A helping hand out of homelessness

Robes Project Annual Report and Accounts 2018
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Welcome to the 2017/2018 Robes Project Annual Report. I hope you will find the report both interesting and inspiring as we share with you the last year at Robes.

Robes Project is a winter night shelter programme that provides safe accommodation and crucial welfare advice to some of the most vulnerable residents of London. Our aim is to enable our guests to make their journey out of homelessness.

This past year has had its share of highs and lows. In a climate of uncertainty and austerity we have seen a greater number of guests accessing our services with more complex needs than ever before. With added strains on resources across the City, it has become vital that charities are equipped to support individuals from a variety of backgrounds. In keeping with trends that other shelters across the city have reported, the biggest change in our demographic has been supporting those with no recourse to public funds. As the number of those who find themselves forcibly displaced across the world increases, the Refugee Crisis has become more prevalent in the media and at the forefront of many charities objectives.

This past year we have found that many of our guests with no recourse to public funds have been left struggling with mental health issues and no means to support themselves. The hostile environment has contributed to their lack of confidence in accessing support for fear of reprisal. The Windrush Scandal has also influenced some of our guests, creating unnecessary pain and hardship. Robes Project is proud to be able to offer support to all our guests across Southwark and Lambeth, through our winter night shelter in the colder months and through our weekly drop-in all year round.

This has been our second year of operating two circuits, meaning more of our guests progress through the winter night shelter. For some, this has meant moving into their own accommodation, accessing employment or benefits and for some, much needed respite from the cold streets of London. Homelessness is isolating, and dehumanising, and the impact of hospitality, conversation and support cannot be underestimated. For that, the team at Robes Project offers our sincerest thanks to all our volunteers and supporters for all that they do. We are also grateful to our fellow charities who we can signpost guests to, to make our support as individual as each of our guests.

I hope you enjoy reading this report and discovering more about what Robes Project has achieved.
2/ About the Robes Project

The Robes Project is a volunteer run Charity, working with churches across Southwark and Lambeth to offer a helping hand out of homelessness.

Our mission is to enable those who find themselves homeless to access various means of support and accompany our guests on their journey to rebuild their lives. We aim to:

- Offer a lifesaving provision of shelter, food and safe space for those who find themselves without a roof over their heads during the coldest winter months;
- Fight the dehumanising aspects of homelessness, and promote understanding between different groups whilst ensuring that our guests are treated with dignity and respect at all times;
- Support our guests on their journey out of homelessness during and after their stay with us, and reduce the likelihood of them returning to homelessness in the future; and,
- Foster the drive, enthusiasm and skills of our volunteer base with the support of local churches.

We aim to achieve our aims and objectives through the following activities, detailed through this report:

- the Winter Night Shelter, run in partnership with local churches
- the Advice and Welfare Support Service
- our weekly drop-in, the Wednesday Club
- Our PRS and HMO Project

How it all works

Now in our 11th year, Robes Project has grown from a small emergency response to homelessness in the local area to a larger circuit of winter night shelters, running in partnership with local churches in Southwark and Lambeth. Our shelters are central to the support that we offer.

As we have grown we have become more aware of the additional support that is important to our guests. We have developed different projects to reflect the different streams that are important to engaging our guests, such as our Advice and Welfare Support, weekly Wednesday Club and support with finding accommodation through our HMO Project.

Over this past winter, 29 churches have opened their doors to our guests, with the support of close to 1,000 volunteers. This past winter season we have offered 101 places within the shelter, with 89 guests taking up this offer. We are pleased to say that of those 87, 41 guests have moved into accommodation or supported facilities.

3/ Report from the Chair of Trustees

Since 2010, the number of homeless people sleeping on our streets has doubled and this demonstrates the importance of the Robes winter night shelter and the advice that we give our guests throughout the year. Our winter night shelter in 2017/2018 was very challenging and one of the issues arising from this was mental health issues. In view of this, Robes is planning to implement more mental health support for the coming winter.

Special thanks to our amazing volunteers who number over 1,000 and who give their time and talents selflessly to offer a helping hand out of homelessness to our guests.

A special thanks to our staff Crispin Green, Henna Charania and Paula Reilly and a warm welcome to Maria Doge, our Senior Housing Officer and Lauren Scott who joined us in September as Charity Manager.

Our 2017 sponsored SleepOut at Southwark Cathedral on Friday 24 November was our most successful ever and raised the staggering amount of £140,294. We are grateful to Sandi Toksvig, Bill Bailey, Dominic Felix and the Dompah Brass Band for entertaining us so brilliantly on the evening. They certainly helped considerably in raising this amount of money. I would like to thank the Dean and Cannons for once again hosting this major fundraising event in Southwark Cathedral. Sincere thanks to our Charity Partner of the Year, Lee & Thompson whose year finished with us in March 2018. They have been brilliant in fundraising and very supportive of our Charity.

As we journey on to our 2018/2019 winter shelter, we are mindful of the responsibility we have in offering a helping hand out of homelessness and we are committed to ensure that all of us do our best to achieve this objective.

Last year we had over 80 guests and moved over 40 into accommodation. As always, some of our guests presented us with more complex needs than Robes can accommodate. Where possible we were able to signpost these guests on to other, more appropriate services.

The Wednesday Club has flourished at Crossways Community Church, Elephant and Castle and our guests enjoy the activities and facilities there including a hot lunch and shower. A special thanks to Peter Stevenson, the minister, for allowing us to use his brand new church building which has a feel good factor.

Many thanks to the many organisations and people who have financially supported us during the last year as well as those who have provided practical support through the provision of toiletries and food. We hope that you will continue to do this in the future so that we can do our utmost to help our guests.

Huge thanks to my fellow trustees. We have recently welcomed Jeremy Metson and Theo Shaw on to the Board. They both have the drive and energy to help our Charity move forward.

In the coming months we will continue to support the needs of our guests and our mission is as always to provide a helping hand out of homelessness. With your continued support we know that we can do this.

George Martin
Chair of Trustees of the Robes Project
4/ How to Get Involved

We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated support from our hard-working volunteers. With a wide range of volunteering opportunities, Robes Project is always looking for new recruits.

Here are some of the ways you can get involved:

- Cooking and interacting with guests at our weekly Wednesday Club
- Bedding deliveries to all our venues in Southwark and Lambeth
- Cooking and interacting at our evening shelters
- Delivering workshops to guests using your own special skills (writing, music, arts etc)
- ESOL Classes
- Overnight shelter stays

For more information please contact the Robes team and ask for the Shelter Coordinator.
Robes Annual SleepOut

Eight years ago, the first Robes SleepOut was held and since then our major fundraising event has gone from strength to strength. Hosted by the ever-supportive Southwark Cathedral, the SleepOut is a lifeline to Robes and generates the majority of our annual income. The SleepOut is an opportunity for our donors and supporters to experience what it feels like to sleep rough for one night of the year. Last year, our 2017 SleepOut was an extra special event as it also helped us round off a year of celebrations to mark our 10th anniversary. We were entertained by the wonderful Sandi Toksvig and Bill Bailey as well as Dominick Felix and the Oompah Brass Band. Our auction included some incredible prizes, partly down to our incredible 2017 Charity Partner of the Year, Lee & Thompson.

After all the festivities we were all buoyed on to do the SleepOut.

My First Ever SleepOut

This was my first SleepOut experience and I must admit I did not know what to expect. All of my previous outdoors sleeping had been rural and, in the summer, so to jump into sleeping outdoors in Central London in November was a bit daunting.

Armed with my four seasons sleeping bag (a luxury that I was very aware is not available to most people sleeping rough) the Robes team layered up before going outside to bunk down for the night. We aimed for a small corridor separating the Cathedral from a grass banking, thinking it might protect us from the weather. We got into our sleeping bags and tried to get comfy. Not easy on stone floors. We huddled in together and tried to drift off. As part of the SleepOut Committee I knew I was in a safe place. I knew exactly who was manning each security door through the night and that I wouldn’t be robbed or attacked or moved on by the police as many rough sleepers are. Watched over by the glowing lights of The Shard, I miraculously fell quickly asleep.

I was woken rather abruptly by the emptying of neighbouring pubs. Christmas parties and payday weekend meant that revellers were in high spirits. Now that I was awake I really began to notice the cold. It had dropped to -3 and a fog like drizzle had descended over us, leaving everything wet to the touch. My boots that I had taken off to get into my sleeping bag were wet – although thankfully still there. Again, not an experience I imagine would be too familiar on the real streets of London.

At this point, all I could think about was the hottest of showers that I was going to have the following day. Despite this the night passed relatively quickly. We were in it together, out of our comfort zones, and you could hear the occasional whispers of motivation.

Before long the market traders had arrived and began setting up for a busy weekend at Borough Market – any chance of more sleep was over. So at 6am I gratefully accepted the most delicious bacon roll I have ever had in my life and a cup of coffee from our team of amazing volunteers.

It was at this point that I realised just exactly what the SleepOut had taught me. It wasn’t the experiences I had had the night before, but the challenges that I had not had to endure. I had my professional sleeping bag, my layers and my emergency stash of chocolate. I knew where I was and who was around me and that I was safe. Even the chest infection that was to follow the week after was easily treated by antibiotics, from the doctor I could easily access. It was this lack of real, prolonged hardship that taught me that whilst it had been a rough night, we hadn’t had to experience the true trauma of being a rough sleeper.

Over 200 people registered to take part

We raised a staggering £140,294

Thank you, Southwark Cathedral!
Since 2007 Robes has been running the only church-based winter night shelter for the homeless in the boroughs of Southwark and Lambeth. Since we first opened, our streams of service have expanded to reflect the needs of our guests, however the shelter remains central to the function of Robes.

Hosted across 30 churches and community centres, our shelters are open 7 nights a week for up to 35 guests. Our incredible team of volunteers run each shelter with emergency on call support available from the staff.

Our shelter works on a referral basis. We open our referral system in October to allow professional organisations to link us in with their clients who are most in need of a space in the shelter. Once a referral comes through, our dedicated advice workers interview each guest to make sure that they will be a good fit for the shelter – and that our shelter is a good fit for them.

Our referrals come from the brilliant teams at:
- Ace of Clubs
- Crisis
- Crisis at Croydon
- Manna Day Centre
- Shelter
- Spires
- St. Mungo’s
- Thames Reach Safe Connections
- The Big Issue
- The Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers
- Webber Street

Our Guests

We welcome guests from a variety of backgrounds with a variety of needs. For many of our guests they have clear plans in place and move quickly through the shelter. For others, more tailored support is needed which means they will often stay longer in the shelter.

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Achievements and Performance

During the winter of 2017/2018 we provided shelter for 89 guests (compared to 76 guests the previous year).

41 guests have moved into their own accommodation or supported facilities.

A further 17 guests have not returned to rough sleeping.

As in previous years, our guests are a diverse group and come from all walks of life.

All of our guests need support with accommodation. However in 2017/2018 there were a number of additional support needs within the shelter.

Gender

- 13% female, 87% male

Nationality

- 23% UK
- 29% EU
- 48% Other

Age

- Over 65 = 6 people
- Age 65-69 = 12 people
- Age 60-64 = 21 people
- Age 55-64 = 12 people
- Age 50-54 = 24 people
- Age 45-54 = 21 people
- Age 35-44 = 24 people
- Age 25-34 = 21 people
- Age 18-24 = 5 people
Our Outcomes

Throughout shelter season, our primary focus is to provide a safe environment for our guests to make progress on their personal plans. This means that during shelter everyone is working towards a goal, with housing usually being a major outcome. For some this is a very strong possibility but for others there are additional factors that may make that journey longer. Some of our guests also disengage with our services along the way. This can be for many reasons, such as finding alternative support elsewhere, moving to another city or not being ready to engage with Robes support.

What our guests needed support with

Volunteer Report

It was in 2010 at the Emmaus Bible Study Group that I learnt about the Robes Project taking place at St Peter's Church in Vauxhall. Rev. Jane Speck suggested that we could offer our time and volunteer at the project one evening and we all agreed. I had no idea what was to come.

When we got there the beds were being made, tables being set and by the door was where all the guests and volunteers had to sign in. I remember we had stickers with our names, so the guests would know who we were.

When we sat down to chat to the guests, some were happy to talk, some were not and just wanted to make their beds and rest. I was quite sad and felt I was quite lucky to have a roof over my head. With that in mind, I went home determined to come back and help for the remaining duration. I expressed my interest in becoming a volunteer, so I could help do more. I was thankful for all that I had and could only pray for those who didn't have as much.

I then found out that the Robes Project started at my church, Lambeth Mission & St Mary's (LMSM) before moving to St Peter's. After a few years of volunteering at St Peter's, Deacon Marilyn Slowe suggested to the Church Council that there is need for more centres to host the Robes Project. It was supported and LMSM started hosting again in 2016. I remember saying to Deacon Marilyn that I would be happy to help in whatever way, as I felt a calling for this. I was Co-Team Leader with Deacon Marilyn and little did I know that she was setting me up to take it over from her as Team Leader.

Everything seemed quite basic but what was important was the guests are provided with warm food, a bed for the night and they are safe. I get the fulfilment from seeing the smiles on their faces just before lights out and this gives me a great sense of achievement.

I became Team Leader for the first time in 2017 and that came with its challenges and joys. As usual we get plenty volunteers to do it all, except sleepover. This is when my faith and trust in God to make a way where there seems to be none comes into play. I thank God for answering prayers, favour and provision. At the end of it all I look back and say we did it as a team. We provided much needed food, beds, support, listening ears, love and laughter.

It is always wonderful to see so many people give so much of their time to come and sit and chat to the guests, cook meals, make beds and clean. The guests that come to us are made in the image of God like us and serving them is like serving Christ himself. So, whilst serving them we are doing our Christian duty; sharing the love of God. We do not see them any different from ourselves as we all live by grace.

When our cycle ends we continue praying for the guests we were blessed with and sometimes wonder if I would see them again and if not, what has become of them? One thing we are sure of is that they are in God's keeping regardless of their challenges. That is our Christian hope.

Alice Achola-Omara
Team Leader, Lambeth Mission & St Mary's Church
Robes Project

Canon Roger Royle, Patron writes

In preparation for a ‘procedure’ I was about to undergo, I was phoned by a nurse from St Thomas’ Hospital. After all the details had been gone through, she very kindly asked if there was anything else that was worrying me. ‘I just wish I slept better. I keep waking up’.

Oh, in the country I come from, we are pleased when that happens because we believe it means someone is thinking of us.”

Sleepless nights is a common occurrence for many of our guests but I hope that when they are supported by Robes they realise that someone is thinking of them. And not just thinking of them, they are offering practical care.

Thinking of others is not exclusive to people of religious faith. Thinking of others is the driving force behind many people’s way of life. That is why, for me, one of the great strengths of the Robes Project is the way it brings together volunteers of all ages, believers and non-believers, all backgrounds who want to help their fellow human beings. They want to think of others.

If you want to put thoughts into actions you have to have somewhere to do it. It is great that we now have church communities in South London making their buildings available to Robes. These buildings are often very under used so it is great that they are being put to such good use. They may not be able to offer luxurious facilities – showers are often in short supply and ovens are known to explode. But with a roof over your head, a clean bed to sleep on and some nourishing meals to share, our guests know that someone is thinking about them and not just thinking but also treating them in a way that they should be treated.

Robes Wednesday Club

Ten years since the Wednesday Club’s inception, the club still finds itself as a meeting point for Robes guests, old and new.

Alongside familiar faces attending the club, we’ve seen 41 new faces join us at the weekly enrichment club since the beginning of the 2017/2018 shelter season. In total, 69 guests have come along to the club at least once, with 75% returning.

Currently, we have 8 volunteers generously giving their time to set up, cook and socialise with guests and often taking lead on in-house activities, such as crafts projects, holding a club quiz and leading a tour to the Tate Modern.

The Wednesday Club operates year round, with the busiest period running alongside the winter night shelter. The club sees on average 17 guests per week and has served around 340 lunches and 510 cups of tea and coffee.

Focus on Well-Being

The Wednesday Club has increased its focus on well-being and finding some peace during often chaotic times in our guests lives. We’ve introduced regular yoga classes and periodic visits from massage therapists, as well as, a mindfulness corner with activities to enable guests to have a reflective moment for themselves.

We’ve continued offering light hearted and grounding activities, such as, art & crafts, group quizzes & games and regular film viewings, as well as outings to enable guests to get out and about and experience new things. Outings this season have included the Sky Garden, Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre, the Thames Clipper, Tate Modern, Battersea Park and of course, bowling!

Looking Ahead

We aim to continue developing partnerships with local community organisations and have been fortunate enough to have been visited, this season, by Red Cross, Big Issue, Southwark Money Matters, Be Enriched, Samaritans and an NHS Mobile Health Unit. This coming season, in line with the added attention on well-being, we are particularly keen in forging relationships with Mental Health and Counselling services.
Volunteering at Wednesday Club

Eve Milner is a London Blue Badge tourist guide and amateur photographer who has volunteered weekly at The Wednesday Club since 1 November 2017.

Now, here’s the thing. After a very few hours at The Wednesday Club I realized that the time spent there was enriching MY life and world views in ways I could never have imagined.

If you’ve ever been, this is what happens. The Club opens at 11 am, but if it’s cold, the guests arrive earlier, already exhausted, most just need somewhere quiet and warm to sit while they re-charge their mobile phones, and their own energy, before heading out onto the streets once more at 2 pm. The room is bright, with tables and chairs set out in a companionable way; there are newspapers, magazines, photocopied crosswords and puzzles or Sudoku, colouring books with pencils and crayons, board games and a couple of laptops for the guests’ use. On the side, a “breakfast bar” holds tea, coffee, juice, bowls of fresh seasonal fruit and a varying selection of breads, jams, doughnuts, croissants and other food, often donated by local traders. There is a radio in the corner usually playing easy listening pop music (classical was grumbled off one day), and on a welcome table where the guests sign in, they can also put their name down for a hot shower with towel and toiletries provided. Elsewhere in the room there are tables where the two advice workers can meet with the guests on a 1-to-1 basis and help them sort out CVs, doctor/dentist appointments, and issues with jobs and housing. Another person comes in most weeks to give 1-to-1 English tuition.

In the kitchen, a volunteer prepares a freshly-cooked hot lunch, feeding between 15 and 25 people each Wednesday with tasty mains like curry, stew, pasta bakes, a roast turkey dinner at Christmas, and hot puddings like apple crumble, or pancakes on Pancake Day. There is always a vegetarian option and any leftovers are boxed up for guests to take away with them in the afternoon.

Most Wednesdays, an activity has been arranged either during Club time, or immediately after. For example, volunteers come in and offer the guests haircuts, or massages and on another afternoon we all caught the bus into the City and went up to have a look at the view from the Sky Garden, and enjoy a hot chocolate.

So, what do I do? Well, I HAVE peeled and chopped veg, served out food and drinks, and done loads of washing up. But every week has its outstanding highlights interacting with the guests. Did you know that the Caribbean is the world’s epicenter of champion domino players, and you should only play with people from this part of the world at your peril! Also, that dominos can be played by people who have no common language in a hugely competitive way with unintelligible but obvious mutual teasing, and a lot of laughter!

On another occasion I asked a guest who had been sitting for several sessions on his own whether he wanted to play chess – using gestures, as we had no common language. Well, he systematically took me apart at the chess board on that, and on several subsequent occasions, but had the grace and kindness to let me rethink several stupid moves on my part before growling the word he’d learnt – “Check” – every time!

Recently, I brought in my camera and some props, and they asked if any of the guests fancied having a go at creating still life photographs. Three guests who said they had only ever taken pictures on their mobile phones took up the challenge. It was truly inspirational and humbling to see how they embraced the project; the care and finesse with which they chose their items, backgrounds and angles, arranged and shot their compositions and how particular they were about the editing process. I’m hoping to encourage sufficient guests to take part so that we can hold an exhibition of their work in a local gallery later this year.

I tell anyone who’s interested that taking part at the Wednesday Club is life enhancing, and this is best illustrated by a comment made to me by one of the guests:

“I don’t understand English people. When you ask how they are, they usually shrug and say ‘OK thanks’ or ‘Mustn’t complain’... instead of thanking Allah for the gift of their life.”

Robes guest, 2017
The Robes Advice Service

The Robes Advice and Welfare Service allows our guests to access vital advice and support with their housing and benefits. The advice officers also support guests in accessing medical treatment, employment opportunities and other services.

During shelter season the shelters are visited by either Crispin or Maria. This year we have focused on developing our signposting network with the boroughs. This has been incredibly important as the needs of our guests change.

To reflect these changes we have invested in training opportunities that focus on areas such as Domestic Violence, Homeless Reduction Act, Tenancy Sustainment, Modern Day Slavery and Well-being on the Frontline.

Case Study

Before the introduction of the Homelessness Reform Act 2018, on a December day last year, a new guest came to the shelter who was 6 months pregnant. She had been supported by a network of her community for the previous 8 months. They’d helped provide rotational temporary stays with host families. This was becoming unsustainable since she’d become an expectant mother.

After joining Robes, she went to the local authority housing options team to make a homeless application. She was advised to find a landlord who accepted local housing allowances to cover the rent charges. English was her second language and her housing assessment was perfunctory and conducted in a compacted environment where she was one of many asking for help. It is doubtful she understood the pressures that the Housing Team are under to meet the demands placed on them. They told her the best they could do would be to offer an incentive payment to a landlord, if she found one who would accept a tenant on a welfare benefit.

To help her on her way she was signposted to a property agent who said he was in touch with such a landlord. As the agent prepared the tenancy for sign up she expressed her anxiety on how she could budget to meet her daily living expenses. Her questions about the rent and council tax charges only exasperated him. He ended the meeting telling her if she could not afford London she should go up north where it was easy to find cheap property to rent.

Then a local mission intervened and told Robes they could offer to accommodate her temporarily. This was to give her respite from travelling to the night shelters each night as her pregnancy advanced. Early in the New Year the Mission introduced her to Neil Coyle’s visiting surgery. Neil’s assistant contacted the LA Housing Team to flag up concern for her homeless application, but it seemed that she was in a position where the local authority would only review her application due to a change of circumstance after her baby was born.

As the due date of her baby approached she viewed a one bedroom flat from a property agent Robes was in contact with. The day after signing her tenancy she went into hospital to deliver her baby as the winter shelter season was coming to an end. Since that time Robes has helped her keep up to date with the changes to her universal credit account, and to ensure that her meter readings and utility account were properly set up. She had not managed a tenancy in the past and this was new to her.

Achievements and Performance

Out of 89 guests, 69 engaged with the support provided compared with last year when out of the total of 76 guests, 57 engaged with the support provided.

41 of our guests, or 46%, had a roof over their head when they left the shelter.

Outcomes at the End of the Shelter

Robes made a referral to a local charity organisation that provides volunteer support to vulnerable parent/s. It is hoped this will help to link her up with local services as Robes steps back.

For the 2018-2019 winter shelter season, we look forward to the Homeless Reduction Act is applied when a homeless person applies for help and advice at their local authority. In practical terms, this should mean that someone like the guest above should be offered temporary emergency accommodation in the first instance followed by a measure of time to properly develop a plan for their housing options.

Crispin Green
Fundraising and Events for 2018/2019

Robes Project are always looking for new fundraising opportunities and partners to ensure we can continue to provide support to our guests.

Aside from our SleepOut on 30 November 2018 we also have planned;

Thursday 20 December 2018

This year we are moving to Waterloo Station for our annual Christmas Carol! Musicians are very much encouraged to bring instruments.

Contact robes.admin@robes.org.uk for more details and keep an eye on our social media.

Sunday 28 April 2019

Robes are delighted to announce that for the first time we have secured a place in the 2019 London Marathon. This fundraising event will take a lot of preparation (and energy) from one outstanding individual. If you would like to express interest, please email nick.faraday@robes.org.uk

Friday 29 November 2019

SleepOut 2019 at Southwark Cathedral

Future Plans

Winter Night Shelter

We will continue to consolidate operating two consecutive shelters simultaneously looking after 35 guests per night hosted by 30 Churches for just over 5 months each year.

SleepOut

This will continue to be our major fundraising event of the year taking place the last Friday evening of November.

Crawford House (Housing In Multiple Occupancy)

This is a pilot scheme and Robes is taking a 2 year lease on a 7 bedroom house in Camberwell that will sleep 9 people. 7 guests will have recourse to public funds and 2 guests with no recourse to public funds. The guests with recourse to public funds in essence will pay for the running costs which includes the rent that has to be paid to the landlord. The 2 guests with no recourse to public funds will be responsible for the cleanliness of the house. The guests will be on short lets and is a stepping stone into more permanent accommodation and we will motivate them to develop skills etc.

Robes Bus Shelter

We are in discussions with the Rotary Club Birmingham who have offered Robes a Bus Shelter possibly for October 2019 at no cost to Robes. The Rotary Club Birmingham were given a redundant bus by National Express which a Sheffield company has stripped and put in 10 pods where people can sleep and this is almost ready to be launched in Birmingham and run by Birmingham City Council. Such a shelter could generate a lot of goodwill towards Robes that a redundant bus has been put to good use in such a positive way.

I have been volunteering at Robes for a few years now together with my husband and my mother and so I know about all the vital work Robes does. I’ve never run a marathon before, only a half marathon, but this felt like such a good opportunity to support the Charity a bit more. I am already in training – Daisy Christodoulou.

Keep an eye on our social media to see how Daisy gets on in the Marathon next April.
The Trustees are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 30 April 2018.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document
The Robes Project was initially set up as an unincorporated charity by a Constitution adopted 1 October 2008, amended by Special Resolution on 20 July 2009. It was registered as a Charity on 10 November 2009 and is governed by a Committee of Trustees elected at the Annual General Meeting. The area of benefit are the London Boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark.

On 1 August 2017 the Charity set up a separate Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) called Robes Project. The Charity and the CIO were merged on 18 January 2019. An asset transfer order was signed on 18 January 2019. The assets will now be transferred to the CIO and the old un-incorporated charity closed.

The number of Trustees shall not be less than 5, and until otherwise determined by a General Meeting, no more than 9.

Objectives
The objects of the CIO are the relief of poverty among people who are homeless in the London boroughs of Southwark and Lambeth by the provision of winter night shelters, food and advice, support and re-settlement services so as to help them re-build their lives.

Public benefit statement
The Trustees consider that the work of the Robes Project is to provide relief to poor and disadvantaged people in the London Boroughs of Southwark and Lambeth by the provision of winter shelter, food and advice helping to make these boroughs a safer, more humane place for everyone. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and no Trustee receives any private benefit from the Charity.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit, guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

Governance and management
The Charity is run by its Trustees who meet approximately monthly to determine the strategy of the Charity, to discuss operational matters and to formulate policy. The Charity Manager attends all Trustee meetings. Sub-committees dealing with specific functions support the Board of Trustees and certain terms of executive responsibility are delegated to individual Trustees to facilitate decision-making and to support staff efforts. All delegated matters are closely reported upon to the Trustee Board.

The Trustees delegate responsibility for delivering day-to-day services to our guests primarily to the Charity Manager, staff and volunteer teams.

The Charity Manager is responsible for individual supervision of the staff team and also ensuring that the team continues to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
The Committee seeks to recruit Trustees from among the churches participating in the Project who have relevant knowledge and experience to assist in running the Project. New Trustees are given an induction pack.

RISK MANGEMENT
The Trustees recognise that there are risks to which the Charity is exposed. Systems have been established to mitigate known risks, including financial controls, employment procedures, agreements with participating churches and volunteer training. The Trustees keep proper accounting records and take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. Health and safety, equal opportunities and quality standards are prioritised. Records and archives are securely stored and electronic data carefully protected.

A significant risk to the Charity faces is its over reliance on the SleepOut as a fundraising event. It lacks to mitigate against this risk by diversifying its funding sources. Another significant risk is a serious safeguarding issue caused by the Charity to lose confidence of guests and referring partners. The Charity mitigates against this by thorough training for staff and volunteers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Our strategy for 2017/18 was to provide a winter night shelter for our homeless guests from November 2017 through to April 2018 using a network of churches in the London boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark.

Total expenditure for the year ended 30 April 2018 was £227,614, which is on par with the figure of last year. This reflects a year of consolidation after recent years of growth in the project.

During the year, income increased by £108,037, an increase of 63% on the previous year. This is due to some large pieces of one-off corporate funding and increased generosity from our supporters in this our 10th anniversary year. The annual SleepOut in the grounds of Southwark Cathedral raised £140,294, which was a significant increase on our previous year’s total of £105,247.

As our shelters and volunteers are provided at no cost to the Charity, our main costs (55%) were in relation to our small team of salaried staff who provide the backbone of our Charity.

At 30 April 2018, the total reserves stand at £307,613 and have been increased by 20% during the year. This was due to the extra funds received in this our 10th anniversary year. Of these reserves, £24,336 is restricted for our HMO (previously named Inn from the Cold) and other projects.

The Trustees are happy to see the increase in our reserves in this year of our 10th anniversary. We hope to use these extra funds in future years to benefit our guests with this firm financial backing the Trustees are confident for the future.

RESERVES POLICY
As part of the annual review of the reserves policy, the Trustees of the Robes Project assess the financial risks surrounding the Charity’s ability to provide the services we offer to the homeless in Lambeth and Southwark. In so doing, the Trustees have set aside reserves to £80,000.

Statement of Board of Trustees’ Responsibilities
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees’ Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, they are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Under charity law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity’s transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity’s website.

Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions. In addition, the Trustees confirm that they are happy that the content of the annual review in pages 3 to 23 of this document as well as the legal and administrative information on page 35, meet the requirements of the Trustees’ Annual Report under charity law.

They also confirm that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity’s governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 24/1/19 and signed on its behalf by:

George Martin (Chair)
Independent examiner’s report to the Board of Trustees of Robes Project Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Robes Project (charity number 1174060) for the year ended 30 April 2018 set out on pages 25 to 35.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The CIO’s Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act). The CIO’s Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:
- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and,
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the CIO’s Trustees as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the CIO’s Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner’s report and for no other purpose.

Independent examiner’s statement

Since the Company’s gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:
- accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair’ view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Andrew Philip Nash ACA
Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales – 2461833

Dated: 28 February 2019

Andy Nash Accounting & Consultancy Ltd
The Maltings
East Tyndall Street
Cardiff
CF24 5EA

The notes on pages 27 to 35 form part of the financial statements.
1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102) – Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The effect of any event relating to the year ended 30 April 2018, which occurred before the date of approval of the financial statements by the Board of Trustees has been included in the financial statements to the extent required to show a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 30 April 2018.

The Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the Financial Statements.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the Board of Trustees is confident that future reserves and future income is more than sufficient to meet current commitments. There are no material uncertainties that impact this assessment.

Legal status

Robes Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England & Wales and meets the definition of a public benefit entity. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability is limited to £1 per member of the Charity. The registered office is 256 Bermondsey Street, London, SE1 3UJ.

Change in accounting period and comparatives

In the prior period Robes Project extended its year end from 31 March to 30 April to fit the pattern of its night shelter in a more appropriate as permitted under their constitution and the Charities Act. As a result the prior year figures cover a thirteen month period as opposed to the current period representing 12 months and are therefore not entirely comparable.

Notes

The notes on pages 27 to 35 form part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 24/1/19 and signed on their behalf by:

Luke Whiteman
Treasurer

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<th>Current assets</th>
<th>£</th>
<th>£</th>
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<td>2,323</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash at bank and in hand</td>
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<td>278,981</td>
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<td>319,219</td>
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<td>(11,606)</td>
<td>(23,007)</td>
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<td>Net current assets</td>
<td>307,613</td>
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Funds of the charity

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<td>56,010</td>
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<td>283,277</td>
<td>246,535</td>
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Robes Project

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 April 2018

1. Accounting policies

Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund are set out in note 11 of the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds that are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or that have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in note 11 of the financial statements.

Income

Income is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance indicators attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and income from fundraising events are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when entitled, receipt is probable and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gift aid receivable is included when claimable.

Grant income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable whichever is earlier, unless the grant relates to a future period, in which case it is deferred.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

Indirect costs, including governance costs, which cannot be directly attributed to activities, are allocated proportionate to direct staff costs allocated to each project area, as outlined in note 6 of the financial statements.
Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of expenditure for which it was incurred.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**  
All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised. Currently there are no assets over this limit.

**Operating leases**  
Rentals payable under operating leases are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Pensions**  
Robes Project operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Pension contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities when due and payable. These contributions are invested separately from the Charity’s assets.

**Cash at bank and in hand**  
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash in hand, deposits with banks and funds that are readily convertible into cash at, or close to, their carrying values, but are not held for investment purposes.

**Debtors and prepayments**  
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount is applied. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**Creditors**  
Creditors are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of a third party. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**Critical estimates and judgements**  
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

**Financial instruments**  
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost other than investments which are measured at fair value.

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### 2. Post balance sheet event - change in legal status

During the financial year ended 30 April 2018 the Trustees decided to convert the existing Charitable Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered number 1174060) on 1 August 2017, with the intention to link the old charity to the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which happened post year end, with the old Charitable Trust changing its number to 1174060-1 (previously 1132622). During the intervening period the two Charities effectively operated as one, with a common board and had the same registered office.

Following professional advice post year end the Trustees chose to fully close and merge the old charitable trust into the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with this process finishing on 18/1/19, prior to the signing of this report by the independent examiner.

As the accounts were approved after this date, the Trustees have decided to present the accounts using the merger accounting treatment outlined in chapter 27 of the Charity SORP, despite it being a non-adjusting Balance Sheet event under the SORP, as it gives the most accurate reflection of how the Charity has operated in the period and the process commenced in August 2017.

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### Robes Project Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 April 2018

All financial transactions and balances reflected for the prior period relate to the old Charitable Trust (no. 1174060-1/1132622).

The split of income and expenditure for the two entities in the current reporting period is as follows:

**Charitable Trust**

**CIO**

**Total Funds**

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<th>CIO</th>
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<td>Donations and legacies</td>
<td>273,431</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>5,053</td>
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<td>Raising funds</td>
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<td>-</td>
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<td>Charitable activities</td>
<td>188,101</td>
<td>17,366</td>
<td>205,467</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total expenditure</strong></td>
<td>210,248</td>
<td>17,366</td>
<td>227,614</td>
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| Transfer between entities          | (20,000)        | -   | -           |
| **Net movement in funds**          | 43,952          | 7,687| 51,639      |

At 30 April 2018 the net assets were split between the two entities as follows, with all funds held within the CIO unrestricted as to use:

**Charitable Trust**

**CIO**

**Total Funds**

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<td>311,532</td>
<td>7,687</td>
<td>319,219</td>
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<td>(11,606)</td>
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|                                     | 299,926         | 7,687| 307,613     |
### 3. Income from donations & legacies

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<td>Yr ended 30-Apr-18</td>
<td>Yr ended 30-Apr-18</td>
<td>Yr ended 30-Apr-18</td>
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<td>General donations - churches</td>
<td>£4,903</td>
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<td>General donations - individuals &amp; other</td>
<td>£89,287</td>
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<td>SleepOut</td>
<td>£140,294</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>£140,294</td>
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<td>Other fundraising events</td>
<td>£5,480</td>
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<td>Trusts and foundations</td>
<td>£12,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£251,964</strong></td>
<td><strong>£26,520</strong></td>
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### 4. Income from investments

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<td>Yr ended 30-Apr-18</td>
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<td>Yr ended 30-Apr-18</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bank interest</td>
<td>£719</td>
<td>£50</td>
<td>£769</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£719</strong></td>
<td><strong>£50</strong></td>
<td><strong>£769</strong></td>
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### 5. Total expenditure

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<td>Yr ended 30-Apr-18</td>
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<tr>
<td>Raising funds</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>£19,586</td>
<td>£2,561</td>
<td>£22,147</td>
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<td>Charitable activities</td>
<td>£126,236</td>
<td>£55,476</td>
<td>£23,755</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£126,236</strong></td>
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Indirect costs, including governance costs, which cannot be directly attributed to activities, were allocated between cost centres proportionate to the direct costs allocated to those activities. The prior year figures have been reallocated to show the support costs attributed to each activity.

All expenditure on raising funds was unrestricted in nature in both the current and previous financial periods.

An analysis of charitable activities split between restricted and unrestricted funds can be found in note 6. An analysis of staff costs can be found in note 7.
7. Staff numbers and costs

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<td>Yr ended 30-Apr-18 £</td>
<td>13 mths ended 30-Apr-17 £</td>
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<td>Gross salaries</td>
<td>117,667</td>
<td>97,265</td>
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<td>Employer's national insurance</td>
<td>6,246</td>
<td>5,594</td>
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<td>Employer's pension</td>
<td>2,323</td>
<td>2,807</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>126,236</strong></td>
<td><strong>105,666</strong></td>
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The average headcount during the period was 6 persons (2017: 5 persons).
The average full-time equivalent (FTE) during the period was 3.5 (2017: 3.5).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 (2017: £NIL).
The total remuneration paid to key management personnel during the year was £31,929 (2017: £27,600).

8. Pension costs

The Charitable Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Charity in independently administered funds. Contributions payable by the Charity amounted to £2,323 (2017: £2,807).

£218 of employer contributions were outstanding at year end (2017: £NIL).
Pension costs are allocated between activities and funds on the same basis as relevant salary costs.

9. Debtors and prepayments

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<td>Yr ended 30-Apr-18 £</td>
<td>13 mths ended 30-Apr-17 £</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loans and deposits provided as part of the ‘Inn from the Cold Project’</td>
<td>2,323</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,323</strong></td>
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10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

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<td>Accruals</td>
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<td>7,371</td>
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<td>HMRC control account</td>
<td>1,956</td>
<td>3,136</td>
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<td>Pension control account</td>
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<td>Deferred revenue</td>
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The total remuneration paid to key management personnel during the year was £31,929 (2017: £27,600).

11. Analysis of charity funds

Unrestricted funds

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<th>Fund</th>
<th>Balance brought forward 01-May-17 £</th>
<th>Income for the yr ended 30-Apr-18 £</th>
<th>Expenditure in the yr ended 30-Apr-18 £</th>
<th>Transfers inon funds yr ended 30-Apr-18 £</th>
<th>Balance carried forward 30-Apr-18 £</th>
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<tr>
<td>Inn from the Cold</td>
<td>40,525</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(40,525)</td>
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<td>Operation reserve</td>
<td>80,000</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>80,000</td>
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<td>General funds</td>
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<td>252,683</td>
<td>(175,416)</td>
<td>70,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>246,535</strong></td>
<td><strong>252,683</strong></td>
<td><strong>(215,941)</strong></td>
<td><strong>70,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>283,277</strong></td>
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Restricted funds

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<td>ACTS 4:35</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>1,020</td>
<td>(932)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>208</td>
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<td>Glasspool</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>(330)</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>9,439</strong></td>
<td><strong>26,570</strong></td>
<td><strong>(11,673)</strong></td>
<td><strong>-</strong></td>
<td><strong>24,336</strong></td>
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The expansion fund was set aside in 2015/2016 to fund a doubling of night shelter places over the subsequent two years. This fund has now come to end as this target has been achieved.

The Inn from the Cold designated fund has been earmarked for growing this project over the next few years.

The operational reserve was set aside by the Trustees in prior years to protect the reserves required under the reserve policy. With the changes in recognition of designated funds in the SORP, the Trustees have transferred this back to general funds.

The Inn from the Cold restricted fund consists of donations and grants to support guests access to the private rented sector by providing help with the up-front costs of housing, direct access to landlords and ongoing support once in accommodation.

The ACTS 4:35 fund consists of funds given to directly support guests with specific needs/requirements.

The Glasspool fund consists of funds given to directly support guests with specific needs/requirements.
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Unrestricted funds

Designated funds

Expansion fund 90,000 - (49,475) - 40,525
Inn from the Cold 80,000 - - - 80,000
Operational reserve 70,000 - - - 70,000
240,000 - (49,475) - 190,525

General funds

24,390 170,185 (138,565) - 56,010
264,390 170,185 (188,040) - 246,535

Restricted funds

Inn from the Cold 36,758 71 (27,510) - 9,439
Training and capacity building 1,000 - (1,000) - -
ACTS 4:35 - 960 (840) - 120
37,758 1,031 (29,350) - 9,439
302,148 171,216 (217,390) - 255,974

The training and capacity building fund consists of funds provided to support staff training and organisational development.

12. Analysis of net assets

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<th>General Funds</th>
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<tr>
<td>Current assets</td>
<td>214,883</td>
<td>80,000</td>
<td>24,336</td>
<td>319,219</td>
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<td>Current liabilities</td>
<td>(11,606)</td>
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<td>Total funds</td>
<td>203,277</td>
<td>80,000</td>
<td>24,336</td>
<td>307,613</td>
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13. Trustee remuneration

During the year, no Trustee received any remuneration (2017: £NIL).

No members of the Board of Trustees received reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses (2017: £NIL).

14. Related party transactions

During the year there were no transactions carried out with related parties (2017: £NIL).

15. Other financial commitments

At 30 April 2018, the Charity had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases (all relating to land and buildings) as set out below:

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<td>Operating leases due within one year</td>
<td>10,953</td>
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</table>

16. Guarantees and secured charges

As at 30 April 2018 the Charity did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured against assets of the Charity (2017: £NIL).
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Legal and Administrative Information
For the year ended 30 April 2018

Trustees

George Martin (Chair)
Louise Delaye-Hand (resigned – 2 November 2018)
Geoffrey Hand (resigned – 3 September 2018)
David Hardman (resigned – 19 September 2017)
Anna Long (resigned – 19 September 2017)
Wendy Thompson
Luke Whiteman
Jeremy Metson (co-opted)
Theophelia Shaw (co-opted)
Neil Tryner (co-opted)

Treasurer

Luke Whiteman

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This report is dedicated to the memory of former Robes guest, Jaroslaw Lebda.