First of all I would like to thank my two predecessors in the Chair: Janet Corlett and Louise Delaye-Hand. I should like to acknowledge the tremendous work undertaken by the dedicated staff and invaluable volunteers without whom we could not operate. Many of our guests in accommodation realise how Robes has helped to change their lives. Huge thanks must also go to our invaluable volunteers without whom we could not operate.

We were delighted to welcome Canov Rory Roja as a new Patron who has already helped us in many ways. Last winter was once again full of many challenges, not least that two Church venues pulled out with much warning. We owe a huge debt to St Matthews Church, Elephant & Castle and the volunteers who assisted us for 20 weeks. We welcomed St Matthews Church in Brixton who hosted for the first time.

A Strategy Review by Geoffrey Delaye-Hand on the way forward has just been completed and this has given us a clear vision on what we want to achieve in the next 3 years. The fourth annual sponsored Sleepout in November 2014 at Southwark Cathedral was again very successful and we raised over £33,000. Special thanks to the Dean and Canons of Southwark Cathedral for hosting the event. This year's Sleepout will be on Friday 27 November 2015 and we would love to see you all.

As we look ahead to next winter, we are confident that we will continue to give our homeless guests a warm safe place to sleep, a hot meal and support as they start to rebuild their lives. As for hosting the event. This year's Sleepout is on Friday 27 November 2015 and we would love to see you all.

I would like to acknowledge the Park Patron who has already helped us in many ways. As we look ahead to next winter, we are confident that we will continue to give our homeless guests a warm safe place to sleep, a hot meal and support as they start to rebuild their lives.

My son and I found ourselves homeless just before Christmas. We both had jobs, but they were not quite enough to cover our accommodation costs.

The Robes Project not only gave us food, a hot meal, and support as we started to rebuild our lives, but it also helped us find work and accommodation.

I would like to thank the staff and volunteers of the Robes Project for all their hard work and dedication. It has been a real blessing to have such a supportive community around us.

The Robes Project has been instrumental in helping us to get back on our feet. We are grateful for all they have done for us.
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November 2015
1: Opening Service
2: Night Shelter opens
5: Commemoration for homeless who died

St Martins-in-the-Fields
27: Annual Sleepout (last Friday of the month)

December 2015
17: Carol Singing at London Bridge

March 2016
20: Night Shelter closes

April 2016
20: Volunteer Celebration

July 2016
31: London Ride

September 2016
14: Annual General Meeting

FUNDERS and SUPPORTERS
We are very grateful and want to thank our partners, funders, stakeholders, patrons and supporters. A special mention is given to our volunteers and guests for their enthusiasm and commitment in being part of the shelters each winter.

Partners:
Better Bankside, Churches - both venues and gift givers, Eden Catering, Haysmacintyre, Manna Society, Marks & Spencers, Southwark Works, Streetwise Opera

Funders:
A list of our funders can be found on our website. We could not do this work without their support.

Congratulations to Simon Hughes (Patron) on his Knighthood and grateful thanks for his support of Robes while a Member of Parliament and his continued interest as a local resident.

Councillor Sunil Chopra, while Mayor of Southwark, did a magnificent job in holding three very successful events on behalf of Robes.

And thank you to all those who quietly and faithfully support us in so many creative and varied ways.

There were a total of 3,500 volunteer “slots” taking part in the shelters from November to end of March (evening, night and morning shifts). The aim is that volunteers welcome and talk to guests, offering a listening ear as well as providing meals and general practical help within the shelters.

Where reasonably possible, Robes provides advice and welfare support.

In 2014-15 there were a total of 83 referrals needing varying degrees of support including finding longer term tenancies. The guests continue to be given support after the shelters have closed.

During 2014-2015, Robes was able to offer a total of 42 bed spaces over the winter (3 of whom were women). Bed and bedding for each guest, plus a towel is provided at each shelter.