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Hi and thank you to all the people who support us in all the different ways, be it hands on, donations, events, food, all of it contributes to the care of the animals and it takes all of these people to make a successful rescue.

It really is difficult times for all sorts of animals and the demands on rescue are overwhelming.

We have ten kennel spaces. One day on the telephone there were 25 dogs in need of urgent spaces, two days later another 10! It is heart breaking not to be able to help them all.

It is often said you cannot save them all, but in the past we have always tried.

Because of the pandemic, animals have changed, many have behavioural issues due to not being socialised as puppies and not being left. This has caused problems now owners are back at work leaving distressed dogs at home not able to cope.

We now need a behaviourist to help these animals cope with their problems and sadly not all are curable.



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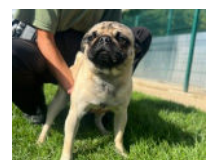
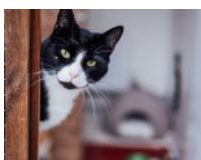
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SEVEN DWARVES and SAINT UPDATES

The Seven Dwarves that we took in from Chichester council, found in a layby in two crates have proved to be a challenge Their estimated age is between 2-5, used for breeding and then discarded as rubbish, these little dogs had never been for walks, never been on grass and quite clearly knew nothing about life in general. One even had an untreated broken leg! So very frightened, they only had each other, they huddled together in a pitiful heap. Everything, everyday things scared them, be it people, toys, noises. Having been starved, they ate their bedding and anything else they could get into, which in 3 cases lead to impacted bowels, leading to emergency operations. In 3 months we ran up vet bills totalling over £11,000 for spays vaccinations, neutering and operations, just for these 7 dogs !

They have come a long way since November, **Lola** who has joined us to help with the rehabilitation on the various animals we have here, together with **Dawn from Tails by Dawn** along with our amazing dog walkers , have made great progress. Grumpy and Snezy are now in homes, but we urgently need permanent and foster homes



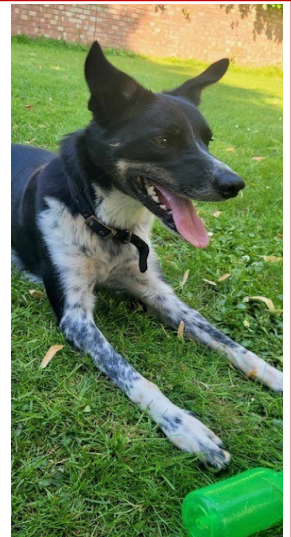
to take the others to the next level. Because of the bond they have with each other, we would like them to go out either with another stable dog so they can learn from it or for them to go in pairs.



SAINT has been with us for just over a year now. He is 3 year old border collie. He is the most loving, little man who adores people and other dogs, but he is just so scared of the big wide world having not been socialized as a puppy and kept in a flat. He came to us on the hottest day of last year having been made to walk 5 miles on red hot paving with his moronic owner who was oblivious to his suffering, he arrived exhausted, paws bleeding, dehydrated and in a state of collapse.

Saint does go for walks but he does not always enjoy them as he should. We are looking for a loving home with a very large garden where he can enjoy family life without having the pressures of having to go out.

He really is a lovely boy looking for his second chance.



We are again rehoming dogs.

Due to the influx of problem dogs, we had to close down the **dog part** of the rescue for 4 months so we could concentrate on the rehabilitation of the various problematic dogs we had in kennels and trying to find suitable homes with people that are not always looking for the perfect undamaged dog.

The dogs we had and have just needed a little more care love and understanding to make them the perfect dog everyone wants. It is really is rewarding to see them blossom with just a little love and understanding .

ITS RAINING CATS

Abandoned cats, pregnant cats, old cats, seriously ill cats, kittens and some with dementia. It's always sad to get asked to take in the very elderly cats that have only known one home, one family, but worse when they have just been abandoned with no means to fend for themselves, some have been left in an empty house when the owners have moved. Is there ever an excuse for that?

I have no criticism of the Cats protection League; they do brilliant work, but this year for whatever reason they have suspended the very much needed voucher system they have given out in the past for people who have no means or limited means paying for the spay or neuter of their cats.

I am sure the system has been abused by people who have been able to pay for this treatment they could easily afford to pay for themselves but chose not to.

But this means so many cats will suffer the consequence. Unwanted pregnancies, early deaths due to too many consecutive litters, deformities and worn out mums.

One little cat we had in recently, had 5 new born kittens whilst still nursing 11 week old kittens from a previous litter and she is still under a year old. The owners were not bad people just overwhelmed with the situation and were unable to get the cat spayed. The exhausted mum ran out of milk at 2 weeks and we had to take over the feeding of the kittens .

A few words from KAYLEIGH our Cattery Supervisor

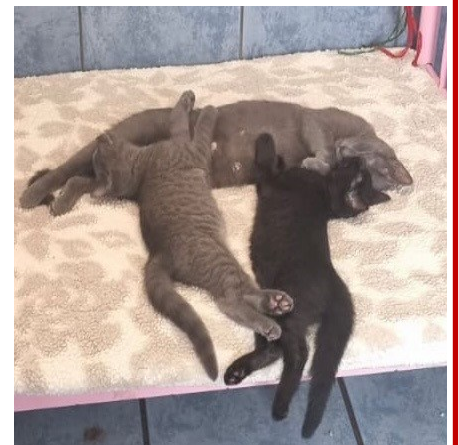
"This year has been especially overwhelming with the number of cats and kittens coming into rescue. We've frequently been operating at capacity and have had such a long waiting list of cats. Since starting at Second Chance three years ago, I have faced many challenges such as cat flu, cruelty, neglect, ring-worm, having to socialise feral kittens, and especially losing a favoured cat which is so heartbreaking when you have tried so hard to save it. Despite this, seeing the cats find wonderful new homes is amazing to experience, and knowing I have played such a large role in it is fantastic. My next aim is to take a feline behaviour course, in order to improve my skills in rehabilitating cats who come in such awful conditions and to continue helping them find their forever homes."



FOGGY

Foggy came to us just one day after giving birth to two beautiful kittens. She was brought in after jumping through a strangers window to give birth! Foggy wasn't microchipped so we unfortunately couldn't find her original owner. We see this quite often, and it goes to show the importance of microchipping and of course it is now law to microchip your cat and keep details up to date.

Both mum and kittens are doing very well, and have found their forever home together! We did not want to separate them as they made a lovely family unit, we're so glad to say all are going out together!



OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO

PETS AT HOME HEDGE END For their donations and allowing us to fundraise in store. We rely heavily on their Lifelines scheme to top us up with food (especially when animals are on a specialised diet) and cat litter. Did you know the more supporters we have in the scheme, the more our voucher value increases, so please think about nominating us to be your chosen charity when shopping in Pets at Home.

JOLLYES of TOTTON and their remarkable customers who kept our dogs fed all through the winter and beyond with their buy a tin of dog food for the rescue campaign, it has been an enormous help at a time when we have not been able to fundraise

LIDLS : have also been a wonderful help for fundraising with their donations of treats, paddling pools and lots of other items to help the rescue

KEYDELL NURSERIES : in Havant for all the amazing items they have donated to us for fundraising

PETS CORNER : **Eastleigh, Chandlers Ford Winchester and Hythe** for the donations of pet food

SAINSBURYS : Badger Farm and Pauline who keeps an eye on the donations

HEALTHY PET STORE: Totton for their support and donations

AMAZON: Who until Dec 23 kindly donated unwanted animal feeds to us enabling us to help so many animals here and the starving dogs caught up in the Turkey earthquake.

VISCOUNT CARAVANS: and Justine who raise funds for us online

ADRIAN AND HELEN FRICKER : for their donations of cat litter which has been an enormous help

WESSEX M AND E SERVICES: for donating us an air conditioning unit on the hottest day of the year when we had an overload of kittens and could not get the temperature down from 30 degrees

MISS DOLITTLES: for their continuing generous donations

VEGAN RUNNING GROUP : for a very welcome donation

TWO BROTHERS PUB WEST END : ROCKINGHAM ARMS : KING RUFUS PUB

MAUREEN CHAPPLE : for an incredible amount of donations raised from online sales

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CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate **Wayne and Alison O Rourke** on their 40th wedding anniversary (no mean feat these days lol)

They and their Flyball team **THE JETS** have been great supporters of Second Chance for many years raising funds and allowing us to fund raise at their events

Congratulations and Best Wishes to a great couple on reaching this mile stone and for choosing us to receive donations instead of gifts, raising £138.

Thanks also to the **Kennets fly ball Team** for allowing us to fundraise at their events also.



Volunteers : meet the team Southampton

We are very lucky to have such wonderful volunteers to help with the everyday care of the cats and dogs in our rescue. With less people coming forward to adopt these animals and even fewer foster homes to help with the rehabilitation we rely quite heavily on these amazing people. **THANK YOU ALL** We are so grateful to all our volunteers for making the longer stays of the animals more pleasurable.



WENDI

Is our go to person for all things small. Foxes, rabbits, birds, tortoises, hedgehogs, kittens, ducks and even swans! Wendi looks after them all. She has been a vital part of the rescue for over 30 years. Her home is filled with injured and abandoned animals, bringing them back to health so they may be rehabilitated back into the wild.

Some after recovery, find their way back to her and as with Flappy, the seagull, who now brings his partner to visit her. It is countless how many animals owe their lives to her.

Her dedication to the plight of these animals is truly amazing and we are privileged to have her working with us.



DONATIONS

We are always in need of good quality or new items to sell when are out and about fundraising . If you are having a sort out please think of us.

If we have made a spelling mistake or your address is incorrect on the envelope for your newsletter - we apologise. Please send us an email to contact@secondchanceanimalrescue.co.uk and we will change your details. Sorry for any inconvenience.

SUPPORT YOUR INDEPENDENT VET WHILE YOU STILL CAN



Now for some good news

We are delighted that **Wojciech Woszczyński** is opening up his new **INDEPENDENT** veterinary practice in

Hamble lane Bursledon in September called :



BLUEBELL VETERINARY SURGERY

Fed up with the stranglehold corporate vets have on existing veterinary practices he wants to offer a more personal alternative, more able to make use of being able to chose the treatment and medication in his opinion is best for your pet at competitive prices.

We have been working with Wojciech for nine months and have no problem in recommending him. I understand that he also intends to continue to offer some home visits which has been invaluable to us in the last 9 months

We all need to start supporting THE INDEPENDENT VETS to get better value and care for our animals.

Look him up on Facebook and his web page **bluebellvets.co.uk** to pre register and for the opening date.

CONSORTIUM RUN VET PRACTICES

As always, the cost of vets is our biggest outlay. Costs have soared in the last 2 years and show no signs of abating with over 90% of veterinary and referral practices being taken over by money grabbing greedy consortiums with a licence to print money .

People can no longer afford to have their animals treated and insurances are costly, especially if you have more than 1 animal. We are often being asked what to do when a beloved animal is sick, even being asked if we can take them in as they can't afford treatment. Of course we can only advise go to a vet knowing the hardship this will cause.

Often people think that we get concessions from vets or even get free treatments, but this is not the case at best its 10% - 20% on some surgeries

I do not blame the vet, and neither should anyone else as they are controlled by the consortiums who own the practice and told what they should charge and what they should give as medication

The shame is that vets choose this vocation to help animals in need not to increase profits for their bosses Our vet bill for the year ending October 23 together with our **sisters Second Chance Portsmouth cats** was £74.000 can you imagine how much fundraising and donations that took

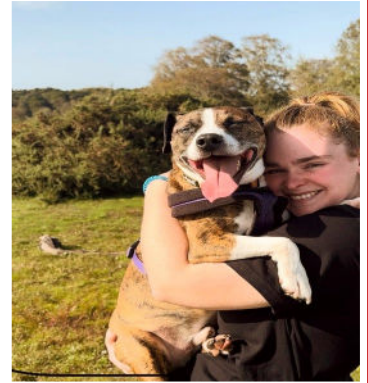
I can see many animal rescues closing, some already have, because of these outrageously high costs.

It is time the government intervenes and people start complaining to their MP.

A few words from LOLA

“Working at second chance has been such an enlightening and eye opening experience so far! I came from walking dogs and training dogs at a dog day-care, using positive reinforcement methods to help dogs flourish and grow, so seeing how many dogs are in desperate need of loving homes has definitely motivated me to help these animals.

Helping and encouraging these dogs who haven't had the best start to life come out of their shells and truly enjoy life has been amazing. My eyes have truly opened to how overloaded with dogs and cats the country is, so to help these dogs get the homes they truly deserve has been so rewarding.”



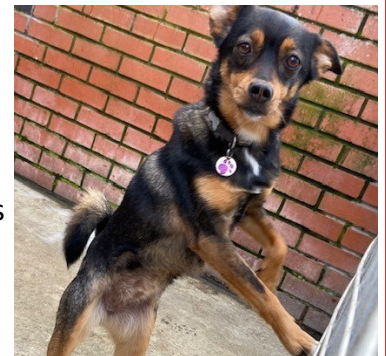
SHINDY

Is the sweetest lovable dog, at 12 years of age, she has found herself in rescue due to a down slide in the countries economy. She has a severe skin problem that has been at times neglected. She was in poor condition when she came to us. At that time she was on monthly injection at £160 per month when they could afford it. A sad state of affairs for such a lovely dog. Thanks to **Wojciech** the vet we have managed to get her skin condition under control with medication that costs only a few pounds and a diet of fish or lamb foods. Her ears and skin no longer itch, something that was causing her great distress, and she is now a much happier dog . She would make someone a really good companion. She loves walks and cuddles and requires so little from us . She loves people and other animals.



BETTY BULGARIA

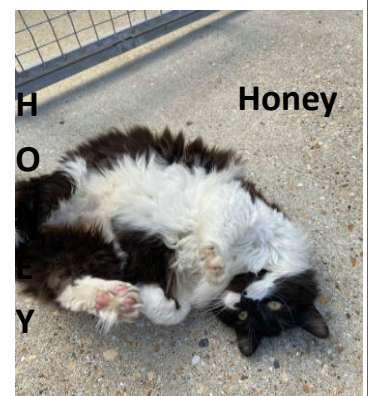
Is a dear little 1 year old bitch. If you are looking for that special little dog of character than look no further. She is a charming little dog that is well liked by her walkers and as her name suggests she was one of the many dogs imported from abroad and later not wanted She has been with us many months now and is often overlooked .



LEXIE



It is with great sadness we report the loss of 2 of our resident pets **Lexie** and **Honey** within days of each other and totally unexpected. We really do miss them both, they had such a great presence at the rescue over so many years. Lexie was 14 years and Honey was only 8.





So many things have infuriated both the team and myself since the Christmas newsletter. There has been much sadness but also great joy too which you will understand whilst reading.

THE COST OF FLEA TREATMENTS

Due to a new ruling we now have the most ridiculous situation where your vet has to see your pet every 6 months if you want a flea treatment. Is this really necessary? It is not surprising that there is a flea epidemic when people are being pushed into buying inferior “over the counter” treatments when faced with a vet’s consultation fee on top of the flea treatment. There is already an insufficient supply of vets to cover pet owners needs so it is not surprising a 2 week wait for a routine appointment is now fairly common when these needless appointments are added to their list.

WHY?

In one week we were physically threatened 3 times. The most aggressive, from a homeless man who wanted his cats microchipped. On enquiring we were told they were brother and sister and neither had been neutered. We offered to arrange and pay for the operations but were totally shocked when he responded with a tirade of abusive followed by threats and promises of all sorts of retribution. We were forced to walk away as he was not going to agree to anything other than microchipping. Regrettably, we were informed not long after, that first the female and shortly after the male, disappeared from the car park they were both living in. What happened to them we do not know, we can only hope someone is giving them the love they deserve. Perhaps if they had been neutered they might have been more settled, we hear all the time of entire males who disappear looking for females who, in turn, get either lost or killed on roads being chased by Toms.

GOOSE

We were all deeply upset to hear the sad news of the sudden death of Goose, an amazing cat who, a few years ago, needed his leg removed after trapping it inside his collar. The Grove Veterinary Practice team also shed a tear, they fought so hard to save his leg again and again over a number of months but eventually the decision to amputate had to be made. (Many other vets would have euthanised him immediately as he also had HIV). Barbara, Goose’s foster mum, totally adored him. She changed her career plans especially to be able to adopt and support him in his recovery. A remarkable lady and a remarkable cat



INVESTIGATION INTO COST OF VETERINARY TREATMENTS

Recently the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) confirmed it is proceeding with a formal investigation into the veterinary services market for household pets acknowledging that urgent reform is needed. However this is going to take at least 18 months and possibly longer to complete.

We often hear of previously owned independent vets are now owned by large companies expecting their vets to work towards targets.

We are speaking to more and more pet owners telling us they have seen their vet bills increase by at least 50% and sometimes even 100% from the time they first adopted their pet.

Some smaller rescues are already in jeopardy and it is only going to get worse unless we all do something so please if you feel apprehensive at the way veterinary care is changing please help us by telling the CMA and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Send them an email or letter and hopefully we will be getting a petition organised so please keep an eye out for it.



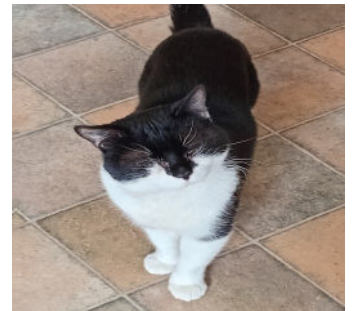
IS HELEN REALLY SHERLOCK HOLMES?

It was a few years ago that we became aware of a colony of cats in Southsea. We set up a Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) program and continued to keep an eye on their progress. One particular cat called Sausage moved down the road to live with students and sometime later into another student house. However last year we found out he was living rough behind a shop and was in need of help. After a checkup at the vet we put him in a foster home but unimpressed Sausage broke out 3 days later and disappeared. Extensive searches did not find him.

Earlier this year Helen, the ever observant detective, saw a stray cat on a Facebook post and recognised Sausage immediately but there were no details. She then noticed a mutual friend on the profile and asked them to make contact. The end result of all of this is Sausage is now living with the original lady who helped us with the colony and the TNR program, she was the one who named him Sausage; a happy ending after a life that has gone full circle.

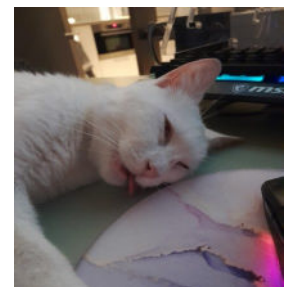
FOUR GET A SECOND CHANCE

The second quarter of this year presented us with our biggest ever vet fees due to 4 cats we helped who all needed complicated treatments: Freddie who is a very handsome boy can now see without pain after an extremely delicate operation for a condition called entropion (His eye lashes pointing inwards were scratching his eye ball) .



Alice is a beautiful white girl who has spent most of her life in and out of the vet with a severe problem with her ear made far worse by stress. A serious operation to remove her ear followed by a new home means she is pain free, stress free and a perfect lap cat.

Despite being barely 3 years old Angel had such a problem with her mouth she needed every one of her teeth removed but thankfully she is now contented and healthy.



A Siamese girl called Blue had her paw trapped inside her collar and needed a lot of extensive work to repair the damage but it meant she kept her leg.

Money well spent on 4 very deserving cats all now living happy, healthy lives.

FUNDRAISING .

The Joy of British Summers!

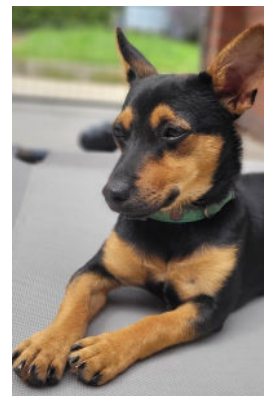
Our first open air fete of the year was Mayday at St. Mary's Church, Fratton. We stayed all day but finished damp, cold and dirty with mud squelching inside our shoes. Droxford in June was perfect as was the Funtley Village Fete but Swanmore! We all could have entered the wet t-shirt competition and we still have more to look forward to.

We are at both the Stubbington Fair and the Gosport Motor Rally on Bank Holiday Monday, August 26th and finally the Michaelmas Fair in Alverstoke on Saturday 28th September. Here's hoping.

BELLA

Is a victim of our throw away society. She is only 5 months old and already discarded. WHY ? you might well ask. They had bought a 9 month old Cane Corso and now no longer wanted this little pup who is so loving and biddable. A real sweetie just loves cuddles and playing.

She was allowed to roam the streets and was lucky to not have been killed. Her best bit of luck came when she was given in to rescue, we hope the Cane Corso fares well.



About us how our donations are spent

All our animals are health checked, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and any health problems dealt with where appropriate before they leave us. This comes at great cost. The donations we ask for, £300 for a dog and £75 for a cat, does not go anywhere near the cost to the rescue and yet some people still complain.

Neutering small dogs starts at £208 and rises considerably from there as the dogs get bigger so do the costs.

Spaying small dogs starts at £335 for dogs under 10kg, again larger dogs cost more.

Cat spay costs start at £112

Cat neuters cost start at £76

These prices are all including rescue discounts and we have been warned that there is another price rise coming soon.

Around 85% of all cats coming into rescue need spaying or neutering and we do prioritise un-spayed cats due to the obvious need to stop over reproduction.

Vaccinations cost from £108 for a primary course.

Microchipping cost £10 using our own chips (which we purchase in bulk).

A recent dog dental came in at £699.99!

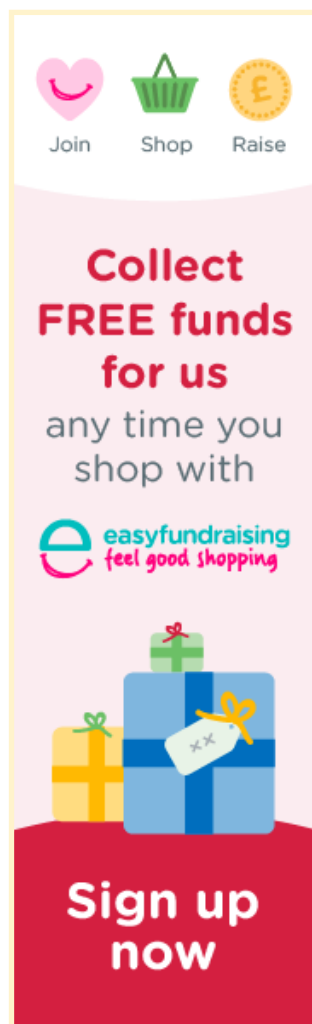
Bearing in mind nearly all cats and dogs have some degree of medical health issues that have to be dealt with, after all of this, add heating, lighting, water and not least of all animal feed and 5 members of parttime staff who lovingly care for them .

We have had to dig deep into our reserves for the first time and already the coming year looks not much better .

By far and large our biggest expense are vets up by at least 50% and I do not apologise for the rant both I and **Janeen** from **Portsmouth cats** have made in this newsletter

Ways you can donate to Second Chance...

• Easy Fundraising



The graphic features three icons at the top: a pink heart labeled 'Join', a green shopping basket labeled 'Shop', and a gold coin labeled 'Raise'. Below these is a pink banner with the text 'Collect FREE funds for us any time you shop with' and the 'easyfundraising feel good shopping' logo. At the bottom, there are three gift boxes (yellow, blue, and green) on a red base with the text 'Sign up now'.

Thank you to all our supporters who raise money for us via Easy Fundraising!

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Second Chance Society Southampton?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

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Switch to ecards, help our charity, and save the planet. We've teamed up with DontSendMeACard where you can support our charity by giving what it would have cost to send cards. You can then send loved ones ecards instead! Check out ours here: <https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/charities/CWGs>

• Online

You can donate via our website or Facebook page. Or Online banking, please see details at the bottom of the next page.

Or by cheque, made payable to SECOND CHANCE SOCIETY.

We'd like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all of our supporters and volunteers!

Take care and we hope you all have a wonderful summer!

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Membership: Family £10 Joint £8 Adult £6 Child £3 OAP £3

Gift Aid– Give more at no extra cost to you.

The Gift Aid scheme means that we can claim tax on donations you make to us. This would increase each donation by 25% providing you have paid sufficient UK tax to cover this amount. To enable Second Chance to reclaim the tax on donations you make, please tick the box and write today's date.

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