



# ANNUAL REPORT

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## The Easter Team

A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER



“ We help local people in crisis to feel accepted, cared for and valued by providing food and support with utility top ups so that we can show them the love of Jesus”

# Chair of Trustees' Report



**Welcome from the Chair of Trustees - Sharon Golightly**  
*Welcome to our Annual Report for the year ending  
December 2022.*

I'd like to start by saying thank you! 2022 was another year of incredible giving, both in terms of food and financial donations as well as volunteers time to make our charity's activities happen.

We have been blessed to receive regular and one-off donations of food for our food parcels as well as many financial donations that enable us to purchase items needed. It has been humbling to see just how many people have shown practical love and care to their fellow residents of Crawley.

Thanks are also due to our fabulous team of volunteers who have worked tirelessly coping with the increasing needs of clients. With only 1 part time staff member, we literally rely on our volunteers' time, commitment and goodwill. After over 30 years of service we were thrilled to be nominated and win the Support Group of the year 2022 at the Crawley Community Awards which is testament to the efforts of the whole team.

It has been a blessing to see our significant partnerships grow – with Crawley Open House as part of the Crawley Foodbank Partnership, with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and with Love Your Neighbour as our partner at the Hub.

We must recognise the generosity of particular supporters – Christina Kerr for hosting our warehouse space and County Mall for hosting the Hub. Without these, we would have nowhere to store our food and nowhere to give it out from!

As trustees, we remain committed to doing all we can to support people in Crawley in food and fuel poverty, following Jesus' words "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me." Matthew 25 v40

*Sharon*

# OPERATIONAL REPORT



## Su Parrish - Operations Manager

And so the story continues....

The New Year of 2022 started with us moving properly into the Hub in Crawley Town centre and clients starting to come and collect their food parcels there. It is located discreetly, is easily accessible both by car and on foot and is very close to the bus station. It couldn't be more central! After 21 months of volunteers

doing home deliveries, it is a blessing to have a base for clients to collect from. Clients can be met face to face and as well as receiving their standard food parcel have the option to choose their own extras from whatever was available from our tables set up as market stalls. As clients bring their own bags to take their items away, it offers clients a dignified way to come and receive their goods.

As the numbers of new clients approaching us for support and the numbers of parcels given out was ever increasing, having a base became more and more of a blessing.

Working in partnership with Love Your Neighbour and Christians against Poverty at the Hub has resulted in more wrap around support for clients - so much more than just the food parcel or utility top up. Clients have taken up the invitation to come inside, have coffee and chat at the same time as getting their food parcels or waiting for their top ups. This has enabled them to be signposted to other relevant services.

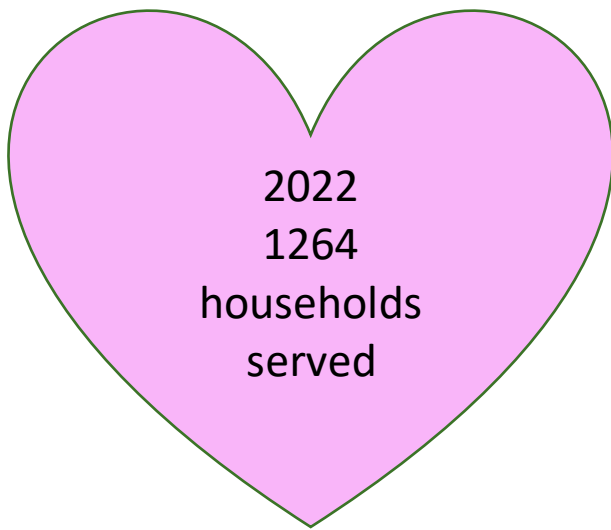
Our volunteer teams have worked so hard both at the warehouse and at the hub as well as collecting donations, delivering parcels, bringing items from the warehouse to the hub and so much more. My thanks go to each and every one of them for serving in this way – you all deserve an award!


We have been blessed to have been supported by an incredible number of donors (schools, churches, businesses and individuals) including some who prefer to remain anonymous, or whose names I don't know. I'd like each of you to know that your donation has been significant and gratefully received and it has enabled us to keep on feeding those who need it.

Special mentions go to:

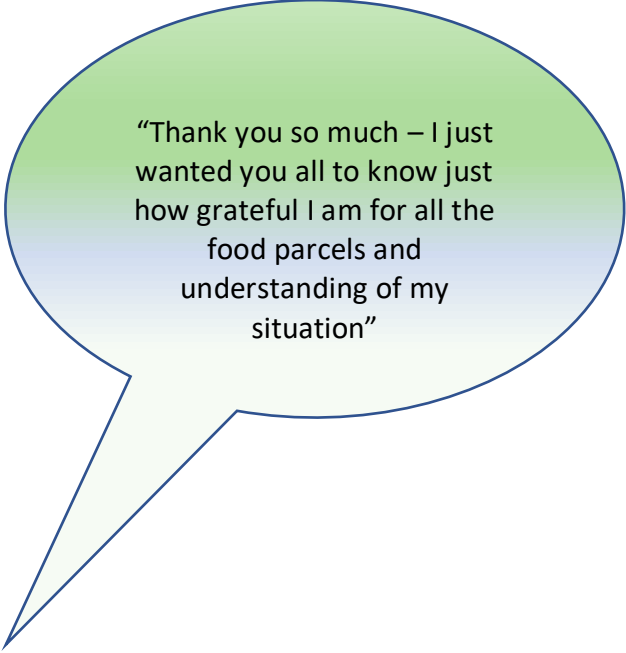
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St Andrews School	St Andrews Church	Balcombe Village Stores
Milton Mount School	St Marys Church	Nuffy Bear Nursery
Maidenbower Infants School	St Johns Church	2 Big Girls Crafting
Handcross Park School	Crawley Baptist Church	Little Holly Hedgehog
The Brook School	Christ the Lord Broadfield	Anise Catering
Ifield Community College	St Margarets Church	Greener Greens
Thomas Bennett Community College	Holy Trinity Tilgate	Crawley Labour Ladies
CBC Parents and Toddlers Group	St Peters Church	2 <sup>nd</sup> Crawley Guides
Caridon Group	RPD Foundation	Chris Sexton
Tesco – Lydia Inns	WS Older People's Service	Hinal Patel
Cook Horsham	Constable Collectors	

Requests for support have increased significantly during the year, and we are grateful that donations of both food and money have enabled us to meet this rise in demand.



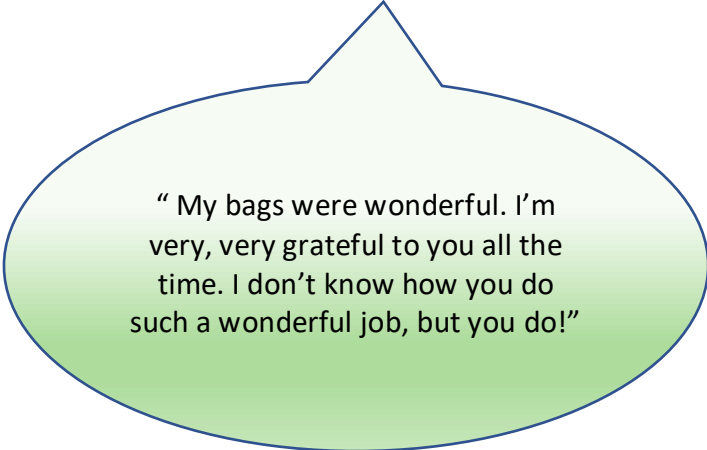


“I’m very grateful for the food parcel. I really appreciate it and God bless to all who packed it and put your love and heart and those who gave food, bless them ”



“Thank you so much – I just wanted you all to know just how grateful I am for all the food parcels and understanding of my situation”

Clients said...



“ My bags were wonderful. I’m very, very grateful to you all the time. I don’t know how you do such a wonderful job, but you do!”

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Treasurer's Report - John Lodemore

Charity registration number 1194018

Trustees' Annual Report for the year from 1 January to 31 December 2022



### Objectives and Activities

The purpose of the Easter Team is the relief of poverty, hardship and distress through the provision of food and other assistance to families and individuals in crisis in the Crawley area.

The main activities of the Easter Team are:

- The provision and distribution of food parcels, and
- The provision of top ups for gas and electricity pre-payment meters.

The Easter Team could not operate without the large number of kind individuals, churches, schools and other organisations who generously give large amounts of food, many hours of their time, money and other valuable resources.

The Easter Team is extremely grateful to Sayers Publishing Group Ltd for allowing part of their premises to be used on very favourable terms as a food store.

The Easter Team is extremely grateful to Love Your Neighbour for their wide ranging support including giving money and partnering with us at our food distribution Hub in Crawley town centre on very favourable terms.

The trustees of the Easter Team follow the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

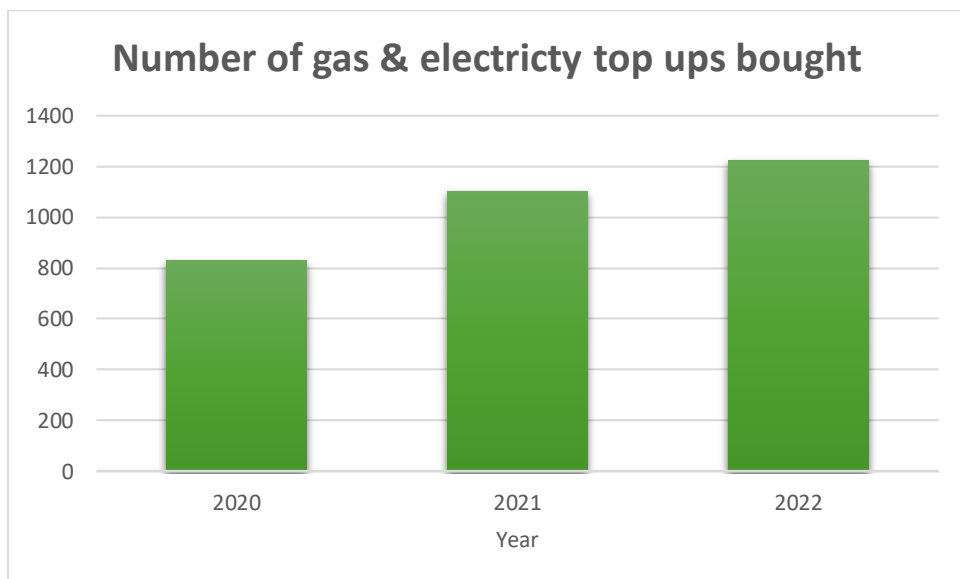
### Achievements and Performance

The Easter Team helps a large number of families and individuals in the Crawley area get through periods of crisis.

We provide and distribute food parcels to people in crisis. During 2022 a total of 4947 food parcels were given away (up from 4658 in the previous year). The vast majority of these were distributed from the town centre Hub which came into operation at the beginning of the year.

The Easter Team buys much appreciated gas and electricity pre-payment meter top ups to help people in crisis with their heating costs. During 2022 we helped clients in this way on 1223 occasions (up from 1103 in the previous year). The top ups were mostly at £20 each. Starting in December they were increased to

£30 each to give more help with rising heating costs. Over the year we bought 62% of the top ups online or on the phone and the rest were bought by volunteers taking the clients' top up cards into a shop.



Value of top ups



Through personal contact (at the Hub and on the phone) the Easter Team's volunteers encourage and help many people in crisis.

Many of the families and individuals helped would otherwise not have sufficient food, would not be able to heat their homes properly and would find the crises they face even more difficult to cope with.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Easter Team is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The constitution is dated 7 April 2021. The trustees are appointed or re-elected for terms of 3 or 4 years by the trustees.

During 2022 the Easter Team continued to work closely with Love Your Neighbour, Crawley Open House and Crawley Christians Against Poverty in those areas where the organisations' interests overlap.

The Easter Team employs a part time Operations Manager (Su Parrish) to manage the food store and town centre Hub, to liaise with donors of food, to co-ordinate volunteers, to manage the distribution of food parcels and the purchase of meter top ups, and to carry out other functions. The Easter Team did not have any other employees during 2022.

None of the Easter Team's trustees or volunteers receives any remuneration or other benefit.

### Financial Review

During 2022 the Easter Team had income of £72,096 (up from £63,973 the previous year). God has been amazing in the way he has blessed us with incoming resources and thereby enabled us to do so much for families and individuals in crisis.

During 2022 the main income was donations of £41,745 (mostly from individuals and churches), gift aid of £3,888 and grants of £25,462.

During 2022 the Easter Team received donations and grants from:

- Numerous generous individuals
- Co-operative Group Ltd
- Crawley Baptist Church
- East Grinstead Justice & Peace Group
- Easthampstead Park Community School, Bracknell
- Elim Church, Bewbush
- Holy Trinity Church, Tilgate
- HSBC Bank Plc
- Independent Home Solutions Community Interest Company
- John Laing Charitable Trust
- Kingdom Faith Church, Crawley
- Legal & General
- Love Your Neighbour (Love Cities grant of £6,000)
- PayPal Giving Fund
- St Andrew's Church, Furnace Green
- St Margaret's Church, Ifield
- St Mary's Church, Southgate
- Talk Ifield
- The UPS Foundation (grant of £17,471)
- West Sussex County Council Older People's Mental Health Team
- Gifts in memory of Marilyn Lake.

Our sincere thanks to all the individuals and organisations who supported us financially during 2022.

During 2022 the Easter Team spent £65,145 (up from £50,349 the previous year).

The spending consisted of £25,845 on gas and electricity meter top ups, £15,381 on food for clients (to supplement the food donated by supporters), £16,249 on the employment of an Operations Manager and £7,670 on other running costs.

During 2022 the increase in the Easter Team's spending was partially offset by an amazing increase in income. At the end of 2022 the Easter Team held a total of £81,077, which included £15,171 in a restricted fund.



## Summary of Accounts

### SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
<b><u>INCOME (£)</u></b>		
Donations from individuals and churches etc	41,745	29,917
Gift aid	3,888	5,211
Grant from UPS Foundation	17,471	0
Grant from Love Your Neighbour (LYN)	6,000	18,542
Other grants	1,991	9,780
Contribution from LYN to shared Hub costs	624	0
Interest	377	523
	£72,096	£63,973
<b><u>EXPENDITURE (£)</u></b>		
Gas and electricity top-ups	25,845	22,120
Food for food parcels	15,381	9,791
Other help for clients	0	25
Employment of Operations Manager	16,249	13,624
Premises	2,051	75
Equipment	955	1,793
Consumables	860	528
Van, mileage and fares	759	471
Insurance	650	354
Phone calls and text messages	561	361
Pest control	551	231
Broadband at Hub	390	0
Accountant	300	300
Electricity for Hub	193	0
Other expenditure	400	676
	£65,145	£50,349
Net Income	£6,951	£13,624
	2022	2021
<b><u>BALANCES AT THE END OF THE YEAR (£)</u></b>		
Deposit accounts	64,211	63,834
Current accounts	16,806	10,292
Petty cash	60	0
	£81,077	£74,126

## Notes on Accounts

The Easter Team has changed from being an unincorporated association (charity number 1013310) to being a charitable incorporated organisation (charity number 1194018). The new charity was registered in April 2021 and the old charity was closed in October 2022. During the transition period all the assets of the old charity were transferred to the new charity.

The above financial review and summary of accounts are a combined summary for the old charity and new charity. The figures for the two charities are as follows:

2021	Old charity	New charity	Both charities
Income	£53,164	£10,809	£63,973
Expenditure	£36,544	£13,805	£50,349

2022	Old charity	New charity	Both charities
Income	£812	£71,284	£72,096
Expenditure	Nil	£65,145	£65,145

In addition to the above, £77,122 was transferred from the old charity to the new charity during 2021 and £812 was transferred during 2022.

## Trustees

The trustees of the Easter Team are Sharon Golightly (Chair), Rohan Andrew, Rosemary Benwell (Vice-chair & Secretary), Rev Stephen Burston, Paul Davies and John Lodemore (Treasurer). All of the trustees acted for the whole of 2022.

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