

ANNUAL REPORT

2019 - 2020



emmaus
Oxford
working together to end homelessness

Introduction

As the new chair, although not a new trustee, of Emmaus Oxford, I am looking forward to continuing to ensure that our work keeps up with the world around us. We have experienced an exceptionally difficult period since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are very grateful for the help our supporters have given us in meeting the challenges. In turn we will continue to provide support and encouragement, personal development and training in search for a better future for our companions.

V. AD Morgan-Giles

Andrew Morgan-Giles
Chair of Trustees



As for many small charities, the last year has been tumultuous. But Emmaus Oxford has never closed its doors to homeless people throughout the pandemic. In 2021 we have even stepped up the amount of help we offer, with exciting new projects to support rough sleepers and to get our companions learning IT skills. We wouldn't be able to do this without our supporters and many of you have given more since the start of the pandemic. From all of us here at Emmaus Oxford, thank you so much.

Eddie Blaze
Chief Executive Officer

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS



36

COMPANIONS LIVED
AND WORKED WITH US

81%

TOLD US THEIR
MENTAL HEALTH
IMPROVED OR STAYED
STEADY

25

VULNERABLE
FAMILIES GIVEN
ESSENTIAL
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
DURING LOCKDOWNS

HIGHLIGHTS



Like many organisations, we were relatively unprepared for the first lockdown of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. We shut our charity store immediately and reopened as restrictions allowed throughout the year. It has been a difficult time for many of our companions, particularly those managing mental health or addiction issues.



It's been really tough, I've found my anxiety has gone up.

Darren (left)



*Watch a short
update from
Darren here:*

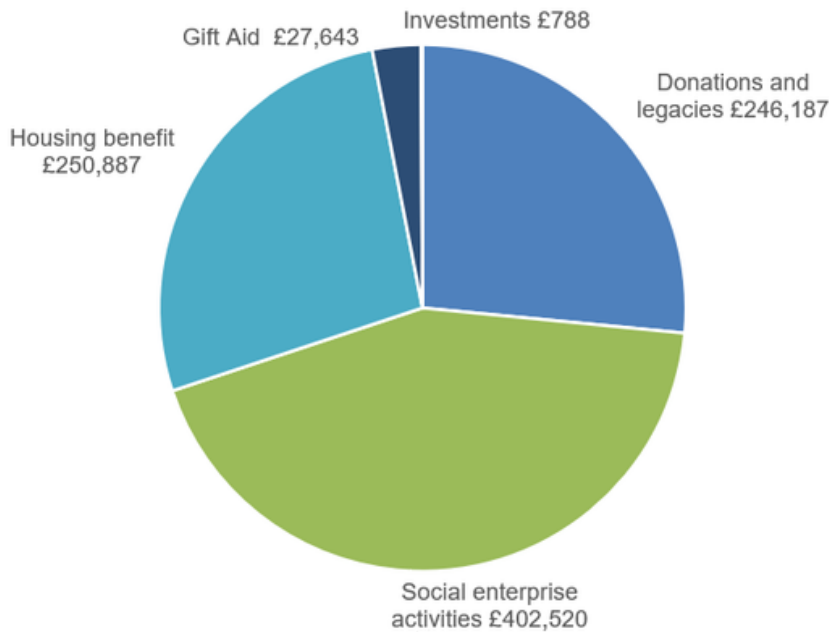


We focussed on keeping our accommodation and support safe and consistent for our companions. This was not always easy, but we are proud to have kept those core services running. We have never closed our doors to companions.

With a rapid drop in our income and increased demand for support from many of our companions we launched an emergency appeal in 2020. We were amazed by our supporters' generosity and by the extra donations we received from charitable trusts and individuals in particular. Thanks to everyone who gave we go into 2021 in a strong position to keep helping homeless people.

The following figures are from our accounts for our financial year running from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020.

Our income



Our total income was **£928,026** an increase of 6% on our previous year.

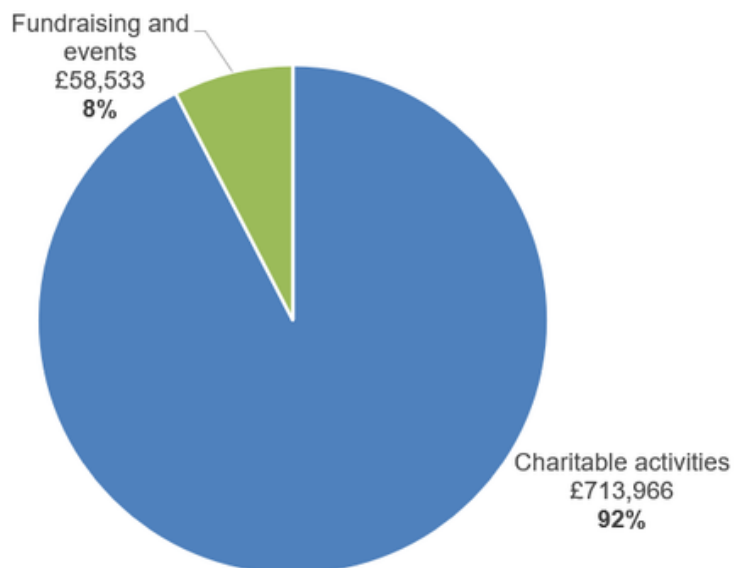
This increase mostly came from a higher level of donations and legacies from individuals.

We retain reserves of three months' running costs. We also have reserves put aside with the aim of increasing our training offer and expanding our accommodation.

Our spending

Our total spending was **£772,499**.

This is slightly lower than our spending in the previous financial year, which was £793,459. That decrease reflects the caution which we exercised in 2020.




LOOKING AHEAD

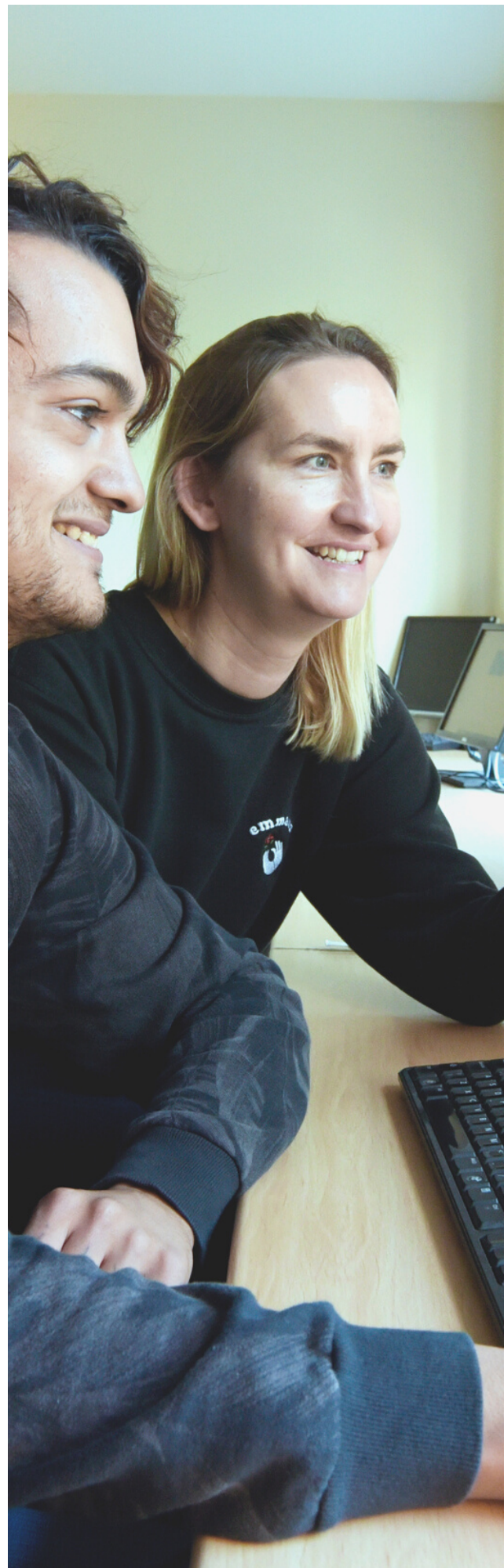
We now want to increase the number of people who get into employment and move into their own home. We are going to offer more training and education programmes and we are hoping to expand our accommodation.

We are making all of our plans with COVID-19 in mind. We have developed our online sales so our companions can keep working when our store is closed. We are also doing more to help companions to learn IT skills and to help them to access learning online. Thank you to everyone who has shopped online with us and to supporters who have helped us to build a new Progression Hub in our community building.

In early 2021 we also launched our Resettlement Support Fund. This gives former rough sleepers who have been temporarily staying in hotels the chance to get everything they need to move into their own accommodation at no cost to them. We are pleased to use our resources to help this group of people out of homelessness for good.

 After leaving a hotel, temporary accommodation, and moving into a housing association flat with nothing, Emmaus helped make it begin to look like a home. Thank you for the household items, I was pleasantly surprised how good quality they was.

Resettlement Support Fund client



Thank you

Emmaus Oxford could not continue to help homeless people without our supporters. As always, we want to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated money or items this year, and to all of the customers who use our store. We would like to specially thank the following organisations and individuals for supporting us financially this year:

The Lloyds Bank Foundation

The Rank Foundation

Royds Withy King (Oxford)

The Morrisons Foundation

Oxfordshire Community Foundation

The National Lottery Community Fund

eBay for Charity

The Antonio Carluccio Foundation

CAF Emergency Fund

The Police Property Act Fund

Sovereign Community Fund

Mr & Mrs Chris Milford

Sport England

The Rowse Family Trust

The Tanner Trust

The Boutell Bequest

St Michael's and All Saints' Charities (Feoffees)

St Aldate's Parochial Charity

The Lord Faringdon Charitable Trust

Mr David Salvesen

Professor Markus Bockmuehl

Emmaus UK

Ms Sarah Mortimer

Mr Brian Rogers

The Cooper Charitable Trust

The Doris Field Charitable Trust

Charlotte Bartlett

The Champriss Charitable Trust

All Souls College

Mr & Mrs Andrew and Judy Silver

The D J Robarts Charitable Trust

The Stanton Ballard Charitable Trust

The Dulverton Trust

Mrs Gillian Argyle

PayPal Giving Fund

The Parish Church of St Andrew, Old Headington

The Bartlett Taylor Charitable Trust

Merton College

Dr John Brown

St Andrew's Church

David Kewley

Professor Angela Vincent

Mr Charles Powell

Tesco Bags of Help

Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNS)

Mr & Mrs John and Sarah Lloyd

Mr Clement Hiscock

The Christopher Laing Foundation

The ASDA Foundation and ASDA Wheatley

HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust

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