

Fund for Human Need

Registered Charity No. 208866



Where a little means a lot
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THANK YOU

We are very grateful to all who are supporting us in what is for everyone a very difficult time. Regular donations are especially helpful as we seek to meet a demand for help that is likely to be greater than ever in the coming months.

A special thanks to those whose gifts have been made anonymously or for whom we have no addresses to send our thanks.

Out and about 2024.

Methodist Conference: We always appreciate the chance that being part of the exhibition affords us the opportunity to talk to presbyters, deacons, lay representatives, ordinands, guests and visitors about our work.



This year everyone met at the Leeds Armouries, a fascinating place for those taking a break from the conference business being able to look around but for admin Gill and trustees Rev Rosemary Fletcher and Revd. Gill Hulme it was a very busy time.

We were pleased with the number of attendees who now know of the Fund, particularly presbyters many of whom were asking specific questions or mentioned that churches were happy to support us and were encouraging about what we are doing. Among the new

representatives and ordinands, it was good to meet some who were curious about the work of FHN and we had some excellent conversations especially with some who had particularly sought us out.

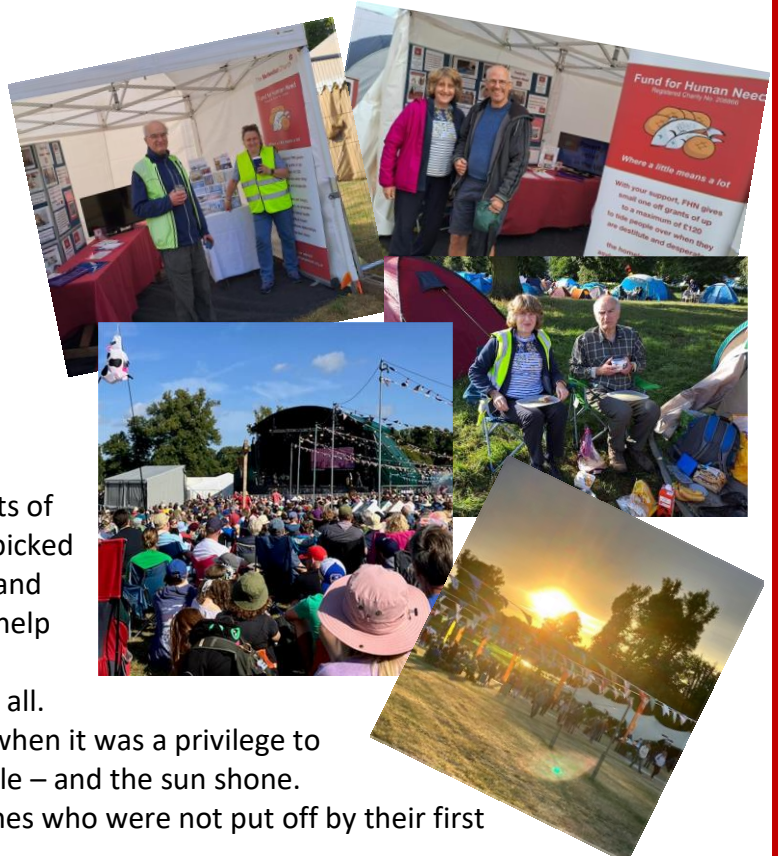
Greenbelt 2024:

Being part of the Greenbelt Takeaway gives us an opportunity to talk about what we do with all ages and persuasions of festival goers. This year there was also the opportunity to experience some of our wonderful weather in a tent! The Thursday night brought strong winds that didn't ease until well into Friday; then after a brief respite, the rain took over. The stand had a couple of quickly put right wind issues but managed to stay dry and open all the way through.

In between the weather we managed to have lots of visitors: a mix of those who knew about us and picked up leaflets to take back to groups and churches and some who were new and looking for sources of help for people they were involved with often in a professional capacity. It was great to meet them all.

The stalls are all closed on the Sunday morning when it was a privilege to take part in communion with thousands of people – and the sun shone.

Thanks to the stall staff Revd. Rosemary and James who were not put off by their first camping experience and want to come again!



Fundraising Partners.

Because we give cash awards, we cannot access sources of funding normally available to other charities. This makes the efforts of all our supporters even more special. We wanted to share and celebrate some of the fundraising you have been doing for us.

Grace at Strathmore Road Methodist Church: Grace was present when Gill our admin spoke to the church family about FHN. She decided to organise a family quiz night.



Mum told us – “she did it all herself. She washed cars to raise the money to buy the refreshments on the evening, so that everything raised was profit for the charity”.

After the event Grace told us: “I really enjoyed putting on the quiz and was delighted at the turn out, we had 80+ people of all ages and the quiz was very successful. There were games and refreshments. And it was a great night I will never forget. I loved putting on the event and had lots of fun. When you visited the church several weeks ago you really inspired me to do work for the charity.



Thank you for the keyring and coasters they were really helpful. I'm sending a cheque for **£614**; I think this charity is amazing and it does absolutely wonderful work, so I would love to do more work for it in the future.”

Thank you to Grace and everyone at Strathmore Road who supported her efforts.

Rowbarton Methodist Church in Taunton chose Fund for Human Need as their annual charity, and raised £1379 (in addition to an annual donation).



The monies were raised from a whole variety of activities and celebrations including New Year social and barbecue run by The Mix, a pancake party and the tea and coffee contributions after services. A beetle drive and Lent appeal (a clothing count) added to the amount. It all sounds like lots of fun.

£400 of this amount was raised by Tobias, he completed a sponsored walk of 776725 steps, or 340 miles during January and February – often in rough conditions. The distance was inspired by the population of Cuttack district of India who the Methodist district is involved in supporting.



The sponsorship for his walk was generously divided between the Cuttack fund and FHN. Tobias has since been to Cuttack with the district representatives to continue the support of those in desperate need there.

We Thank Tobias and ALL at Rowbarton for their generous support to those in desperate need here in the UK.



There are also many churches in the UK who also support us with regular amounts from various collection and events.

Val explains how Beckenham Methodist Church got involved with Fund for Human Need.

“I read an article in the Methodist Recorder by the Fund (15/1/2016) appealing to churches to donate from their Benevolent Funds. Our church has maintained this Fund separately for use both locally and for outreach and so at a Church Council in March 2016 I asked that we send a one-off donation straight away, which was agreed. Then in 2019, following Covid and renovation works, I followed this up by agreeing to send the proceeds annually from our After Service Coffee etc., plus the bonus of occasional birthday cake! It is amazing what can be achieved by the simple act of Serving - Receiving - Giving and if your church is not yet involved, here is an opportunity to help those in desperate need. VW”

Any amount is gratefully received, see page 4 for details of how to send donations – Our thanks to all who do. If you do hold a fundraising event, please let us know, information (and photos with permission) to Gill.

New Cards!

We have nearly sold all of our previous photo cards (if you are interested in the few remaining packs please get in touch with Gill). Those of you lucky enough to have seen us out and about will already know about our **NEW ART CARDS**. These have been produced with the help of 3 talented ladies from across the UK and we thank Mrs Sams, Sheach and Bowman for allowing us the use of their wonderful paintings.

As previously these are quality cards with a blank inside making them suitable for all occasions and they come complete with envelopes.



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Suggested donation £3per pack also available by post from the Administrator, (contact details on pg. 4) post and packing remains at £0.55 per pack up to a maximum of £3.50.

The same rates also apply to our Christmas cards – still available. Packs of 5.

All profits from the sale of the cards are used by Fund for Human Need to provide relief from poverty, hunger and distress to those in desperate circumstances across the UK.



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Thanks to you.....some responses to September awards

I just want to express my immense gratitude for this payment. I know that you mention it is a small payment but for me this is gigantic and I am so grateful that I'm able to receive this at a time where a lot of people are in need. I am honestly struggling with life in all areas and this has brought a smile to my face when I've cried for weeks on end. I hope that when I am in a better position, I can donate the funds back to yourselves to help someone else out of a bad situation too. Thank you so much

Thank you so so so much. It helps a LOT. I really appreciate it. Thank you.

Thank you so much for the provision. Kind Regards, Casework Coordinator, Refugee Services Leicester.  BritishRedCross

I have received the amount of 100£. Thank you FHN 🙏

I received it. I just want to say thank you very much. I didn't even expect to get a reply & this week I literally had 0 money in my bank account you guys really saved me, I really appreciate it thank you & God bless

Thanks. I'm starting a new job next week so it will definitely help until I get paid

Thank you so very much for confirming and providing these needed funds for our clients. Your support is invaluable and very much appreciated. Love to Learn, Educational Case Worker Katherine Low Settlement

Thank you so very much for this. The client is extremely grateful. Best wishes, Advice Services Supervisor. Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre

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How You helped:

Modern slavery is a complex crime and involves multiple forms of exploitation. An individual could have been a victim of human trafficking and/or slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour. The Salvation Army is one of the organisations taking care of the victims. These applications were for 2 young women, one pregnant who arrived at the shelter with nothing. They were in need of clothing and basic supplies and help to travel to see their solicitors as they endeavour to sort out their immigration issues to regularise their status. Both also needed to get to regular hospital appointments due to the mistreatment they had received. Award £100 each.

Thank you very much, the funds will be a great help 😊

Kind regards,

Specialist Support Worker, Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery Unit



How You helped:

A mother and son were receiving section 17 support from social services, this is to support children whose parents are not entitled to any benefits. Despite his acceptance for university and entitlement to student loans all of their support stopped as soon as he turned 18 in May. This left them vulnerable to eviction and without food and basics. The mother had applied to regularise her status some time ago but is waiting for access to a solicitor. Currently they are reliant on friends for food. Award £100

Thank you very much for awarding this grant to my client. This will go a long way, and be very helpful right now in the midst of a challenging time for him and his mother. We appreciate your support and the work you are doing!

Asylum Support Senior Caseworker
Action for Refugees in Lewisham



Keeping in touch – The newsletter is sent three times a year, by post or email, to all supporters and interested parties. We get in touch to find out your mailing preferences, if at any time these change, please let us know. This and any other correspondence to:

Mrs Gill Mason (Admin): fundhumanneed@gmail.com

Ph: 01325 244992. Post: 6 Newlands Road, Darlington, Co Durham. DL3 9JL

DONATE. If you can help us in supporting individuals who have no access to relief funds or benefits, please see our website at:

http://fundforhumanneed.org.uk/?page_id=111

There you will find all the information you need on making a donation or regular gift.

Or you can contact us at:

fundhumanneed@gmail.com Ph: 07561717230

The backbone of any charity is its fantastic committed supporters who, whatever the amount they can donate, give regularly. Is this something you can consider?

Standing Order – Regular giving is so valuable and if you can Gift Aid, it adds 25p to every £ donated. Details on the website or from Gill M.

Cheque - if you prefer to donate by cheque, these should be made out to 'Fund for Human Need' and directed to Gill Mason (Admin) at the address below.

Other ways you can help - Other news outlets- Is there a local news outlet that you could pass our information to? Church or Circuit notices or magazines?

Electronic giving- We are on 'Just giving'. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundforhumanneed>



Try our QR code to go to the Just Giving site. (just point the camera of a smart phone at it.)

Home shopping- we are on **Give as you live**, if you nominate us, a percentage comes to us with no cost to you.

Synods - Do you go to Synod? Could you take some leaflets, staff a marketplace table? Maybe you could speak for us? All materials and assistance provided.

Greetings and Christmas Cards- could you send for and sell on some of our cards? Its more cost effective to send a big pack to one person. Phone Gill to discuss.

Wills and codicils- we are linked with Freewills an online service

<https://freewills.co.uk/charity/fundhumanneed> they can also make a will over the phone on 0333 188 5688.

If you already have a will made and would be happy to add a bequest to Fund for Human Need a simple codicil form is available on the Website (or from our Admin).

Friends in Districts- we still have need of people in some of the districts to advertise us at district events and synods, giving out leaflets and putting up posters, getting information into publications etc. (all supplied and supported). **Can you help?**