

Charities Commission Annual Report 2021

At the beginning of this year the country was back in Lockdown. However, the work of Refresh carried on.

Safe Sleep was able to operate albeit in a very different way. The guests were given bed and breakfast at a hotel at the far end of Weymouth Bay. For the first week volunteers turned up to help on the breakfast shift but it soon became apparent that there were too many people so this stopped. Dinner was cooked and delivered by volunteers from churches across the town, each church being responsible for one week.

Family Matters has continued to receive and give out baby clothes, equipment and toys to families who need them. To date there have been over 80 referrals. As well as the garage at the Lantern, Family Matters now has a larger storage space on an industrial estate where health professionals and families can drive to and drop in. This Christmas there is going to be a toy bank to provide extra presents for their children. People can come and have a cup of tea and choose toys to take away.

The two Keep in Touch projects, Chat2gether and Pen2paper continued as well. Groups of people had a weekly chat over the phone and others received letters from a volunteer and some chose to reply. In July these projects came to a natural end as people began to go out and meet with each other. Keep in touch now has a variety of in person activities including bingo, walks, crafts and stretch-along.

The new Christians Against Poverty (CAP) debt centre team has worked tirelessly all the way through lockdown. They have welcomed new clients, collected the required information and stayed in regular contact with clients over the phone. In person meetings have now mostly resumed although some still prefer to connect on the phone. Fresh Start continued to meet on zoom and in September, following their training at the beginning of the year, the first Life Skills course started with a small group and they have loved being together to share ideas and learn new things. The money course has also met online.

The church leaders' monthly meeting and Refresh Praise continued online until July. Both then resumed in person, meeting outside if possible but ever mindful of government guidelines and people's safety. Again, the Good Friday walks of witness and town centre act of worship had to be cancelled.

but there was an increase in the number of conversations, emails, communications and planning meetings.

REFRESH Accounts for the year 1-10-2020 to 30-9-2021

Income		Expenditure	
B/F 1-10-2020			
Refresh Bank	35597.15		
CAP Banks & cash	235.66		
	35832.81		
CAP		CAP	
From CAP for food	1744.22	CAP Debt	7100.00
From Foodbank for hampers	500.00	From CAP to Methodist Grant	2340.62
Gift for CAP hampers Orendorf	480.00	Phone for client	115.00
Gift for CAP hampers Wey Fam Ch	200.00	Client shop	34.66
Gift from for washing machine	52.00	Van Hire for moving	160.90
Gift for CAP	300.00	CAP Afternoon Tea	120.33
Gifts from individuals	2325.00	Advent calendars	100.25
Transfer from extra lottery	158.57	ASDA school uniform	340.70
Gift Aid	757.49	Client blessings	419.04
Giving from churches	5543.79	Client food shop	1458.40
		Coffee with client	85.50
		DBS for Tracy	48.40
		Fuel & parking	30.00
		Hampers	893.14
		Hot chocolate post	26.88
		Invitations & cards	20.00
		Items for event	12.10
		Microwave for client	39.99
		Misc	4.50
		Pizzas for Magic event	105.76
		Postage	170.68
		Refreshments	12.65
		Stationery	51.48
		Team coffee	29.85
		Thank you gift	16.00
		Washing machine for client	219.00
		Expenses SS	200.00
	12061.07		14155.83
		Covid CAP Grant	
		Salaries	2744.80
		Pension	164.69
		Epenses	577.26
			3486.75
Refresh		Refresh	
Preston & Sutton Poyntz PCC	200.00	Bank monthly account fees	87.00
Gift	90.00	Insurance	644.00
From WBC	150.00		
	440.00		731.00
Spring Into Life		Spring Into Life	
Emmanuel Church	387.00		
	387.00		0.00
Keep in Touch		Keep in Touch	
Grants	17358.91	Postage	12.82
		Babl	72.00
		Salary - R Osborne	7296.66
	17358.91		7381.48
Family Matters		Family Matters	
		Vaiious toys and equipment	3970.11
Fresh Start		Fresh Start	
		Subscription	819.72
			819.72
CAP Money		CAP Money	
	0.00	Resources	5.20
			5.20
Methodist Grant		Methodist Grant	
From CAP local	2,340.62	Salaries	10425.00
		Pension	625.50
		Expenses	110.84
	2340.62		11161.34

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Life Skills			Life Skills		
Life Skills from Fairbridge Trust	1000.00		CAP subscriptions	120.00	
Gift	500.00	1500.00	DBS costs	46.00	
					166.00
Lottery	48550.00		Lottery		
			Debt coach phone	604.00	
			Stationery	19.99	
			Phone costs	334.86	
			Evaluation - David Simmons	1435.00	
		48550.00	Salaries	43205.15	
			Pension	2592.31	48191.31
Wessex Bible Festival			Wessex Bible Festival		
Drive Thru		3610.00	Drive Thru		3610.00
Gifts to Sally			Gifts to Sally		
			From 2019-20	30.00	
		797.50	From 2020-21	797.50	827.50
			At 30-9-2021		
			CAF Bank		27770.33
			Other accounts		601.34
		122877.91			122877.91

Audited and found correct.

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6 December 2021

Refresh is administered by the Trustees comprising 5 local church leaders.

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