

Chris Westwood Charity
For Children with Physical Disabilities



Progress Report as at 31st December 2011

Progress Review

After rapid progress in 2009, and further consolidation in 2010, we initially felt that we had stabilised at a annual level of activity of between £15,000 to £20,000, which we thought we could fund internally by existing fundraising activities. Little did we know that after that brief pause for breath in 2010, grant applications would increase rapidly in 2011, bringing a new challenge to raise the necessary funding. By the end of the year, we had doubled the activity level of 2010, with 36 grants (18 in 2010), totalling £35,167 (£15,399 in 2010).

During the year we introduced a number of new events, and, thanks to the kindness and generosity of our supporters, we managed to boost the income generated internally, by 12.4% over the amount raised in 2010. However, with the demands upon us increasing at a greater rate than we could generate new funding, it was clear that, without further help, we would rapidly exhaust our reserves. We needed to find additional sources of funding, and so, during the year, we approached a number of Charitable Foundations, and other groups supporting charities.

Thanks to their generosity, we received additional donations of £13,444, which enabled us to once again operate without having to turn a single child away that we wished to help. While at certain times during the year we had to dig deeply into our reserves, the funding we received from those external sources meant that we completed the year with reserves of £8,574, which was only a small reduction on the position at the start of 2011.

However, the reserves now represent less than 13 weeks of our recent level of activity, so we shall need to continue to both develop further our own fundraising, and again seek some outside help, to cope with the anticipated demands upon us.

As our experience of the extent of the problems faced by many families with physically disabled children increases, we realise that even now, we are still only scratching the surface. We do not seek to advertise our activities, the growth that has occurred has been organic, increasing worryingly rapidly, as awareness of our activities grows, and ever more new contacts are made. It will be a challenge in 2012 just to maintain the existing activity level, but we shall again try to continue to respond to the requests that arise. We expect that 2012 will be another interesting year.

Finally, a very big thank you to all our supporters, without whom it would not be possible to continue to operate with zero administration costs, and who continue to help with the organisation and running of the many fundraising events with which we are now involved.

Chris Westwood.



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Funds Raised and Grants to Date

Year Ending	Funds Raised (£)	Grants (£) made during the year	Grants (number) made during the year
31.12.04	1,501	600	2
31.12.05	6,810	500	1
31.12.06	1,435	3,375	3
31.12.07	5,075	5,644	5
31.12.08	9,558	8,998	9
31.12.09	19,846	19,421	18
31.12.10	19,434	15,399	18
31.12.11	34,027	35,167	36
<i>Totals</i>	<i>97,686</i>	<i>89,104</i>	<i>92</i>

After the consolidation in 2010, mentioned in the Progress Review opposite, we found that the requests for help in 2011 doubled yet again. During the year, a number of new contacts were made, and, as a result, we are now starting to help children attending some of the Worcestershire Special Schools, and some of the other Special Schools in Dudley, Halesowen and Birmingham.

We should add that we are currently trying to hold back on the expansion of our contact list, until we can build up both our income and our reserves. However, we continue to be found, which has resulted in the rapid expansion seen 2011, and the resultant continual challenge of funding these requests for help.

A Selection of Our Fundraising Activities

During the year, we were involved in a number of fundraising events, some of which are reported in more detail in the following pages.

The list below details a number of other activities, together with details of the valuable funds raised:

Pedmore Men's Club: Donated £250.00 from their funds

Stourbridge Lawn Tennis & Squash Club: Held a number of events for us during the year. In addition to the Racketball Marathon in May, which is reported in more detail later, a collection raised £115.50, and the Christmas Fayre raised a further £130.00.

Quality Solicitors Talbots: Held a Property Seminar in December, with a £10 donation to the Charity requested, when booking a place, as this was otherwise free to attendees. This raised £500.00, and a number of copies of the previous Progress Report were circulated, to raise awareness of our activities.

Harris Steels: Again this year, they very kindly gave us a donation of £600.00 from their funds.

Grove Industries: Gave us a donation of £500.00. Their foundation is very active in charity work, and it was sad to hear that David Grove passed away during the year, at a relatively young age.

Sunrise Medical: Again all of their Associates kindly collected for us at a whole range of events held throughout the year. This year, they raised a total of £1,019.20, which was greatly appreciated.

Charitable Foundations and Organisations: With the activity level rising rapidly, right from the start of the year, it became clear that despite our own efforts to increase fundraising, we would struggle to satisfy the demand. Another option open to us was to apply for outside help, to a number of foundations, and other organisations supporting charities. This we did, and thanks to their generosity, we have managed to raise just enough funding to continue our work.

This additional external help was greatly appreciated, and while we hope to continue to increase funds raised by our own activities, any help we may be successful in receiving in the future will be greatly appreciated.

Finally: One of our new events, the Walkathon, which involved a stroll along the banks of the River Severn, between Bewdley, and a destination of choice on the route to Bridgnorth, was greatly enjoyed by the participants, and raised £783. Possibly, having a warm sunny day helped, but we can recommend this event, which we hope to hold again in 2012, and we would be pleased to see some additional participants, if you would like to join us. A detailed report is included later in this booklet.



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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 surrounding areas (within a 50 mile radius of Stourbridge), with the registered number of 1101230

The stated aims are to cover 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 aims.

We grant small sums for specific uses, where a significant difference can be made to both the life of the child and the family, we try to fill the gaps left in the State support system, we are very keen to give a rapid response, usually within 24 hours, and we aim to achieve all of this with no operating costs at all.

Typical Areas of Assistance Provided to date:

- Special exercise equipment to assist in regaining and maintaining mobility
- Wheelchairs, special mobility chairs, special car seats, mobile vehicles, and support and lifting equipment, to improve the quality of life.
- Contributions to Trust Funds set up for suitable specific purposes.
- Contributions towards special holidays, particularly in the case of life limited children.

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, the application can be approved. The grant is 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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A Selection of the Grants Made 2011

Age	Grant	Details
Yrs	£	
3	1460	<i>Severe hypoxic Ischaemic Encephalopathy, Epilepsy, Lennox Gastaut Syndrome, Dystonia and Microcephaly.</i> Visually impaired and unable to walk or crawl. Requires a special support chair for use at school so that he can participate in activities. Purchase funded.
3	1706	<i>Infantile spasms, microcephalic and has gastro-oesophageal reflux disease, and intractable epileptic encephalopathy.</i> Unable to move independently, neither walking nor crawling, and requires specialised seating for school to allow him to participate. We funded the purchase of a suitable Jenx chair.
10 + 8	2299	<i>Two autistic children, with parents with mental health problems.</i> Children exhibit difficult behaviour, and funding requested for a sensory room. Family and another charity were originally providing some funding, but after 10 months of delays by the other charity, we decided that the family could not wait any longer, in view of the circumstances, and we provided the funding needed.
9	685	<i>She was left with severe physical and learning difficulties following a fall from an upstairs window when she was 5yrs old.</i> She has difficulty moving and needs lots of stimulation. The request was for the purchase and installation of some equipment for a sensory room, which we agreed to fund.
5	1000	<i>Cerebral Palsy with leg spasticity, making it difficult to learn to walk.</i> Family raising £50,000 for a special operation in USA, and physiotherapy on return to UK. Their fundraising efforts include increasing the mortgage to the maximum possible on their house. Funding urgent as operation date became available at end of March. Grant made to the fund set up for him.
7	1015	<i>Infantile Batten Disease, only communication is non verbal, doubly incontinent, and no longer able to stand unaided.</i> A frame would help to stretch muscles, and improve bone strength. Purchase funded.
10	1500	<i>Leigh's Disease, fell ill 2010 and required a ventilator permanently.</i> Left with almost no mobility and required turning regularly to avoid pressure sores. Acheeva seat/bed unit would allow posture change without manually movement and resultant discomfort. School had raised part of cost, we agreed to fund the balance. Sadly J died shortly after, but following a discussion with the school, it would have been a great relief for him if the equipment had been available, and there are two more children who would benefit immediately. The Trustees decided that we should proceed with the part funding of this equipment, to ensure that this facility is available for them, whenever needed.
6	700	<i>Chromosome LP36 deficient, Hypotonia, Development delay, learning difficulties, and limited mobility, being barely able to walk.</i> Mother has a 1yr old, and needs a tandem buggy to be able to take both children out, designed to carry both a baby and a much heavier special needs child. Fully reconditioned unit located, designed for this specific purpose, and purchase approved.

A Selection of the Grants Made 2011 (Cont.)

Age	Grant	Details
Yrs	£	
1	622	<i>Hypotonia, development delay, enlarged liver and spleen.</i> Unable to walk or crawl as yet and difficulty sitting for long periods. Receiving physiotherapy and conductive education twice a week, and the purchase of equipment for home use would enable the exercises to be carried out daily, and help to improve his condition. Approved.
10	105	<i>Autistic, severe learning disability, and is non verbal.</i> Tall and very strong, difficult to restrain, and also releases himself from his car seat and runs off. Request was for a Crelling Harness to again restrain him. Another case where a small grant will make a large difference, so grant approved.
4	725	<i>Development delay, hypotonia, severely deaf and suffers seizures. Unable to support the weight of his head.</i> Has a new baby sister, and family require a special tandem buggy, to handle children of different weights, and one with severe disability problems. Eventually located a suitable unit at a much better price, which could be modified easily to give him the support he needs, and give the family mobility.
4	2132	<i>Neurological impairment, general development delay, and cerebral palsy following Pneumococcal Meningitis at the age of 7 weeks.</i> Suffers from epilepsy, has a visual impairment, and significantly delayed gross & fine motor, and language skills. Needs a special support seat to be able to participate in school activities. We agreed to fund.
4	1996	<i>Cerebral Palsy, Microcephaly, Agenesis of corpus callosum (a birth defect in which the structure connecting the two hemispheres of the brain is partially or completely absent), and general development delay.</i> Has a marked tremor of her arms, and needs a fully supportive chair to enhance/enable better hand function. We agreed to fund.
4	175 + 50	<i>Complex and severe autism.</i> Abandoned by his mother, returned to biological father who is physically disabled, on a low income, lives with his partner in a one bedroom flat, and already has an 11 yr old son living with him. Child currently has to sleep on the floor, the grant financed the purchase of a bed for him. A second grant provided a table and chair so he has a place to eat from.
23	200	<i>Severely autistic, moving out of a special school to live in rented accommodation in the community,</i> but needs one to one supervision. Very limited funding available from the local authority, and a few small items will greatly help him to develop. Approved.
12	1826	<i>Has a rare type of congenital muscular dystrophy – Emery-Dreifus Muscular Dystrophy type 1.</i> Already frail, and prone to fatigue easily, request was for a special type of support chair, to provide help as her condition deteriorates. Approved.

How the Donations Can Help



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Chantelle is a 16 year old with Congenital Myotonic Dystrophy, limited mobility, and uses a powered wheelchair. At the time of the application, she was due to have an operation on her legs, and would then be confined to her wheelchair for some time. Her existing chair was 6 years old, maintenance costs were becoming significant, and a replacement was urgently needed, with a more comfortable and adjustable seat, and other additional facilities, to suit her current needs. Since she could walk very short distances, she was not eligible for State help, so the family needed to raise the funding necessary to purchase a rugged unit capable of being taken outdoors, enabling her to enjoy the countryside.

Her family had managed to raise part of the cost, and needed help to fund the balance. This unit was eventually located, which had previously been used as a showroom demonstrator, and which was available at a substantial discount. We were pleased to be able to supply the balance of £1,700 needed, so that Chantelle can enjoy trips out to the local countryside, with her mother.



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The Greenspaces Project at Victoria School

The Victoria School is the largest special school in Birmingham for children with physical disabilities, and additional learning difficulties, taking children aged from 2 to 19.

As part of their recent Greenspaces project, we were asked if we could help with the funding of three raised planters, to be constructed at different heights, for the different ages of children, to enable them to create vegetable and herb gardens. This would enable them to grow their own food, and take part in gardening activities. The shapes, and heights, of the beds were also selected so that they could be easily accessed by children in wheelchairs.



To help to ensure that the first phase of the project could be completed on time, we funded the three planters, at a cost £1,338, and they can be seen above, set in a suitable area of hardstanding to allow wheelchair access. Following a subsequent application for funding help to the Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation, they kindly agreed to support the project, and we received a cheque for £1,338. This was a great help to us, and it has allowed us to continue our work. We are now looking at possibly funding a small part of the next phase.

The project was officially opened on Wednesday 20th July, by Sameena Ali Khan, one of the presenters of ITV Central News. Although a showery day, the rain fortunately stopped for the opening ceremony, watched by a number of the children, parents, and other visitors.



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Lunch at Brockencote

On Friday 11th March, our lunch event was again held at Brockencote Hall. We were amazed at the generosity of all the guests, who managed to exceed last year's tremendous total of £6,526 raised, finally reaching a magnificent £7,184.

Following the Grace by Mr. Graham Wood, one of the Charity Trustees, we enjoyed a superb three course lunch, punctuated by a raffle held after the main course. This raised £1,720, which made a healthy contribution to the total raised.

This year, our speaker was Gary Newbon, the sports presenter with a long history in televised sport, ranging from ITV to Sky Sports. We were all entertained by stories from his time in sports reporting, giving an interesting insight into some of the characters that we have seen over the years.

The Charity founder, Mr. Chris Westwood, gave a brief review of the activities and progress made during the year, explaining how the funding raised had been used.

Mr Derek Spires presided over an auction in his usual excellent style, involving the audience, and extracting healthy bids for the various lots, kindly donated from a number of sources. A particular highlight included the bidding for a golf day. Bidding came down to two groups, and, finally, a challenge was issued and accepted, which involved a match, with the loser paying a total of £900 to the Charity. We shall present a Charity Golf Challenge Trophy to the winners, provided that they attend in 2012.

As Mr Spires completed the auction, Mr Martyn Morgan, our Legal Trustee, and who, with the help of his staff at Quality Solicitors Talbots, had organised the event, decided to add an additional auction lot, Mr Spires' tie. This was purchased for £35, and Mr Spires then kindly paid a further £35, in order to repurchase his own property. Mr Martyn Morgan completed the day with a vote of thanks to everyone for their participation, and was able to give everyone attending an early indication of the truly exceptional amount raised.



Left to Right: Chris Westwood, Gary Newbon, and Martyn Morgan.



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Two New Events This Year

The Racketball 12 hr Marathon, held on Saturday May 14th:

The event involved a 12 hour Racketball Marathon at Stourbridge Lawn Tennis and Squash Club, as part of the Club's Open Day activities. Two Squash/Racketball courts were used, and continuous play was maintained for the full 12 hours, with the participants pre-booking half hour time slots, and then making a small contribution to the Charity on the day.

The total collection amounted to £562.37, upon part of which we can claim Gift Aid of £122.50 (in our April 2012 submission). This will make the final total £684.87, and we must thank the Club for holding the event for us, and particularly Sue Bartlett for her work in organising the event, aided by Carolyn Alden, who proved to be an expert at extracting additional donations from everyone who came near her collection box. She even managed to persuade a number of people to donate several times!

A number of copies of our Progress Report were handed out during the day, and we can only hope that this will help to raise awareness of our work, for the next fundraising event.

Ladies Evening at Showells Garage (Lye), held on Wednesday October 19th:

This event used all of the showroom areas at the garage, and entry was free to any Ladies wishing to attend. A total of 135 Ladies enjoyed the wide range of entertainment available, and with the Charity benefiting from the proceeds of a raffle on the night.

The evening was opened by Lawrence Good, the Managing Director/Owner, and the Charity Chairman then had the opportunity to say a few words, explaining what the Charity did, and the number of children helped this year.

The entertainment available included a photo opportunity with "the best Captain Jack Sparrow lookalike in the business", Cosmetic Company Lush demonstrating their range of beauty and bath products, a repertoire of Rat Pack songs from Showells own Lee Cartwright, and two dance sessions by the Stourbridge Karimah belly dancing troupe. Amongst the dancers was Showells own Nikki, from Service Reception/Customer Care, clearly a big hit with some members of staff on hand. With food and drink available throughout the night, and several technicians on hand to answer questions on Winter maintenance and road safety, everyone was fully entertained.

The raffle had some excellent prizes available, and our Charity received the proceeds from the ticket sales, with Lawrence Good then kindly boosting the total to £300.00.



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The Walkathon

The Walkathon was held on Saturday September 10th:

One of the new events organised this year was a sponsored walk along the Severn Valley. Starting from Bewdley, and walking alongside the river, gave various distance options for the participants, from the 4 miles to Arley, to walking on to Highley, Hampton Loade or Bridgnorth. The full distance would then be 13.5 miles along the East bank, to reach Bridgnorth.

At each of the Railway stations, the river could be crossed for a return walk on the West bank, or the train caught, for a more restful return. A wide variety of options were selected by the entrants, who raised funding from both sponsorship and additional donations.

The following views were taken on route to show the variety of countryside encountered before reaching Arley Station (the route of a less arduous stroll taken by the Chairman, who then enjoyed a ride back to Bewdley on the train):



A secluded pathway between Bewdley and Arley



The pathway runs close to the river near Arley



Arley Station

The Walkathon – The Details

As regards the actual walk, the activities were perhaps best summed up by one intrepid entrant, our Legal Trustee – Martyn, and in his own words:

“We did it !! A select number of the Talbots family, together with friends, family, and pets, braved the elements on Saturday to complete the inaugural Talbots Walkathon.

Sally Evans, her father Dave and Dexter the dog completed the 8 mile round trip from Bewdley to Arley and back, despite a brief encounter with a Dexter look alike.

Chris Westwood, Chairman of the Charity did Bewdley to Arley and wisely caught the train back.

A certain person who wishes to remain anonymous (James actually) together with his wife, succeeded in taking the wrong turning at the start in Bewdley, and ended up in Stourport !! Totally the opposite direction, caught the bus back and sheepishly admitted his (or was it her?) error. Remind me to check his files to ensure he has bought the correct properties for his clients.

But pride of place must go to Izabela Sztalinger, her partner, Junior, and the Old Git. They started at 8.30 am at Bewdley, leaving the car park and found themselves in someone’s back garden. The Old Git quickly retrieved his compass and got them under way, leaving Bewdley on the East side of the river at a tremendous pace that was to be regretted later. A trip to Trimpley reservoir, Arley, Alveley, Hampton Loade, and a few visits to the bushes en route, saw them arrive at Bridgnorth, some 13.5 miles later by 12.30 midday.

At this stage , the Old Git was expecting a bar meal and a couple of pints to re charge the batteries, but Junior and Izzy were relentless. Rosie the dog joined the trio on the return journey, keeping us amused with her regular dips into the Severn and her even more regular trips into the bushes.

At Hampton Loade, the Unicorn Inn greeted the intrepid travellers and the Old Git’s spirits lifted. Despite protestations from Izzy and Junior, the Old Git persuaded them to have a short visit in the interests of Rosie, of course. After a pint of water and lime, not quite what I had in mind, we trudged our way back on the return journey through strong winds, sunshine and a late heavy shower, returning to the Cock and Magpie at 5 pm (a total of 27 miles in 8.5 hours of almost non-stop walking) It was noticeable that Izzy and Junior were flagging in the last part of the journey as they took turns to carry the Old Git, but we made it....and didn’t those pints taste heavenly.

Many thanks to all who took part and Izzy, in particular, for arranging it. James was last seen walking to Cardiff.....”

The total raised amounted to £783. An excellent result from an enjoyable day.



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The Organisation

The Charity has four Trustees, and formal Trustee meetings are held twice a year. There are no employees, and all the necessary work is done on a voluntary basis, so that there are no administration expenses incurred.

The Trustees are in regular contact for all routine management decisions, any additional meetings required can be arranged at short notice, and Talbots Solicitors (Stourbridge) provide office facilities, again at no cost.

With all this voluntary help, we are able to maximise the effectiveness of the funds we raise.

The Charity Trustees at a recent Trustee Meeting:



Martyn Morgan

Chris Westwood

Graham Wood

Janine Barnes



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Our Accounts

Cash Balance brought forward at 01.01.11: **9,713.67**

Income:

(a) Fundraising Events

<i>Brockencote Lunch (£249.20 Gift Aid on donations, final total £7,184.20)</i>	6,935.00	
<i>Racketball Marathon (Further £122.50 Gift Aid on Donations – April 2012)</i>	562.37	
<i>Walkathon in the Severn Valley</i>	783.00	
<i>Showells Garage Ladies Evening</i>	300.00	
<i>Pedmore Mens Club</i>	250.00	
<i>Stourbridge Tennis Club Collection</i>	115.50	
<i>Sunrise Medical Collection (Total for a full year of events)</i>	1,019.20	
<i>Stourbridge Tennis Club Christmas Fayre</i>	130.00	
<i>Quality Solicitors Talbots Property Seminar Donations</i>	500.00	
		10,595.07

(b) Grants from Charitable Foundations and Organisations

<i>Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation</i>	1,538.00	
<i>Coventry Building Society Charitable Foundation</i>	1,706.00	
<i>Leeds Building Society Charitable Foundation</i>	1,000.00	
<i>Triangle Trust 1949 Fund</i>	3,000.00	
<i>Baron Davenport's Charity</i>	200.00	
<i>Pedmore Sporting Club</i>	6,000.00	
		13,444.00

(c) Gift Aid: (April 2010 to April 2011) **1,790.61**

(d) Standing Orders – Payments received **1,105.00**

(e) Personal and Company Donations **7,089.00**

(f) Interest on Bank Balances **3.61**

Total Income: **34,027.29**

Expenditure:

Grants made in the year: 36 in Total **35,166.91**

Other expenditure/costs/overheads **nil**

Total Expenditure: **35,166.91**

Excess of Income over Expenditure: **-1,139.62**

Leaving a cash balance at 31.12.11 of: **8,574.05**

How Donations can be made to us

In addition to donations by cash or cheque, can 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 opposite 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 had basic rate tax deducted, 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 Quality Solicitors Talbots (address on back cover).

Online Donations:

We have two options, either by Internet Bank Transfer, direct to our nominated bank account, or by Debit/Credit card to a donation website.

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.

Debit/Credit Card Donations Online are:

Please go to www.charitiestrust.org and then in the search box at the top right, enter the Charity name. This will find our Charities Trust webpage, which has a donation facility. Click on the donation button, amend the donation amount to the figure you wish to give, and proceed to the checkout, to donate by debit/credit card. Charities Trust deduct 4% of your donation plus gift aid, for the use of this facility.



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Gift Aid Declaration

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Charity Name: 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 6 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 _____ Initial(s) _____ Surname _____

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.

Recent News Items

Our New Website:

In October, we redesigned and rebuilt our website on the free Weebly platform. It is still accessed from: www.chriswestwoodcharity.co.uk, and now has the advantage that it can be regularly, and easily, updated by us, as we built it.

It includes copies of both our most recent, and past reports, any forms or other information you may require, and a brief events diary, so that you can follow what we are doing, if you wish.

This year, we also reorganised our reporting to our supporters, and we shall now produce two Progress Reports, at the end of June, and December, and two short Quarterly Reports, at the end of March and September. We intend to email a link, on each occasion, to our supporters, who have registered their email address with us, so that they can follow our progress. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact us, and we will be happy to add your details.

Donation from Pedmore Sporting Club:

On the 22nd December, we received a donation of £6,000 from Pedmore Sporting Club. Prior to this, and with our reserves depleted by the exceptional increase in requests for help, we were concerned as to how we might cope with more requests in the early part of New Year. This most generous donation helped to rebuild our reserves, so that we ended the year only slightly down on where we started, and we must again thank Pedmore Sporting Club for their exceptional generosity. At the recent level of activity the reserves now represent less than 13 weeks funding, highlighting the need to boost our fundraising in the New Year. Shown below are Martyn Price and Jon Westwood from Pedmore Sporting Club, presenting the cheque to the Chairman of Trustees.



L-r: Jon Westwood, Chris Westwood, Martyn Price



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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.

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