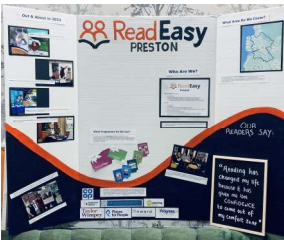


Alms Giving

Relief of Hardship 5 year Framework Following the 2019 AGM, The Society agreed to a Relief of Hardship Framework which undertook to fund several Charitable Causes with annual grants over a maximum 5 year period, This was subject to continuing financial support from our members in the form of donations and increasing membership, Unfortunately during the last two years we have suffered from the COVID-19 Pandemic which has stopped the Society from meeting and fundraising via donations etc. The Board of Management has taken the difficult decision to reduce the grants to those Charities by 50% this year and ending thereafter. However we have managed to grant a total of £54,000 to date, below are details of the grants given in 2022-23.

Read Easy (Preston) Following the successful grant to Read Easy (Wythenshawe) we have been able to grant the Preston Group **£500** towards the purchase of reading materials. The Group has just celebrated their 2nd birthday and were joined by the Deputy Mayor of South Ribble Coun. Chris Lomax and other supporters. An excellent night ensued with displays of equipment recently purchased to help Adult 'readers' improve their reading skills.



Lancashire TAAG are a parent led group formed in 2012 and attained Charitable status in June 2014, Charity Number 1157535. Lancashire TAAG is a not for profit organization helped along by a lively, enthusiastic group of volunteers. We offer support to parents and carers of children and young people who have a diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorder/Condition (ASD/C), and Social communication needs by offering opportunities for families to come together and share experiences.



TAAG families have all experienced 'the roller coaster ride' that is the identification/diagnostic/EHCP process and aim to provide information and signposting onto activities and local services.

Our TAAG Team of volunteers work together in the community to provide support based on real life experiences and aim to raise awareness and levels of understanding locally.

BCCS have granted £1,000 towards the replacement and upgrade of IT hardware to help with the administration of the group.

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ACE Project - Assisted Community Engagement

The ACE Project supports ex-offenders to lead stabler lifestyles. It is a specialist programme for people with multiple and complex needs, including people who have been in prison, subject to a community order or convicted of an offence in the past. Using a mix of professional support and peer mentoring it offers participants personalised wrap-around support for all areas of their life.

- Supporting with life skills & accommodation
- Improving independence
- Reducing reoffending



The Grant from the Broughton Catholic Charitable Society is a significant amount of money and is going a long way towards covering the costs of essential items to help meet the basic needs of vulnerable individuals; this includes new bedding, towels, crockery & cutlery, kettle, microwave... all those essentials we need to make a comfortable home.

As part of our **Mental Health and Wellbeing** programme, being able to provide opportunities for people to access outdoor activities such as walking in the countryside, cycling, canoeing, and caving etc... is a lifeline for some of our members. Not only does it build confidence and self-esteem, it enables people to talk openly about their lives in a safe environment and with people who have shared similar experiences. In 2022 we were able to seamlessly relocate without detriment to our level of service from Caritas to Recycling Lives (Social Enterprise) Ltd and continue to support the marginalized to rebuild their lives. I am certain that in contrast to where we were in January last year, being under the Recycling Lives umbrella has greatly increased the likelihood of the project becoming sustainable in the long term.

Our Peer Mentoring Group (MAP) Members after Prison, has picked up to where it was pre covid, successfully delivering workshops throughout Lancashire.

We're reducing reoffending rates significantly – 89% of participants who actively engage with the ACE Project do not return to prison.

I would like to finish by saying that ACE Project team are extremely grateful for the money we received from the Broughton Catholic Charitable Society, your generous donation continues to support service users to alleviate hardship and improve their wellbeing. We would like to say a huge thank you for your ongoing kindness and support.

BCCS has now granted £12,000 to date. With a final £2,000 expected this year.

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YMCA Harbour House Harbour House (Lytham) provides temporary accommodation in 12 self-contained flats for young people aged 16 to 21. Whilst in accommodation they are supported in several ways including support to find employment, access to training and education, cookery sessions and healthy eating.

WiFi Extension: We have now extended the use of WiFi to the entire building. All residents are now able to access the internet when the communal area is not available. They are able to access education and training programmes which have and continue to be delivered online. We also encourage residents to continue to keep in contact with their family and friends thereby promoting positive relationships.



Regeneration of communal cooking area. In order to improve the skills of our young people going out into the world on their own we are looking to run regular cooking sessions but our facilities are run down and dated. We are planning to purchase a new oven and cooking utensils such as pots and pans. We believe everyone in difficulty or hardship should have basic cooking skills and be able to cook healthy nutritious meals on a budget.

BCCS has granted a total of £12,000 to Harbour House to date.

IYF Impact Youth were very pleased to receive support from BCCS to hold a residential retreat at Castlerigg Manor. These retreat weekends are important to the development of young people in their Faith and Catholic Social Teaching, the support covered costs for young people experiencing hardships, for accommodation, travel and some spending money over the weekend.

THEME OF THE RESIDENTIAL 'I DARE TO DREAM' "Follow your dreams. They know the way" -Kobi Yamada. Reflection from young people, over the weekend, "we learnt so much from each other and from ourselves. Our eyes had been opened to new things through the workshops, reflection time, mealtimes and fun times, that we hadn't experienced, seen or been aware of before". "we had a fantastic event. We even had a Zoom meeting with Salesian Family Centre in Los Angeles California 1.00pm USA TIME AND 21.00pm UK TIME, young people connecting with young people across the pond."

We would like to thank everybody for making the weekend a truly special one and the new friends we made, thank you to the Castlerigg Manor, Fr. John and to the voluntary youth workers of Impact Youth Groups. And to **Broughton Catholic Charitable Fund for their donation of £1,040** to enable the young people to attend the residential.



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Bolton Young Parents Project provide invaluable support to those young girls who find themselves in desperate circumstances, due to poverty, homelessness, violence or alcohol and drug abuse at the already quite daunting time of becoming a new mum. Bolton girls referred to them can be as young as 16. Pregnant with no family network, and often no option but to sleep rough on the streets of Bolton; life has not been easy for these soon-to-be mothers.

With the help of the 2022 grant, we have been able to continue to support our young people, making positive outcomes our priority. Our average occupancy over this 12-month period has been 96%. We have successfully moved 8 young women and their children into their own tenancy ahead of a new start for them.

We have admitted 9 new people in the last 12 months and have been committed to focusing on the following:

- Economic Wellbeing
- Staying Healthy
- Safety and Security
- Enjoying and achieving
- Social and Civic Participation

During Support sessions, we have covered Bank accounts, budgeting, debt management, healthy eating, basic cooking skills, healthy relationships, access to training and employment, resettlement risks, physical and mental wellbeing, child's needs, personal hygiene.



Along with the structure we provide around supported living, we always strive to make time for activities that are fun, as the attached photos show.

The Birthday cake was made during a cookery session with a few of the young people.



BCCS has granted a further £2,000 together with £4,000 in 2021, £4,000 in 2020 making £10,000 granted to date.

Chorley Help the Homeless

The generous grant you gave us has ensured that we have been able to supply a food bag to all our clients during a difficult time. We have this year started a 'Bring a Tin to School' campaign with local Primary schools.

During the last 12 months we have had **4,423** visits from our clients, giving out **2,800** food bags, and almost **200** advice appointments. We are finding that we are getting more families asking for help including people from the Asylum Seeker and Refugee community. This of course has an impact on how quickly our stocks go down.

We are continuing with our clothing bank and small household items bank. Our advice and welfare benefits service is also very busy with almost 200 clients on our list, with 80+ of these being new this year.



As demand is rising we are seeking to train more volunteers and considering a paid staff role to cope with this. Last year we moved premises to a larger building on Friday Street where as well as the above we now have a drop in space for our clients to use.

We have toast and hot drinks in the morning as well as providing a hot meal at lunchtime for up to 20 people per day, and it's common for some of our clients to spend most of their mornings with us. We've also now set up a computer and phone for public use as well as phone charging points. During the winter months we had 10 regular street homeless coming in to us and the space was invaluable as we were able to give them a change of clothes and dry out their sleeping bags as well as making sure they had hot meals and drinks.

Our space is used in the evenings by Narcotics Anonymous and Cocaine Anonymous and we are continuing to make links in the wider community to help those in need. Any further funding you are able to provide us with will be extremely useful as we would like to extend our hours during the winter months, if only for the street homeless.

We continue with our staff training and will continue this over the next 12 months.

On behalf of the Trustees, staff and our customers, I would like to thank you and your organisation for your support. We are all very proud of the work we are able to do and very grateful for the funding which enables us to do it.

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