martyn Morgan Memorial Collection (not incl. Gift Aid) 8,803.20 22,327.65

Other Income

Gift Aid: (April 2015 to April 2016 – claimed directly from HMRC) 4,180.65

Interest on Bank Balances 488.23

Grant Reserves written back due to change of applicant circumstances 2,825.94 7,494.82

Total Income: £108,842.76

Expenditure:

Grants made in the year to date: 90 in Total 136,323.44

Other expenditure/costs/overheads nil

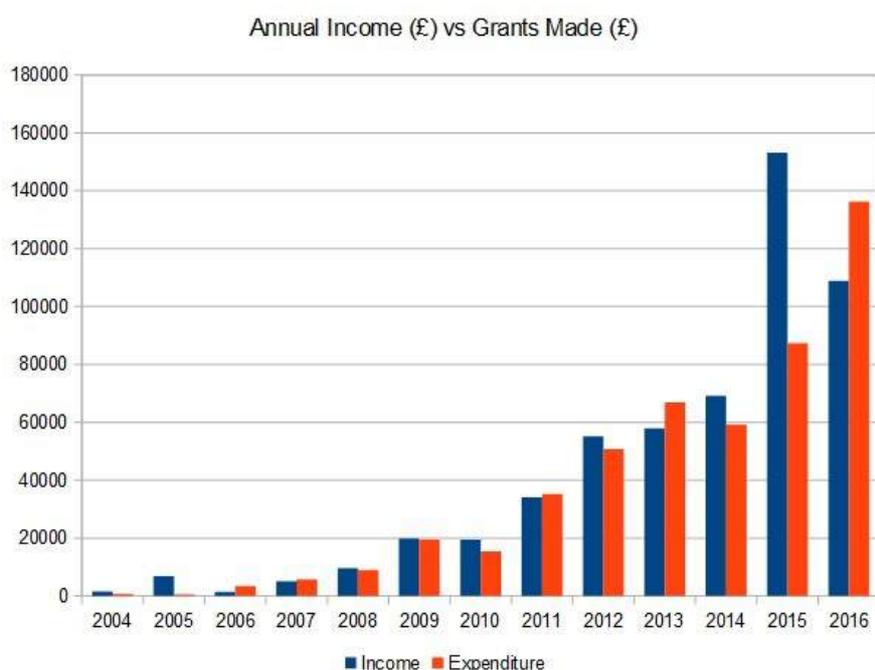
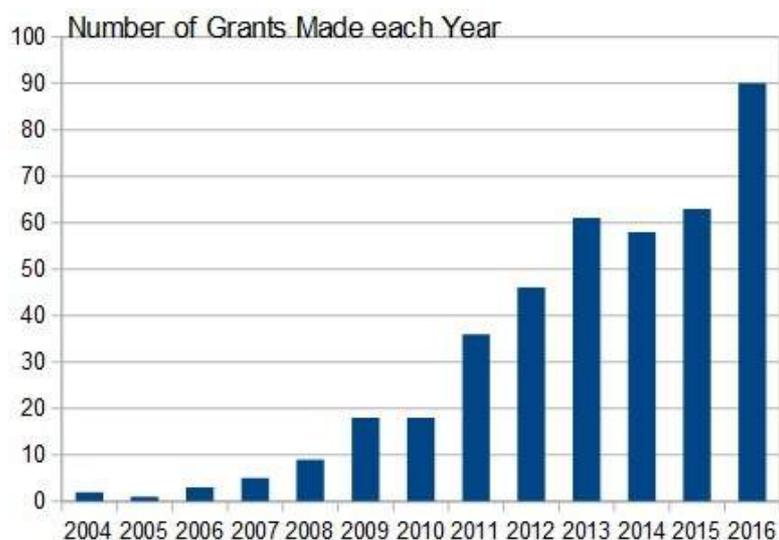
Total Expenditure: £136,323.44

Excess of Expenditure over Income -27,480.68

Leaving a Reserves Cash Balance to be Carried Forward at 31.12.16 of: £52,561.11

(The Reserves represent 4.6 months of funding at the rate of activity in 2016)

Funds Raised and Grants Made to Dec 31th 2016



During 2015, 63 grants totalling £87,270 were completed, with several pending, and with the various one-off income payments, we ended the year with substantial reserves.

2016 has been an exceptional busy year, with activity up another 56% on 2015, and we completed 90 grants totalling £136,323.

The sustained growth can be seen from the above graphs, and has resulted despite no expenditure on marketing. It can only serve to show how much help is sadly needed in this area.



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Stability Lodge Collection

During 2015, Stability Masonic Lodge nominated the Charity as their chosen charity for the year. Collections were held at meetings and events throughout the year, and a total of £600.00 was raised.

On the evening of the 3rd March 2016, a presentation was arranged at the Old Edwardian Club in Stourbridge, where the cheque was gratefully received, and the funding was put to immediate use.



l-r: Ron Chadbone, Charity Steward, Trevor Smith, Worshipful Master of Stability Lodge, Chris Westwood, Chairman of the Charity and Old Edwardian Club Member, John Yeates, President of the Old Edwardian Club and member of Stability Lodge.

Next year will be the 300th anniversary of Freemasonry in the UK, and to mark this, 300 local charities will be selected, each to receive a donation of £300.00. We have been advised that Stability Lodge has very kindly put our name forward for a possible award. Once again, a big thank you to everyone involved.



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The Palfry Award 2016



Mike Pettigrew Cliff Gamon (President) Chris Westwood Nigel Dace

On the 18th May, Chris Westwood was invited to speak to Stourbridge Rotary about the work of the Charity, and also to receive the Palfry Award. The award is made annually by Stourbridge Rotary Club to a selected individual based on work for the benefit of the community.

In view of the work of the Charity, the Chairman was selected for 2016, and the award included a £250.00 donation to the Charity of his choice, resulting in another useful addition to our funds.

The meeting was held at Hagley Country Club, and the Chairman was able to lunch with around 60 members, and then explain the background to the Charity and the work that we do.

As a result of being able to speak at two local Rotary Club meetings during the year several members have kindly decided to regularly contribute to the Charity on a monthly basis, and this has been a great help in continuing to develop our stable funding base, which is so important to us as our activity levels continue to increase.



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Gig.Caritas Evening

Gig.Caritas is a Stourbridge-based arts organisation that promotes professional-level events to raise funds for local charities and good causes. Although many who take part are very experienced professional performers, their time is freely given. The group has raised over £20,000 in the past five years and their efforts were recognised by being *Highly Commended* at both this year's Dudley Mayor's Awards and those of the Dudley Council for Voluntary Services.

We were approached by the organiser who had arranged an orchestral concert at Holy Trinity Church in Wordsley on the 1st October, with the proceeds for the benefit of the Charity.



The event was attended by an estimated 80 to 100 people, and part of the funds raised were used to cover the expenses of staging the event, with the balance to the Charity. We raised £181.60 from a cash collection as people were leaving the event, upon which we can claim Gift Aid under the *Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (£45.40)*. The final amount raised by Gig.Caritas from ticket and Bar sales, after a deduction to cover expenses and funding for the next event, was a further £310.00, making a final total of £537.00, another very useful addition to the funds.

The Chairman was also able to address everyone who attended, explaining the work of the Charity, and several positive responses were later received which may lead to further fundraising opportunities. We can only thank Gig.Caritas, and particularly Keith Horsfall, for all of the organisational work for our benefit.



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Quiz Night

The event was held on Saturday 19th November, and this year we returned to the Hagley Community Centre, as this has more space available than at St Saviour's Church Hall, and a lower price had been negotiated for the room hire. The ticket sales were actually slightly down on last year with 85 people forming 12 teams, but the event was again very successful.

The tickets were priced at £10.00, which included Fish and Chips during a break in proceedings, and with the Bar and ticket profits, after allowing for the costs of the food and room hire, the event raised a total of £846.00. A very good result, and thanks once again to Miles and Carolyn for the enormous amount of organisation work, and to Nick and Lynn for running the Quiz.



Competitors hard at work on the difficult picture questions

The editor's team had scored a sixth place in 2014 and a fourth in 2015, so were keen for further improvement. With a choice of animal, bird or fish for team names, the *Aardvarks* was selected, and success in early rounds meant that third place was held at the interval. A difficult Music round followed, before a surging recovery took us into a tie for second with the *Octopus* team. We sadly lost the sudden death play off but still recorded our best result so far, finishing third.

Congratulations to the *Sloths*, who were clear winners by three points, and we await next year to see if we can improve further.

The Great Birmingham Run (2015)

This event was held over a 13.1 mile course on the 18th October 2015, and we learned early in 2016 that someone had entered with the intention of splitting the sponsorship they had raised between ourselves and another charity. A total of £1,061.00 had been raised, and so we were very pleased to be informed early in 2016 that we would receive a cheque for £530.50.

The contact arose as a result of our help on two recent occasions for a young lady with Prader Willi Syndrome. Her mother wished to do something in return for our help, so she had entered the event, and obtained sponsorship. It was a great surprise for us, and the funding was really appreciated.

We also subsequently discovered that the young lady's grandmother had put our name forward as a possible *Charity of the Year* for Charter Court Financial Services (CCFS), and we were subsequently fortunate enough to be accepted. The family then helped again, when they organised one of the CCFS events during the year – The Canal Walk (*please read report later in this booklet*).

In the following pages we have detailed the main fundraising events which were organised by CCFS employees, and which then received a matching bonus from the company.

The efforts of CCFS employees throughout 2016 have resulted in a further tremendous increase in the funding that we have received, and we are extremely grateful to everyone involved. It has made a big difference to our plans, and will enable us to continue our work in the early part of 2017. It shows just how much effort many of our supporters put into helping us, we never cease to be amazed at the enthusiasm shown, and we can only thank everyone for their help.



The photo above shows Chris receiving the cheque from Caitlin, following the efforts of her mother Leah.



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Charter Court Financial Services

In addition to other charity work, Charter Court Financial Services (CCFS) have collected for their chosen "Charity of the Year" since 2014, and we were fortunate to have been chosen for 2016.

A wide range of events are held throughout the year, and whatever is raised is matched by an equivalent bonus from CCFS. This year there have been six main events, described on this and the following pages, as well as numerous other fundraising activities by staff members.

For five of the main events, fundraising pages were set up on Everyclick (with whom we are registered), so that online donations could be made during the weeks leading up to the date when the event took place, and the pages then remained open for a few weeks afterwards for any further online donations to come in. A sixth event - the Poker Night - raised the funds on the actual evening, so it did not require an online donation page.

To complete the year, the *Santa's Little Helper* event was held, where an employee agreed to allow some modifications to his hairstyle, hair colour and appearance on the 15th December, provided he was sponsored. This was another successful event which raised £920 online and with direct collections, the CCFS Bonus and Gift Aid it is expected to exceed £3,000. This completed a truly tremendous effort by everyone throughout the year at CCFS.

The current figure for the total raised, including Gift Aid claimed by Everyclick for online donations where appropriate, has reached £52,815.17, and once all of the proceeds from the final event plus some other funding raised are received, we may yet approach a truly amazing final total of £60,000.



Santa's Little Helper



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The Great Birmingham Run (2016)

The first 10k Birmingham Run of 2016 was held on the 1st May, and 18 supporters from Charter Court Financial Services (CCFS) entered to raise funds for us.



The background to this event was that this year CCFS has made us their chosen charity, and are attempting to beat their previous fundraising targets by holding a number of events and collecting throughout the year for us. In 2015 they managed to exceed £40,000, and with the rapid growth the Charity has seen, the association will be of tremendous benefit to us. Whatever the amount raised during an event, CCFS will then double, giving further incentive to maximise the amount raised on each occasion.

The funds raised for this first major event of the year reached £3,597.50 in direct payments to our Everyclick sponsorship page. In addition Gift Aid was claimed where applicable, additional donations direct to CCFS were also made, and the company then matched all the funding raised. As a result this event was a great success, raising over £8,000.00 and the group relaxed after the run to celebrate their success in completing the event.

We particularly like the horse and jockey outfit on the left of the picture.



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The Poker Night

On Thursday evening 14th July, Precise Mortgages, a division of Charter Court Financial Services, held their sixth Annual Poker Night event at the home of one of the directors.



A view of the guests gathering in the large garden, in front of the Poker tent

We were fortunate to have a very pleasant dry warm evening, with a wide variety of entertainment on offer, including live music, a magician, a silent auction, as well as the main event of the Poker tournament.

The event was very well attended, and the Chairman was introduced to everyone, and given the opportunity to make a short presentation on the work of the Charity and the progress to date.

The support was excellent, with several people later approaching the Chairman to offer help, including support from a future event planned by an attendee, in early 2017.

On the night, the total raised was £5,590, and with a few additional personal donations, all matched by CCFS, it resulted in a magnificent boost of £11,270 to our funds. Yet another big thank you to all at CCFS.

The Canal Walk

A 20 km walk took place on Sunday 28th August, and was fortunately blessed with fine weather. The route was along the Shropshire Union Canal, finishing at the Brewood Pub in Staffs for what was described as liquid refreshment.



Elaine, Clive and Neil just after finishing the Walk

Initially, Clive France decided to do the walk on his own, but events caused a change of plans, and in his own words:

"I wanted to raise money for this well deserved charity as they have funded equipment for my 7 year old granddaughter Caitlin who has Prader-Willi Syndrome. I was looking for a way to give something back to them as I think they are very special in that EVERY penny donated is used to help many children. Please take a look at their website as it's inspiring what they do. I had prostate cancer surgery this January and I'd taken up walking to get fit, so I decided I'd do a sponsored canal walk to raise funds for the charity. My sister Elaine Whitney wanted to walk with me and so a 20km walk was planned along the Shropshire Union canal on Sunday 28th August. Training began and unfortunately I injured my foot and I thought I wouldn't be able to complete it. However, our son Neil France stepped into the breach and agreed to take my place with his aunt, and I planned to walk as much as I could.

As it turned out, I completed the walk with them and in fact we walked nearly 26km as we'd miscalculated the length of the walk! It was very tiring, but extremely satisfying knowing we had raised so much money. A few family members joined us for the last 3 miles to welcome us home".

A total of £1,307.50 was raised through Everyclick and this was match funded by Charter Court Financial Services so a total of £2,615 was raised by this event together with the Gift Aid due on donations made. A great result, and a big thank you from the Trustees to everyone involved.



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The Servicing Team Scramble



Twelve members of the CCFS Servicing Team decided to scramble up Moel Siabod in Snowdonia on the 1st October.

With the peak standing at approx 2,869 feet, the ascent was made via the ridges that enclose Cwm y Foel , and is across the valley from the more famous peak. However, it provides some fantastic scrambling and possibly the finest view in the whole of Wales (or at least that was the optimistic comment of the organiser when drumming up support).

The optimism may have been slightly misplaced after the Saturday turned out to be exceptionally wet, but despite the conditions, the team made it, which was a tremendous effort by all concerned. We later learned that this was the first attempt at mountain ascent by some members of the group, so the achievement deserves the highest praise.

The Everyclick webpage raised £1,321.00, which was kindly matched by CCFS, and with the additional Gift Aid, the final total was approx £3,000, another excellent result.



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The Birmingham Half Marathon

Charter Court Financial Services (CCFS) entered a team of 35 runners in this year's Birmingham Half Marathon, which took place on Sunday 16th October, and their supporters initially raised £5,540.10 by online donations to the Everyclick fundraising page. With further donations, Gift Aid, and the bonus from CCFS, the final total raised exceeded £11,000.00.



A group photo (*above*) of part of the team prior to the run, showing them wearing T-shirts specially printed for the occasion, with the Charity name. With fine weather on the day, reports suggest it was an epic event, supported by 20,000 spectators. We requested a comment on how it all went, and if there were any amusing events to report. The response was:

"There was very little that was funny about it, it hurt! I can tell you though that all 35 of us completed the course in times ranging from 1 hr 40 mins to 3 hrs 15 mins".

Congratulations to all for competing and finishing, and also for the large amount of funding yet again raised from an event they organised. Clearly it was a real challenge, they were very determined to complete the course, and they should all be very proud of their achievement. Their great efforts are much appreciated.



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How Donations can be made to us

In addition to donations by cash or cheque, may we suggest consideration of the following:

Standing Orders

Any amount from £2/month upwards is of great value to us, and only requires the completion of a Standing Order Mandate, which can be stopped, or changed, at any point in the future, should you wish. The Standing Order Mandate goes directly to your bank, so we never see it, or any of your bank details.

A copy of the required Bank Mandate is available towards the end of this booklet, and should you choose this method, could you please complete a Gift Aid form, if you have not already done so, as this enables us to reclaim the tax at the year end.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK tax payer, you can increase the effectiveness of your donation by completion of a gift aid declaration form, a copy of which is available on the next page. If the third box down, of the three options on the form, is ticked, the completion of one form will cover all donations past, present and future. HMRC treats the donation as if the donor had already paid basic rate tax, and the Charity can then reclaim this tax to increase the value of the donation. The Charity will receive an additional 25p for every £1 donated, which we claim annually from HMRC.

Please return any completed forms directly to *The Chris Westwood Charity* (address on the form).

Online Donations

(a) By Internet Bank Transfer, direct to our nominated bank account:

Bank details for Online Donations are:

HSBC Bank, Sort Code 40-43-17

Account Number 72275813

Could you please use your name as the payment reference, so that we can track the payments into our account, and claim Gift Aid, where appropriate.

(b) From our website, using the "Everyclick" Donation button:

A donation button has been created on the Chris Westwood Charity website, to allow individual donations to be easily made online, and access can also be gained to our Every Click webpage via www.everyclick.com/chriswestwoodcharity/info.

Anyone kindly wishing to set up a sponsorship page is encouraged to use the Everyclick facility, as we are registered with them, and we do not pay any additional costs for a new page.



www.chriswestwoodcharity.co.uk

Gift Aid Declaration

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The Chris Westwood Charity for Children with Physical Disabilities.

Please Treat

- The enclosed gift of £_____ as a Gift Aid Donation; OR
- All gifts of money that I make today, and in the future, as Gift Aid Donations; OR
- All gifts of money that I have made in the past 4 years, and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration, as Gift Aid Donations.

✓ Please tick the appropriate box above.

In order for us to claim Gift Aid, you must be paying an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the Charity will claim from HMRC on your Gift Aid donation. Currently, we are able to claim 25p for every £1 of eligible donations.

Donor's Details

Title _____ Full Name _____

Home Address _____

Postcode _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Please notify the Charity if you:

1. Wish to cancel this declaration
2. Change any of the Donor details
3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Please send the completed form to: FAO Chris Westwood, Chris Westwood Charity for Children with Physical Disabilities, PO Box 7131, STOURBRIDGE, DY8 9FP.

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To the Manager	
Name of Bank	
Address	
Post Code	

Please pay: HSBC Bank, 114 High Street, Stourbridge, West Midlands. DY8 1DZ

For the credit of: Chris Westwood Charity for Children with Physical Disability
Sort Code: 40-43-17
Account Number: 72275813

The sum of: (in words) _____ Pounds (£) _____
On the _____ (day) _____ (month) _____ (year)
And thereafter every month until further notice, and debit my account accordingly.

Name of account holder to be debited:
Account Number:
Sort Code:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

When completed, will you please pass this form directly to your Bank.

If you are a UK tax payer, and pay an amount of Income Tax, and/or Capital Gains Tax, at least equal to the tax that can be claimed on your donation, you can increase the value of your gift by using Gift Aid. This enables the Charity to reclaim the tax, which currently increases the value of your gift by 25p for every £1 donated.

*If you would like to help, will you please complete a Gift Aid form, and return it to:
The Chris Westwood Charity for Children with Physical Disabilities, PO Box 7131,
STOURBRIDGE, DY8 9FP*

If you would like to contact us:

For the attention of Chris Westwood,
Chris Westwood Charity for Children with Physical Disabilities,
PO Box 7131,
STOURBRIDGE,
DY8 9FP

Email: chriswestwood@waitrose.com

Tel: 07968 008098

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