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Quarterly update

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WELCOME TO THE EMMAUS SLC QUARTERLY REPORT NEWSLETTER 2023!

The purpose of this newsletter is to serve as an informative outlet allowing us to communicate directly with those who support us.

We will include information such as summaries of recent and upcoming events occurring at Emmaus SLC, as well as relevant information and developments in our communities.

Emmaus SLC is a charitable organisation which aims to provide solidarity to those who have struggled with homeless related issues. We do this by offering a safe and non-judgemental community to live in, opportunities to develop social and work skills and meaningful work to prepare them for when they are ready to move on independently.



THE QUEEN CONSORT VISIT

Camilla, the Queen Consort, visited our BVH community on Tuesday 13th December.

Her visit was to show her continued support for Emmaus. The Queen Consort has been a patron of Emmaus for 15 years.

Camilla was given an extensive tour of the boutique, kitchen and communal room. The Queen Consort greeted various members of staff, companions and more.

The Royal visit was a huge success, and we eagerly anticipate future visits. For a more in-depth recollection of her visit, we recommend you read the article on our [website](#).

CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

Emmaus SLC participated in Crisis at Christmas (C@C) last year, organised by fellow homeless charity Crisis. C@C is an annual event which provides essential support to those who are rough sleeping during Christmas. Our CEO James Hayes was the shift leader at the Lancaster Hotel in Hyde Park. Some Companions also participated in C@C and they were able to use their experience to help C@C clients and explain what being at Emmaus SLC is like from a personal perspective. We conducted an interview with James Hayes for our [website](#) where we discuss C@C in more detail.

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IWD & PAM:

Tuesday 7th March was International Women's Day and to celebrate this important occasion members of Emmaus SLC staff visited fellow homeless charity [The Spires Centre](#) who were hosting a IWD event. The event highlighted the significance of female empowerment, and featured guest speakers, workshops and more. To read more about International Women's Day you can see our article [here](#).

In conjunction with International Womens Day we conducted an interview with Pamela, a worker at The Spires Centre, about their Spires Steetlink. Spires Streetlink is a service specifically aimed at supporting women who are forced into sex work due to homeless related issues. The interview is available on our [website](#).

SOLIDARITY UPDATE:

Our Solidarity Committee recently decided our beneficiaries for this year.

[Street Storage](#) were chosen as the UK beneficiary. Street Storage is a service which stores the personal belongings of those struggling with homelessness, so they are in a safe and secure location.

[Emmaus UK Ukraine fund](#) was decided for our international beneficiary. The Emmaus UK Ukraine fund is designed to support refugees who have been forced to leave their country to ensure their own safety following the Russian invasion of the Ukraine.

Although not confirmed yet it is likely that we will be hosting a Coffee & Cake weekend at our SLC shops (excluding Brixton) for our main solidarity event this year. We will also host another smaller solidarity event though this is still to be decided. The dates of both solidarity events are yet to confirmed.





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HOUSE OF LORDS:

Our Acting Director Ross Watkins was recently invited to attend an event at the House of Lords. The event was to celebrate the 10th anniversary of StreetLink, a service designed to assist those who are rough sleeping by linking them up with local support services. For more information we have written an [article](#).



COMPANION SUPPORT / DIGITAL INCLUSION:

We sat down with Yvette, our ETE coach, for an interview about her responsibilities and the importance of digital inclusion. Digital inclusion is educating our Companions on how to competently use tech such as Smartphones and Laptops as both are essential when it comes to finding, securing and keeping work, as well as maintaining a personal life, in the modern world.

We also addressed a recent grant from The Shanly Foundation which has allowed us to purchase Laptops for communal use at BVH and SIM card donations from Vodafone which will be used for our Companions Smartphones. You can read the full article [here](#).

EVRI:

Evri recently donated £500 to Emmaus SLC.

With this kind donation we will be able to supply over 20 future Companions with a welcome pack to help them settle into our community.

This welcome pack will consist of new toiletries, underwear and socks. Being clean allows our Companions to feel more dignified and gives them a sense of comfort, so these packs will make a difference. They will also receive an Oyster card, with this they will be able to confidently explore their new surroundings and settle in easier.

The Evri logo, featuring the word "EVRI" in a bold, white, sans-serif font on a blue background.



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RECENT ROUGH SLEEPERS DATA:

Based on a recent Combined Homelessness and Information Network (CHAIN) report published by the Greater London Authority (GLA) we gathered data on the current state of rough sleepers in London last quarter.

During the October – December 2022 period Outreach Teams recorded seeing 3570 people rough sleeping in London. This is a 21% increase from last year.

Of this 3570:

- 48% are new rough sleepers
- 13% were recorded as living on the streets full time
- Intermittent rough sleepers were 41%

We have been posting frequent updates to our social media channels regarding recent developments for people rough sleeping in London.

VOID LIST AND REFERRAL PROCESS:

If you, or someone you know, is struggling with issues related to homelessness and think that Emmaus SLC could be helpful to you, we would appreciate hearing from you.

In order to be accepted you need to complete a referral form available [here](#). The completed form must be then sent to our community manager Sanjiv for review.

Emmaus SLC is designed to be an atmosphere suited to those who want to work hard in a harmonious community setting. Those who wish to live in this community must abide by our guidelines to ensure this harmony continues.

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