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Introduction

This financial year (2023-24) has been a good one, in terms of funds raised, new partnerships established, and most importantly in terms of the number of grants we gave to people who are homeless. In this report we give examples of some of these successes.

In the previous financial year (2022-23) we had increased our grant giving to meet the needs created by the cost-of-living crisis. But our income was greatly reduced, as our supporters were affected by the same financial hardships as our beneficiaries.

In January 2023 the board of trustees had to make some difficult decisions, and we started this financial year with a smaller team and a new fundraising strategy.

Despite the continuing cost-of-living crisis, we have seen an increase in income from all types of fundraising. And we are really pleased that this has enabled us to maintain the amount of grants given to people who are homeless over the year.

Our work is now more important than ever, as we are one of very few organisations that give personal grants to people who have been homeless, for whatever they need to rebuild their lives.

Although our grants are small, they make a massive difference to the lives of the people who receive them, as is demonstrated through the extracts from grant applications which are spread throughout this report.

Thank you for your interest in our work. It is only thanks to the generosity of our supporters that we are able to continue helping people to rebuild their lives after the trauma of being homeless.



Liz Wilson, Chair of trustees

Elizabeth Wilson

Chair of trustees

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Wilson Carlile, 1847–1942

Wilson Carlile had been a successful businessman but lost his money in the 1873 depression. He suffered a mental and physical collapse, and while confined to bedrest he experienced the overwhelming love of God and felt called to serve the poor and excluded.

He became an ordained priest in the Church of England and trained an 'army' of volunteers to reach out to ordinary working people; particularly those who were struggling with poverty, unemployment, ill-health, and alcohol-dependence.



Women in a Church Army shelter on the site of Queen Mary's (see opposite)

Our past, present and future

Our History

Our roots go back to 1880 when the Rev'd Wilson Carlile began to provide shelter for homeless people on the Thames Embankment. In 1882 Carlile set up the Church Army to provide accommodation and job opportunities to homeless people as part of its wider mission.

Church Army Housing (1924 – 1977)

Carlisle set up Church Army Housing in 1924 to formalise and expand the accommodation provided by the Church Army. During World War II, Church Army Housing provided shelter for 300,000 people.

Church Housing Association (1977 – 1985)

Housing provision was separated from the other work of the Church Army and the Church Housing Association was set up in 1977.

English Churches Housing Group (ECHG) (1985 – 2006)

ECHG was created through the merger of Church Housing Association and the Baptist Housing Association in 1985. It merged with Riverside Housing Group in 2006, and this is the basis of our continuing partnership with Riverside.

Church Housing Trust (1989 – 2018)

We were incorporated as a separate charity from ECHG in 1989 to make it easier to raise voluntary donations.

Church Homeless Trust (2018 -2023)

In 2018 we changed our name from 'Housing' to 'Homeless' to make what we do clear.

Church Homeless Charity (2023 onwards)

In 2023 we changed our name from 'Trust' to 'Charity' to show that we are an independent charity without any source of income except the generosity of our supporters.

Our purpose

Although our name and circumstances have changed over the past century, our purpose has not. Indeed we still support people in hostels built by Wilson Carlile - see photos bottom left and right on this spread.

We give personal grants to people who are homeless to help them to rebuild their lives, regardless of their faith, background, identity or circumstances. We believe in the unconditional love of God for all people, and the unique contribution every individual has to make, no matter how difficult their current circumstance may be.

We know the names and circumstances of every person we give a grant to. We have included extracts from some of the applications we have approved in the past year, throughout this report. (We have changed their names to protect anonymity.)

Current trends

Most of us have been adversely affected by the cost-of-living crisis over the past year; but for people who were already struggling this continuing hardship has pushed them over the edge.

We have seen an increase in applications from people who would never have imagined becoming homeless a few years ago, many due to losing a job through ill-health. We've also given more grants to prevent people becoming homeless as they struggle to pay their rent and bills.

Over the winter, we helped around a hundred asylum seekers who were evicted from their Home Office accommodation with a week's notice on receipt of their right to remain, and were rough sleeping in the cold.

We've also had more applications from people who have fled their homes due to abuse by neighbours, or being cuckooed—which is when a gang takes over the property for drugs or other illegal activities.

The schemes that we work with have had their government funding cut, and are no longer able to provide activities for residents, so we are continuing to fund social and therapeutic activities which are vital to help people to rebuild their confidence and move on.

We have also started to work with some new specialist services for female prison leavers, and non-statutory supported accommodation to help former rough sleepers into work.

We have received significant funding from the Veterans' Foundation to help ex-service personnel into work. It is very difficult to work while in supported accommodation because you immediately become responsible for paying for full support costs which can be several hundred pounds a week. This means that veterans are unable to take work and get trapped in hostels as they can't save for a rent deposit.

The Veterans' Foundation funding will help veterans, but this problem applies to all residents in supported accommodation, and we will be approaching other funders to help these other people.

The coming year

Thanks to our healthy income this year we have been able to recruit to the two fundraising posts which we held vacant for a year in order to save costs.

We have also moved to fully remote working to save on office costs. We will still need a base for our post and to process donations, and we will be moving to Queen Mary's Hostel. Pictured on the right, this is a hostel for women, built by Wilson Carlile, and opened by King George and Queen Mary in 1926.

We expect to take on supporting another 25 schemes in the London area this year, as our partners Riverside have merged with One Housing Group, who are a significant provider of homelessness services.



Issa, a young refugee:

I came to the UK because of the terrible effects of the war in Syria. When I got refugee status I was evicted from my accommodation and as no-one could help me, I had to sleep on the street. After a while I got a place in a night shelter run by a church. They helped me find a room to rent, and get a place at college.

I would like a small fridge so I can buy and store food. I am studying, so this will help me save money and time and help me settle into my new life. Thank you so much for your help.

We gave him £125 for a fridge.



Current residents at Queen Mary's hostel, set up by Wilson Carlile

Our grants

We are now one of very few charities that give personal support grants to people who are homeless; and the need is greater than ever. Very often people stay stuck on the street or in a hostel because they simply don't have the money for ID papers, or a rent deposit. Our grants make a real difference to the lives of people who are homeless.

Through our online application process, we can approve and disburse all funds within a week, meaning that people get the money they so desperately need quickly.



Personal grants

These are the most flexible of our grants to be used for whatever an individual needs to help them to rebuild their lives.

When first coming off the street this may be clothing, toiletries and some form of photo ID.

Later on in their journey they may need money towards training, education, or volunteering opportunities.

We provide grants for people to pursue their hobbies; funding art materials, musical instruments, cameras, etc. to help build self-esteem and a sense of purpose.

We also provide grants to re-connect people with their estranged children or parents. And sadly sometimes we fund clothing and transport to attend the funeral of a family member or partner.



Social and therapeutic activities

These grants are for group activities within the schemes we support which at the most basic level give residents something to do during the day, and in some cases help them resist going on to the street to beg and buy drugs.

These activities also help to build confidence, social skills and relationships.

They include breakfast clubs, gardening projects, music therapy, trips to the seaside, film clubs, book clubs, hiking, creative writing, etc.

Health and wellbeing

These grants are for any health related needs, from trips to the dentist to gym membership: from boxing lessons to one-to-one counselling.

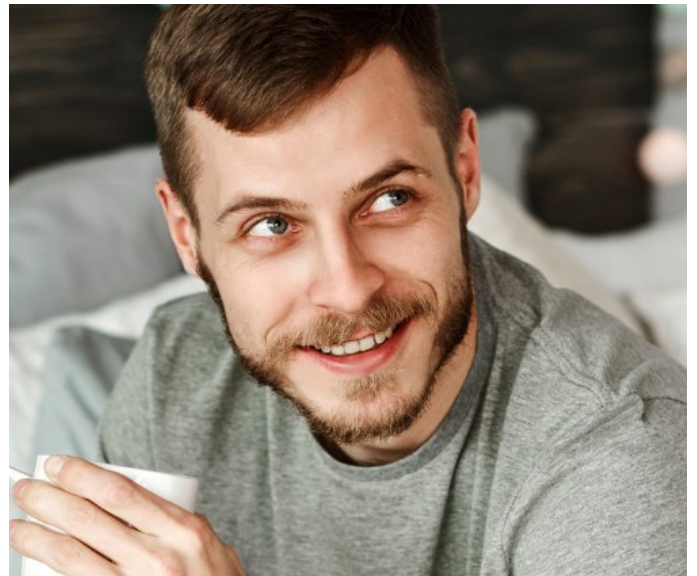


Digital inclusion

Nowadays it is impossible to function in our society without access to the internet. However, the cost of a smartphone, and the ongoing data costs, are beyond the reach of many of the people we help. This cuts them off from family and friends, benefits, health care, training and work opportunities.

We give grants for basic smartphones, or laptops if people need one for education, training or work.

This year we are very grateful to Vodafone who donated more than 500 SIM cards with six months of free data.



A suitable and secure home

The ultimate goal for most of the people we help is to move on from the schemes we support and live independently in a home of their own.

We give grants for rent deposits, rent in advance, utilities and removal costs, so that people are able to afford to move on.

We also give grants for furniture, furnishings, white goods, etc. and for decorating, so that they can make their new accommodation into a home.


In 2023-4 we gave
£301,000 in grants to
people who were
homeless




£12,000 on
social activities



£15,000 on
therapeutic
gardening



£78,000 on digital
inclusion, giving 512
homeless people six
months of free data



£32,000 on
health and
wellbeing



£102,000 in
resettlement
grants enabling
592 homeless
people to move
into a home



£62,000 in
personal grants
to 413 homeless
people, for
clothing, food,
training, etc.



Our Partners

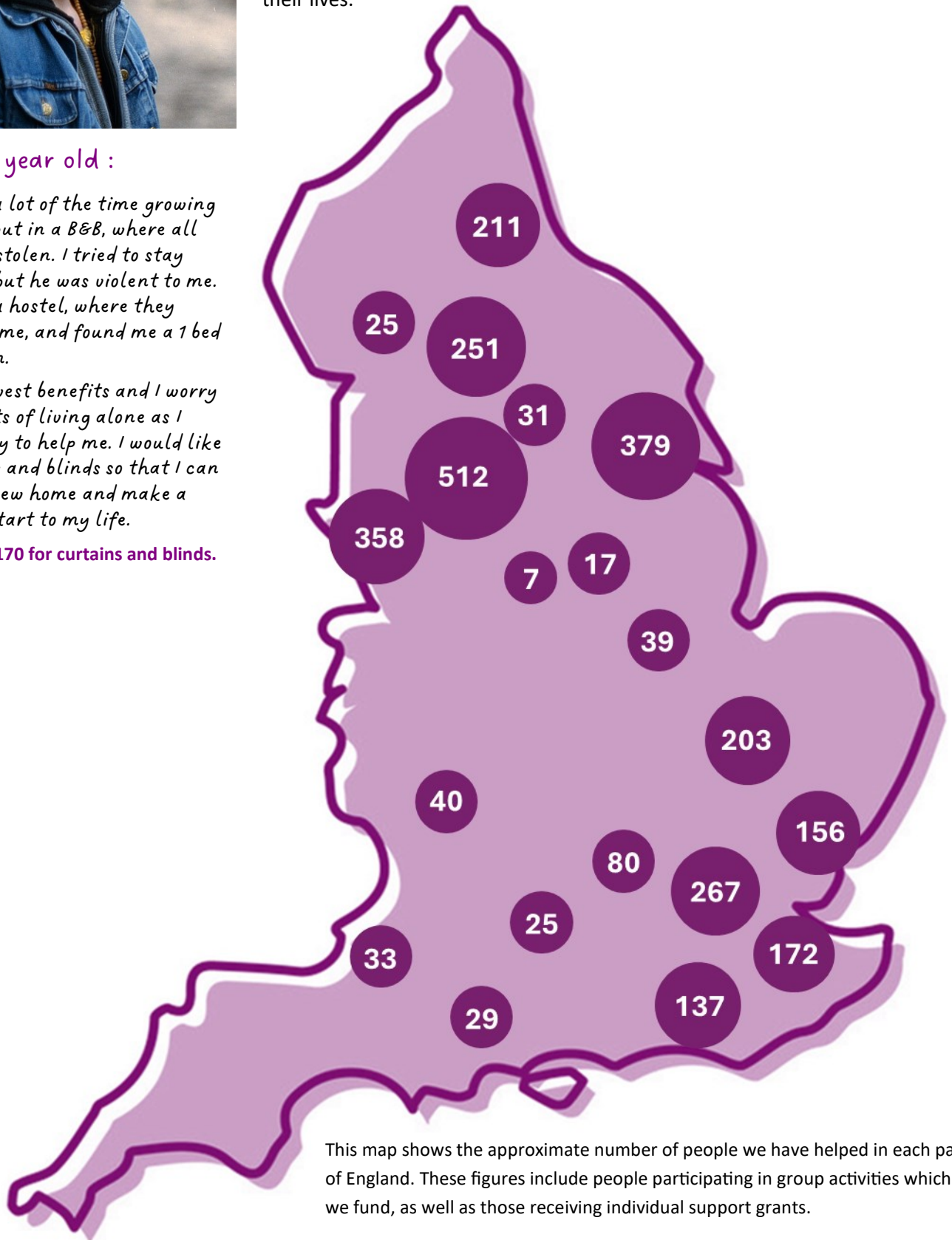
We distribute our grants through our partnerships with 105 schemes throughout England that are registered with us. This means that we are sure that our grants are going to people who really need our help, and that the money will be spent correctly. We also know that our beneficiaries are receiving the other support that they need to rebuild their lives.

Kyle, an 18 year old :

I was in care a lot of the time growing up, and then put in a B&B, where all my stuff was stolen. I tried to stay with my dad, but he was violent to me. I ended up in a hostel, where they really helped me, and found me a 1 bed flat of my own.

I'm on the lowest benefits and I worry about the costs of living alone as I have no family to help me. I would like some curtains and blinds so that I can settle in my new home and make a positive new start to my life.

We gave him £170 for curtains and blinds.



This map shows the approximate number of people we have helped in each part of England. These figures include people participating in group activities which we fund, as well as those receiving individual support grants.

In total we helped nearly 3,000 people this year.

The people we help

Anybody can end up homeless as a result of a job loss, addiction, relationship breakdown, domestic abuse, criminal conviction, bereavement or health crisis.

Some people start life without a safe and secure home, and are brought up in the care system.

We help all sorts of people who are homeless for all sorts of reasons:

Veterans - some find it hard to adjust when they leave the Armed Forces, with some veterans suffering from physical injury or PTSD. We support the residents in three specialist schemes for homeless veterans.

Survivors of domestic abuse - often have to leave behind their home and belongings, and flee to a shelter in a place where they have no support network. We support seven schemes for women and children fleeing abuse.

Young people and care leavers - children brought up in care often become homeless at the age of 18 as they have no family to rely on. And an increasing number of young people are becoming homeless due to family breakdown and overcrowding. We support 12 schemes which provide accommodation and support for young people.

Prison leavers - often people lose their homes (and families) while in prison. We support two initiatives for people when they leave prison.

Asylum seekers - cannot work or receive benefits while their claim is being considered, and ironically often become homeless as soon as they receive refugee status. We support three specialist services for asylum seekers, and many of the schemes we work with support refugees.

Young families - teenagers who become pregnant are often asked to leave the family home. We support six schemes providing accommodation and support for young families.

Mental and physical health problems - can lead to job loss, relationship breakdown, addiction, poverty and eventually homelessness. Most of the people we help have some sort of health problem, as a cause or a result of being homeless.

LGBTQ+ people - often experience discrimination; some are asked to leave the family home, others are threatened and forced to leave their homes. We support LGBTQ+ people in two specialist schemes.

Cost of living crisis - an increasing number of people are becoming homeless simply because they cannot pay their mortgage, or their rent. These are often families where one or both parents are in work.

Entrenched rough sleepers - can be the hardest to help. After years on the streets it is hard to come indoors and live in a hostel with others. We support shelters that help rough sleepers through the winter.

For a full list of the schemes we support see page 30.



Mike, a middle-aged man:

I became homeless after working in London and developing a cocaine addiction. I lost the support from family members and was left street homeless.

I've been living at an Emmaus scheme and have been substance-free for six months. I'm slowly building back up relationships with some family members, including my children.

I hope to have a tenancy of my own, with the safety net of support, and to return to work in the near future, as I have many qualifications.

I feel giving somebody a chance to rebuild their life and their family relationships is a huge positive. I've always turned to substances in the past, and this is the first time I'm putting measures in place to prevent the never-ending roller coaster and move on.

We gave him £175 for a microwave and cooking utensils.



Richard, a prison leaver:

I suffer with depression and had a breakdown in a relationship and was asked to leave the property.

I then lost my job as I had no fixed abode and had to steal food to eat. This resulted in me going to prison.

When I came out of prison, I was rough sleeping again and tried to take my own life because I was so depressed. I ended up with multiple breaks and fractures, and a long time in hospital.

I'm now in supported accommodation, and I want to rebuild my life. I need some photo ID so that I can begin to apply for benefits, housing and work.

I don't want to end up rough sleeping again, so I would really value your help.

We gave him £50 for a provisional driving licence.

Governance

Trustee Directors

The trustees are directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006. New trustees are appointed by those trustees who are already in office at the time with up to one-third being nominated by Riverside Care and Support. At any one time there must be a minimum of three trustees and a maximum of 15. No trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with Church Homeless Charity during the year.

The trustees from 1st April 2023 up to the date of this report were as follows:

Elizabeth Wilson (chair) leads Liz Wilson Consultancy: a coaching and leadership development organisation whose aim is to help organisations who want to make a difference. She also works with young people, helping them build resilience and has been a school governor and Prince's Trust mentor. She is also on the Board of Mae and Mitchell, a not for profit organisation providing bespoke social care in the community.

Ven Simon Baker was an ordained priest in the Church of England in the early 1980's. Since then he has served in a number of parishes across the country and also had training posts. His most recent appointment was as Archdeacon of Lichfield and Rector of St Michael Lichfield and St John Wall. Simon is now retired and lives in Somerset.

Christopher Daws is a chartered accountant and a member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation and the Association of Corporate Treasurers. He has been financial and deputy secretary of the Church Commissioners for England, a trustee of Action for Children and chairman of their pension fund; a member of the Board for Actuarial Standards; and the independent member of the audit committee of the Charity Commission. Currently he is a trustee of The Share Foundation and Friends of Malmesbury Abbey.

Andrew Deutsch has had a successful career in the food industry having had leading roles with food manufacturers including Northern Foods, Hain Daniels and Bernard Matthews. He has extensive experience of both operations and relationship management. He was also a committee member of Riverside Care and Support from 2016 until 2022 and is a member of The Chorus Educational Trust.

John Glenton (retired October 2024) is the Executive Director of Care and Support at The Riverside Group. John shares a long history with Church Homeless Charity as his career working within the homeless sector began in 1987 with Church Housing Association. He has held various front line and management roles over the years covering business development, strategy, and operations. John is currently the chair of the National Housing Federation Homelessness Steering Group, which lobbies the Government to help end homelessness.

Trevor Morris is a former Area Manager at Riverside Care and Support who retired in May 2018. Prior to working at Riverside he served in the Armed Forces. Trevor is passionate about helping homeless veterans with their housing needs. While at Riverside he co-founded the Single Persons Accommodation Centre for the Ex Services (SPACES). Trevor developed a further five services for homeless veterans across the country and, at the time of his retirement, these services had helped 16,000 veterans.

Sally Nichols Assistant Director of Operations Riverside, Sally has worked in care and supported housing services for 25 years, having extensive experience of managing a range of varied services and working with a diverse range of customers. Sally also has a specialism around developing Extra Care housing, and is the nominated lead for Care Quality Commission for the Riverside Group.

David Robinson (appointed June 2024) has worked in care and support services for 15 years. Starting out as a support worker for St Mungo's, he has worked on innovative projects such as No Second Night Out and the European Ending Homelessness Campaign. As Assistant Director of Operations Dave is responsible for all Riverside's supported housing, floating support and retirement living services. He has been a trustee for a learning disabilities charity and sits on the Board of Whitehaven Foyer.

Elizabeth Toher (retired October 2024) was a Senior Programme Manager and Director and has worked across many organisations including The Cooperative Bank, Lloyds Banking Group and KPMG. She is experienced in managing complex change programmes and developing business information systems in the finance industry and public sector.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Church Homeless Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. So far as each of the trustees is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware and each trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of S418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Structure and management reporting

The overall responsibility for the charity lies with the trustees who have delegated the day to day management of the charity to the executive director. The trustees meet four times a year to review progress, discuss policy issues and agree strategy. The chair meets with the executive director every week to discuss strategic and operational matters.

A group of trustees undertakes an annual appraisal of the Executive Director, and sets targets for the coming year; the remuneration committee consisting of three trustees recommends the pay for all members of staff to the trustees.

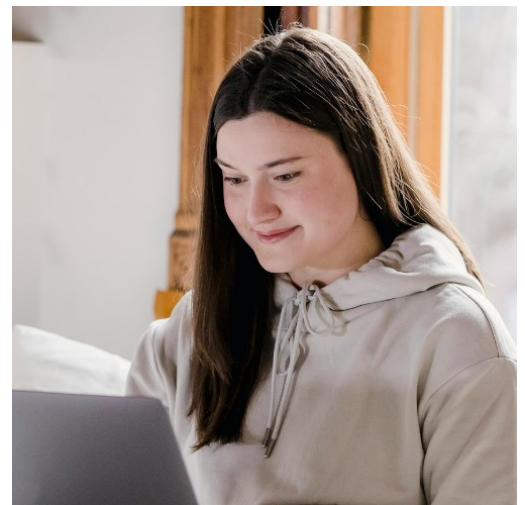
Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis comprise the trustees and the executive director of the charity. The remuneration of the executive director is agreed annually by the trustees and is benchmarked against the sector.

Management

The executive director, Miriam Morris, is also company secretary. Miriam is supported by a digital marketing manager, fundraising manager and finance and data manager, and a part-time management accountant.

Church Homeless Charity is an equal opportunities employer and applies objective criteria to assess merit. We employ the people we consider to be best for the job regardless of age, race, colour, nationality, religion, ethnic or national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation and disability.



Jennie, a student:

I lived with my boyfriend, but he was violent and abusive, so I left. I was sofa surfing for a while but ran out of places to stay and became homeless and came to the youth foyer. I have continued my studies and been working part time.

Due to my hours fluctuating at work my housing benefit has also fluctuated and I often don't have enough to pay the rent top-ups I need to pay because I am in supported accommodation. I have accrued substantial arrears and am at risk of becoming homeless again if I cannot reduce them.

If you can help with the cost of essentials such as food, clothing and transport, I will be able to pay some of my arrears from my wages. This will enable me to finish my degree.

We gave her £175 for clothing, food and transport.

Fundraising and data protection policies

Church Homeless Charity takes great care over its communications with supporters, making sure that the frequency and tone of our communications do not put pressure on supporters, but at the same time keep them informed and engaged. We ensure that supporters can change the way we communicate with them at any time.

We are registered with the Fundraising Regulator and adhere to the Code of Fundraising Practice. We manage our own fundraising activities and do not employ the services of any third-party ‘professional fundraisers’. We have processes for responding to complaints regarding our fundraising activities. Over the past year we have received no complaints about our fundraising activities.

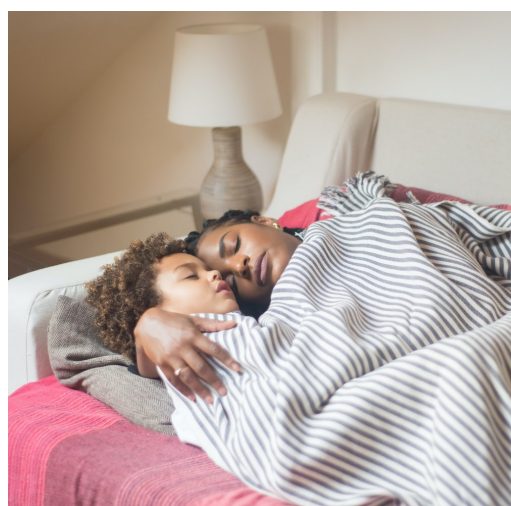
We apply best practice to protect supporters’ data. We never sell data or swap data with other organisations. We regularly monitor and update our data protection policy to ensure that we are compliant with regulations.

Risk management

Church Homeless Charity has a comprehensive register of risks and mitigating actions, which we review at each board meeting.

The main risk facing us, as with most organisations, is the current cost-of-living crisis which is being experienced by the people we help, many of our supporters, and indeed our team.

Below is an abbreviated version of our risk matrix, outlining the mitigating actions we have taken:



Maryam, a mother:

I came to the UK with my husband, and we have a 3-year-old child. My husband was violent, and the police advised me to leave him. I left in a hurry with no clothing or essentials.

For two months I am sleeping with my son on a sofa in my friend's studio flat. I am here on a spouse's visa so have no access to government help, and am borrowing money from my friends for daily living needs.

I would be very grateful for help to pay my debts and feed my son while my immigration status is sorted out. Thank you for considering my application.

We gave her £175 for food.

Risks	Mitigations
The continuing cost-of-living crisis makes it harder for our supporters to make donations	Broadening our supporter base Encouraging smaller regular donations
We have very loyal supporters, some have been giving to us for decades, but they tend to be quite elderly	Online and in-person campaigns to recruit new younger donors
There are a lot of charities competing for funds in the same pool of people, many of whom have more resources	Imaginative campaigns which reach new people Best use of content for search engine optimisation
We are a very small team, and therefore stretched quite thinly	We are familiar with each others’ tasks and share the workload We have automated some of our processes.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and believe that they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks.

Financial review

Results for the year

Total income for the year amounted to £621,120 compared with the previous year's income of £388,077.

Unrestricted income increased from £367,191 in 2023 to £544,779 in 2024.

Our restricted income increased from £20,886 in 2023 to £76,341 in 2024.

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £560,625 (2023: £661,626). During the year, we spent £438,650 on charitable activities (2023: £537,241) and £121,975 on raising funds (2023: £124,385).

After taking account of investment gains and losses and actuarial gains and losses the charity's funds overall increased by £86,824 (2023: decreased by £279,899).

Reserves policy and financial position

The trustees believe that the charity is a going concern, due to our level of reserves and the continuing generosity of our supporters, in particular our regular givers.

On 31 March 2024, we held £162,552 of restricted reserves (2023: £148,499). These reserves are restricted in that they arise from specific bequests and grants which have not yet been expended. We will disburse such funds in accordance with the conditions of the bequest or grant in response to demand.

We also held an unrestricted general fund of £393,910 (2023: £338,139).

The value of the defined pension scheme liability at 31 March 2024 was £119,000 (2023: £136,000). This liability for our share of the deficit does not fall due immediately, and the expectation is that it will be met annually from income. Therefore, the pension provision is excluded in determining our free reserves which also exclude the net book value of tangible assets and stand at a total of £391,491 (2023: £333,539). This equates to 18 months of general fund expenditure excluding grants.

The trustees revised the charity's reserves policy in 2016 from a target level of six months' general fund expenditure, excluding grants, to eight months'. This is to make some provision against future pension deficit contributions, and the trustees are happy with the reserves position at 31 March 2024.

Investment performance

Our aim is to maximise the total return (capital appreciation and income combined) within an acceptable level of risk while ensuring that the projected needs for cash can be met. We invest in ethical funds which are in keeping with the values of Church Homeless Charity.

Trustees' report signed for and on behalf of the trustees:

Elizabeth Wilson

Elizabeth Wilson

Chair of trustees

Date: 2 October 2024



David, a veteran:

I have been homeless for five years now and have just recently arrived here at supported housing for veterans.

I have been heavily dependent on alcohol which put a strain on my relationships—both family and friends. These networks have now been damaged and I need help to build their trust back.

Due to homelessness, I have lost all my documents, and I am unable to apply for any without some sort of ID. I can apply for a Citizenship card if I have proof of birth. Therefore I am hoping that this small amount I'm asking for will enable that.

I am just starting out on sorting my life out and rebuilding my relationships.

We gave him £12.50 for a birth certificate.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Church Homeless Charity

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the for "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)."

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Gumayel Miah, ACA

Buzzacott LLP Chartered Accountants
130 Wood Street
London EC2V 6DL

Date: 2 October 2024

Statement of financial activities-Year to 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income from:						
Donations, grants and legacies	529,677	76,083	605,760	353,789	20,886	374,675
Investment income and interest receivable	15,102	258	15,360	13,402	—	13,402
Total income	544,779	76,341	621,120	367,191	20,886	388,077
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	121,975	—	121,975	124,385	—	124,385
Charitable activities						
Assisting homeless people and those in housing need	376,362	62,288	438,650	445,160	92,081	537,241
Total expenditure	498,337	62,288	560,625	569,545	92,081	661,626
Net income (expenditure) before investment gains (losses)	46,442	14,053	60,495	(202,354)	(71,195)	(273,549)
Net gains (losses) on investment assets	35,329	—	35,329	(15,350)	—	(15,350)
Net income (expenditure)	81,771	14,053	95,824	(217,704)	(71,195)	(288,899)
Other recognised gains (losses)						
Actuarial gains (losses)	(9,000)	—	(9,000)	9,000	—	9,000
Net movement in funds	72,771	14,053	86,824	(208,704)	(71,195)	(279,899)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Funds brought forward at 1 April 2023	202,139	148,499	350,638	410,843	219,694	630,537
Funds carried forward at 31 March 2024	274,910	162,552	437,462	202,139	148,499	350,638

Continuing activities

All the charity's activities derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

Balance sheet 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		2,419		4,600
Investments		425,644		390,315
		<u>428,063</u>		<u>394,915</u>
Current assets				
Debtors	18,501		17,563	
Short term deposits	500		500	
Cash at bank and in hand				
Interest bearing accounts	138,238		43,628	
Other accounts and cash	28,323		67,449	
	<u>185,562</u>		<u>129,140</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(57,163)</u>		<u>(37,417)</u>	
Net current assets		<u>128,399</u>		<u>91,723</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>556,462</u>		<u>486,638</u>
Provision for liabilities		(119,000)		(136,000)
Total net assets		<u>437,462</u>		<u>350,638</u>
Funds and reserves				
Income funds				
Restricted funds		162,552		148,499
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	393,910		338,139	
Pension reserve fund	(119,000)		(136,000)	
		<u>274,910</u>		<u>202,139</u>
		<u>437,462</u>		<u>350,638</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2024, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the trustees of Church Homeless Charity, company registration number 02453957 (England and Wales), and signed on their behalf by:

Elizabeth Wilson

Elizabeth Wilson, chair of trustees

2 October 2024

Statement of cash flows - Year to 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash provided (used in) operating activities	40,382	(260,664)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income and interest received	15,102	13,402
Proceeds from the sale of investments	—	—
Purchase of investments	—	—
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	—	(1,992)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	15,102	11,410
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	55,484	(249,254)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2023	111,577	360,831
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2024	167,061	111,577

Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year to 31 March 2024

A Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)	86,824	(279,899)
Adjustments for		
Depreciation charge	2,180	2,725
Investment income and interest receivable	(15,102)	(13,402)
(Gains) losses on investments	(35,329)	15,350
(Increase) decrease in debtors	(937)	52,578
Increase (decrease) increase in creditors	19,746	(2,016)
(Decrease) increase in pension provision	(17,000)	(36,000)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	40,382	(260,664)

B Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	Cash flow £	2024 £
Short term deposits	500	—	500
Cash at bank and in hand:			
Interest bearing accounts	43,628	94,610	138,238
Other accounts and cash	67,449	(39,126)	28,323
	111,577	55,484	167,061

The schemes we work with:

Berkshire

Elizabeth Fry Charity

Bristol

Jamaica Street

Buckinghamshire

Wycombe Homeless Connection

Old Tea Warehouse

Cambridgeshire

Cambridge Youth Foyer

The Springs

The Victoria Project

Cumbria

Eden Rural Foyer

South Lakes Foyer

Carlisle Foyer

Whitehaven Foyer

Derbyshire

Derby Projects

Centenary House

Gloucestershire

Claremont House

Newton House

Greater Manchester and Cheshire

A Bed Every Night

Bolton House

Brydon Court

Gransmoor Women's Shelter

Newbury House

NSAP Rochdale

Project 394

Refugee Brokerage Service

Orchard Accommodation

Wilson Carlile House

Springboard

SASH

Shepherd Court

Stopover

The Beeches

Street Engagement Hub

Hampshire

Mike Jackson House

Kent

Elizabeth Court

Lily Smith House

Regent House

Simon Mead House

The Quays

Towers Point

Leicestershire

One Roof Homes and night shelter

London

Migrant Destitution Fund (Housing Justice)

King George's Hostel

Hope Worldwide

Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women's Organisation

C4WS Homeless Project

Engage Enfield

Blackmore House

Chapter Street

Hilltops House

Anira House and LGBTQ+ Crisis Shelter

Pimlico Pathway

Queen Mary's Hostel

Evolve Housing and Support

Westminster Transitional Housing

The Boundaries and Lucas Court

Merseyside

Liverpool Dispersed Tenancy Service

Liverpool Floating Support

Sefton Family Service

Shaw Street

Rose Brae Hostel

Powerhouse

Liverpool RSAP

Nottinghamshire

Emmanuel House Winter Shelter

Somerset

The Hope Centre

Suffolk

Selig Suffolk Trust

Acorn House

Cangle Foyer

Lindsey Court

Coupals Court

Surrey

Guildford HOST

Number 5 Hub

Vaughan House

St Saviour's Dispersed Housing

Sussex

ID Essence

Accommodation for Work

Pass it on

The Four Streets Projects

West Midlands

The Shrewsbury Ark

Townsend Gardens

Wiltshire

Booker House

Yorkshire East

Clearview

The Crossings

Cosford Garth and Young people's intensive support

New Court	The Beacon	Laurel House
Rough Sleeper Initiative	STAGES Academy	Marsh Way House
NSAP Rochdale	Yorkshire South	Laurel House
Russell Raywell Street	Garnham House	Marie House
St Ambrose Court	Open House	Springhill Close
Terry Street Resettlement	Yorkshire West	Young Families Service
Centre 28	Leeds Destitute Asylum Seekers Support	Bradford Project
Yorkshire North	West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network	Bracken Court
Hardwick House	Ladybeck House	

The trusts and companies that supported us this year:

Trusts and Foundations

Arimathea Charitable Trust

Bateman Family Trust

Bedhampton Charitable Trust

Benham Charitable Settlement

Bridgewater Charitable Trust

Brownlee Charitable Trust

Burley Weydon Trust

Charles & Elsie Sykes Trust

Dalren Charitable Trust

Fulmer Charitable Trust

Guildford Poyle Charities

Hyde Park Place Estate Charity

Macedonian Charitable Trust

Paragon Trust

Richard John King

Sir James Reckitt Charity

SLG Charitable Trust

Strand Parishes Trust

The Charity Service

The Grace Trust

The Pears Trust

The Veterans' Foundation

Corporate Partners

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Blakemore Foundation

Douthwaite Florists Sundries

Fairoak Corporation

Le Cateau School

Lenny's Coffee Shop

L'Oréal Manchester

Recycle 4 Charity

The Rotary Club of Ossett

The Riverside Group

Thor Companies

Vodafone

Warner Brothers

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gives personal grants to
people who are homeless, to
help them to rebuild their lives



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