

THE HOUSE OF RACHEL

England & Wales · Charity number 1157850

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-07-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ORPHANS, VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN ORPHANAGES IN BULGARIA THE: * ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION * PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF GOOD HEALTH * RELIEF OF POVERTY

Activities: Improving orphanages in Bulgaria, providing educational material and recreational opportunities for orphans in Bulgaria. This is achieved by taking building teams and activities teams from the UK and providing funds where necessary for the improvement of facilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Bulgaria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£5,573	£4,704	-	-
2024-04-05	£11,763	£13,964	-	-
2023-04-05	£5,639	£4,643	-	-
2022-04-05	£8,735	£7,693	-	-
2021-04-05	£7,309	£4,008	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW KEITH MORGAN		2014-07-15
Christopher Trippit		2019-06-21

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Krivnya Orphanage

We did not embark on a building project this year. Instead, we took a small team of young men to run an activities week for the children. This was an outstanding success. All the children engaged with the activities and had great fun. Sometimes, just playing with the children can be more valuable to them than painting a bedroom or similar. A fantastic week which blessed the team as much as the children.

M&N Support

We continued our support for this family unit but have begun the process of tapering down so that they do not become reliant on charity help. This has been working as the requests for support have reduced. The family continue to face medical issues but are managing, on the whole, to finance these themselves. We are delighted that they are beginning to stand on their own two feet which must be very empowering for them.

BI Support

This was a pivotal year in BI's care. After a lot of hard work, a place was found in a home very close to where BI has spent the last 5 years. This was excellent news as it meant BI could still attend the various clubs where such strong bonds and friendships had been made. It also means that the charity can continue to be actively involved in his life. BI has settled in very well and is loved by both staff and residents. He is as happy now as he has ever been and it is a joy to see him flourish and live life to the full.

Supporters

Once again, our supporters underpin everything we do and we are extremely grateful for each and every one of them.

Andrew

Andrew Morgan



House Of Rachel Financial Accounts YE 5 April 2025

Opening Balance	£	6,511.10
Total Receipts	£	5,573.83
Total Expenses	£	4,704.91
Closing Balance	£	7,380.02

	Breakdown	
	General	Bobby
Opening Balance	£ 5,011.10	£ 1,500.00
Total Receipts	£ 4,575.31	£ 998.52
Total Expenses	£ 3,204.91	£ 1,500.00
Closing Balance	£ 6,381.50	£ 998.52

NOTES

During the year a total of £589.99 was sent to M & N (via Western Union) to support the family.

The Bobby fund was fully used supporting his care. A new Bobby fund was set up to cover the costs of his naturalisation

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Our finances for the period fall broadly into three categories:

Krivnya Orphanage

After such a long, Covid induced, absence, it was great to be back in Bulgaria helping the children of Krivnya Orphanage. Following a visit from the Fire Officer, the orphanage were instructed to remove all the wood cladding from both the children's lounge and the canteen.

Following an inspection visit, it became clear that the wall behind the cladding was in a poor state and would probably need substantial remedial work. Therefore, the decision was taken to focus on the children's lounge for the upcoming visit and hold over the canteen to a subsequent visit.

When we arrived to do the work, the wall behind the cladding was in such bad condition, all the plaster/render had to be removed back to the brickwork and re-plastered. Although the work was hard, we were motivated by the fact that three of the older boys were allowed to come and labour for us and, suffice to say, without them, the job would not have been completed. Their work ethic and enthusiasm were infectious.

The total spend on this project was £4280. This sum includes £247.60 expenses connected with meeting up with M&N.

M&N Support

We extended our support for this family unit. Part of the expenditure related to clearing an accrued debt which was crippling the family. All of M's wages were taken at source to fund the debt. The aggressive interest rates meant that, despite the payments, the debt was not reducing. Clearing the debt in full meant that the wages could be released to the family who could then support themselves.

From time to time, we continued to support them with exceptional expenditure (e.g. medical).

BI Support

BI has, for a long time now, been self supporting financially but, with his income not keeping pace with the huge increases in the cost of his care we anticipate a shortfall by mid 2024. Therefore, a sum of £1500 has been set aside to meet this shortfall.

Meanwhile, the lengthy process of getting Social Services care put in place has begun. Once this process is complete it is anticipated that there will be no further call on HOR for assistance.

As we reflect on the year, we are pleased to see the difference we have made in the lives of so many children and orphanage leavers. As always, this is only possible due to the generosity of our supporters to whom we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Andrew

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Opening Balance	£	8,711.79
Total Receipts	£	10,263.97
Total Expenses	£	12,464.66
Closing Balance	£	6,511.10

	Breakdown	
	General	Bobby
Opening Balance	£ 8,711.79	
Total Receipts	£ 10,263.97	£ 1,500.00
Total Expenses	£ 13,964.66	
Closing Balance	£ 5,011.10	£ 1,500.00

NOTES

During the year a total of £3980.24 was sent to M & N (via Western Union) to support the family.

Sep 2023 - A total of £4280 was spent in Bulgaria for Krivnya Orphanage improvements

Mar 2024 - £1500 ringfenced for Bobby. This is to cover a predicted shortfall in funding his care pending Social Services provision.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 2023

Last year's report concluded with the following statement:

"We are hopeful, that when it comes to writing the next report we will have news of a return to Bulgaria for our teams."

I am delighted to report that plans are currently in hand to visit Krivnya Orphanage in Autumn 2023. We have been working with the director to draw up a list of jobs required for our building team and we are close to finalising all the detail.

Meanwhile we are continuing to support a number of young people.

We still support the young man who came to the UK for medical treatment. The funds secured for his care are coming to an end but, we are very close to enabling him to be entirely self supporting. We continue to support the young family in Bulgaria with gifts for essential medical care (thanks largely to the generosity of Okehampton Baptist Church) and regular monthly gifts to top up their income.

Whilst we are excited to be planning for a return to Bulgaria, the Covid pandemic has taught us that we can still be active and fruitful despite not having our feet on the ground in Bulgaria.

Once again we have been reminded of the exceptional value of our regular givers who faithfully support our work.

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Andrew Morgan
Director



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Opening Balance	£	11,403.45
Total Receipts	£	5,639.17
Total Expenses	£	8,330.83
Closing Balance	£	8,711.79

	Breakdown		
	General	OKL Fund	POC Fund
Opening Balance	£ 7,715.99	£ 287.46	£ 3,400.00
Total Receipts	£ 5,639.17		
Total Expenses	-£ 4,643.37	-£ 287.46	-£ 3,400.00
Closing Balance	£ 8,711.79		

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Following another year dramatically affected by the Covid pandemic it has, once again, not been possible to travel to Bulgaria.

Contacts in Bulgaria advised that all Orphanages are closed to the public and unlikely to consider re-opening until after May 2022. Therefore, the directors met to consider two main issues:

1. Can we, in good conscience, continue to collect donations from our supporters when we are not currently directly supporting any activities in Bulgaria
2. What does the future of The House Of Rachel look like going forward

CONCLUSIONS

1. It was decided that a letter (email) should be sent to each regular giver thanking them for their ongoing support and advising them what was happening in order that people could make their own decisions about how/if they wish to continue with their support. Here is the text of that email:

"If there's one thing the pandemic has confirmed, it's the value of our regular givers.

With our normal fundraising activities suspended, our main source of income has been your regular gift.

It's been amazing to see how God has used the pandemic to focus our activities. Whilst we have been prevented from travelling to Bulgaria there has been plenty to do at home supporting the young man we brought to the UK.

Currently, no visitors are allowed in Bulgarian orphanages and it looks likely that this will be the case until May 2022. Therefore, we are looking to late 2022 or early 2023 before we can realistically plan our next trip.

We are in the process of writing to the directors of some of the orphanages to find out what their needs are for 2022 so that we can make suitable plans.

The fact that we are accruing a fund to enable us to continue our work once we can get back to Bulgaria is down to you and for that we are extremely grateful.

Whilst we have always valued our regular givers, the pandemic has really proved your true value.

Thank you very much for your continued support."

A good response was received and no one ceased support. In one case, the response was to make an additional donation.

2. To review the situation in May 2022 with a view to considering a trip in spring 2023.

During the period we have been able to support two young people in Bulgaria:

- i) A young man who had travelled to Germany on the promise of work was left homeless and on the streets after the job fell through. He appealed to us for funds to repatriate to Bulgaria. After a due diligence process, we were pleased to be able to help him return to his wife and child.

- ii) A second young man contacted us as he had no food to feed his wife and young son. Having been through the horrific trauma of losing a child, he found himself in this difficult situation. We were pleased to be able to help by sending money for both rent & food.

Further, 'B' (see last year's report), continues to baffle the medics with his miraculous progress. The funds donated by various charities have been put to good use ensuring that his post operative care continues to both help his recovery and enrich his life. One of the care providers is putting him through some elementary training which, if he passes, will be the first certificate he has ever achieved. We are very excited for him.

We are hopeful, that when it comes to writing the next report we will have news of a return to Bulgaria for our teams.

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Andrew Morgan
Director



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Opening Balance	£	10,361.98
Total Receipts	£	8,735.29
Total Expenses	-£	7,693.82
Closing Balance	£	11,403.45

	Breakdown			
	General	OKL Fund	Bobby	POC Fund
Opening Balance	£ 3,589.52	£ 272.46	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,500.00
Total Receipts	£ 4,521.29	£ 15.00	£ 2,499.00	£ 1,700.00
Total Expenses	-£ 394.82		-£ 5,499.00	-£ 1,800.00
Closing Balance	£ 7,715.99	£ 287.46	£ -	£ 3,400.00

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 2021

Whilst the worldwide Covid pandemic changed our activities dramatically during the period, it presented us with the perfect opportunity to focus on caring for a young man (B) the charity rescued previously and brought to the UK for life changing medical care.

The worldwide ban on travel meant that we could not go to Bulgaria on our usual missions. It also meant that our normal fundraising activities had to be suspended. The consequence of this was twofold:

1. We were reminded of the incredible value of our supporters who subscribe to regular giving. We are delighted to report that we did not lose any of our regular givers during the period.
2. We needed to change our fundraising methods by applying to churches and grant issuing authorities for assistance.

B was rescued from Bulgaria where he was about to have his leg amputated and with no means to support himself or pay for post operative care he would have been put out onto the streets with the very real possibility that he might have died.

Since bringing him to the UK we have witnessed miracle after miracle which resulted in him receiving pre-settled status (right to remain in the UK) leading to him having an operation to save his leg. As I write, B's consultant has declared his progress to be miraculous as his recovery is proceeding way beyond expectations.

As a charity we wish to express our sincere gratitude to Okehampton Baptist Church (OBC), Sticklepath Community Church (SCC) and Okehampton United Charities (OUC) for making substantial gifts for B's post operative care. It is these gifts which God used to help B's miraculous ongoing recovery.

So, despite the pandemic, 2020/21 has been a very successful year in the life of The House of Rachel and will always be remembered for the miracles we have seen in the life of one very special young man. The ripples of this one miracle have also had a profound effect on many other people involved in B's life.

In summary, we thank our regular givers for keeping us afloat. We thank OBC, SCC & OUC for the gifts to pay for B's post operative care. We thank God for taking the money we have received, multiplying it and using it to create the miracles which have blessed us so richly.

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Andrew Morgan
Director



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Opening Balance	£	7,060.89
Total Receipts	£	7,309.57
Total Expenses	£	4,008.48
Closing Balance	£	10,361.98

	Breakdown				
	General	OKL Fund	Help	B Fund	POC Fund
Opening Balance	£ 5,896.81	£ 272.46	£ 891.62	£ -	£ -
Total Receipts	£ 809.57	£ -		£ 3,000.00	£ 3,500.00
Total Expenses	£ 3,116.86	£ -	£ 891.62		
Closing Balance	£ 3,589.52	£ 272.46	£ -	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,500.00

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