



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2024

London & Slough Charitable Trust had its third year at Dukes House and British Land have now granted us a further three years until 2027, rent free.

Our operations from Dukes House are working well with the collections of surplus food from many sources, local Waitroses, Coop, M & S Foodstores, Lidl, Gate Gourmet railway supplies, Costa and many others.

We have many teams of Multi-faith volunteer packers (a different faith each night) who sort and pack our van for delivery, driven by different volunteers each morning, to an average of six delivery kitchens etc. We are very lucky that they are so dedicated. The Charity could not exist without any of our volunteers. Still no-one is paid.

We also rely on a small group of other volunteers who collect furniture etc and deliver to homeless guests who have been given a room by Slough Council, Macmillan Cancer charity and The Prisoner Release Scheme.

We still use St Joseph's Church premises in Chalfont St Peter, Gerrards Cross, every Monday throughout the year, for the preparation of soup, tea and sandwiches, which are then delivered to our approx 200 homeless guests in London. We have a loyal team who have been preparing these food parcels for many years, for which we are very grateful.

We will be launching our 40th Anniversary this year with a Dawn Walk, which will also raise funds with the sponsorship by British Airways, Hamptons Agency, The McGovern family and others, for which we are grateful.

Our disappointment this year, has been that we have not been able to open a 10 bedroom hostel in Herschel Street, in Slough, for which the Government Levelling Up Fund had given London and Slough Charitable trust the funds to renovate, upgrade and furnish these premises and house 10 homeless guests.

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This did not come about, even though we had fully furnished the property and provided an office cabin in the grounds, so we could fully take over the building at the end of March 31st 2024. Due to Slough Council inability to agree to the terms of the Government Contract, they reneged on the deal in the last few days and we had to back out and give the Government back the building funds and Slough Council to repay us our costs. What is worse is, that the building still lies empty.

Our aim was to help our guests by giving them a place to stay for a period of three to six months whilst they look for a job and move into their own private accommodation. Our objective is to assist approx. 40 guests a year through this programme.

However we still work closely with Slough Borough Council's Rough Sleeper team to provide support that the Council are unable to, due to the guests not being eligible for financial support or help. We are looking at further ways we can assist the ever increasing numbers of homeless in Slough.

We wish to thank Nuala Fox, our secretary and Trustee, for her unstinting help over the last 30 years. We would not be where we are without help and guidance.

The Trustees are regular 'hands on' helpers within the day to day running of the Charity and we continue to be grateful to our volunteers for giving up their time and their selfless and tireless work in support of our most vulnerable and marginalised people in society.

On behalf of **London and Slough Charitable Trust**, by order of the Trustees.

Malcolm Johnstone

Chairman

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Income and Expenditure Account y/e 31st March 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Donations	32296	44166
Bank Interest Recd	0	<u>52</u>
Total Income	32296	44218
Expenditure		
Food and Supplies	84	305
Website and Advertising	425	563
Vehicle Running Costs		
Insurance	5887	2103
Fuel/Repairs/Road Tax	14240	9835
Depreciation	10970	5520
Temporary Accom	278	0
Homeless Support	20430	80
St Josephs Hall	1800	0
Dukes House	1236	2888
Slough Council	0	0
Just Giving Fees	216	198
General Insurance	984	1216
Telephone	200	204
Global	0	1081
Bank Fee	110	0
Depn Portacabin	613	0
Sundry Expenses	2519	535
Total Expenditure	59992	24528
Excess of Income over Expenditure	N/A	19690
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-27696	N/A
Balance brought forward	115547	95857
Balance carried forward	87851	115547
Motor Vehicles at cost	69790	34800
Less Depn	<u>42090</u>	<u>31120</u>
	27700	3680
Equipment at cost	3200	3200
Less Depn	<u>1280</u>	<u>640</u>
	1920	2560
Portacabin at cost	7360	0
Less Depn	<u>613</u>	0
	6747	0
Prepayments	4597	0
	<u>29100</u>	0
	33697	0
Bank Accounts		
Current Metro	116133	110336
Current Coop	1107	0
	117240	110336
Total Assets	187304	116576
Less creditors	99453	1029

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Independent Examiner's Report – London & Slough Charitable Trust (was The London & Slough Run)

I have examined the financial statements for the year 31st March 2024, which was prepared by the Hon. Treasurer.

These show Income of £32,296, Expenditure of £59,992, and Net Assets of £87,851.

I have examined those books and records, which I considered necessary to carry out the review and where appropriate have received explanations of transactions.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the organisation's affairs as at 31st March 2024 and its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.



Orla Walsh

24th January 2025