



Colburn Community
Support

Annual Report 2023-2024

Introduction

Speak up for those who
cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are
destitute. Speak up and
judge fairly; defend the
rights of the poor and needy.



Proverbs 31:8-9

As we reach the end of our second year, we are pleased to present the Colburn Community Support annual report. This report highlights the various initiatives, accomplishments, and impact we have made within the local community over the past year. We continue to be immensely grateful for the support and collaboration of our volunteers, partner organisations, and community members in making these achievements possible. Since the inception of Colburn Community Support, it has been a privilege

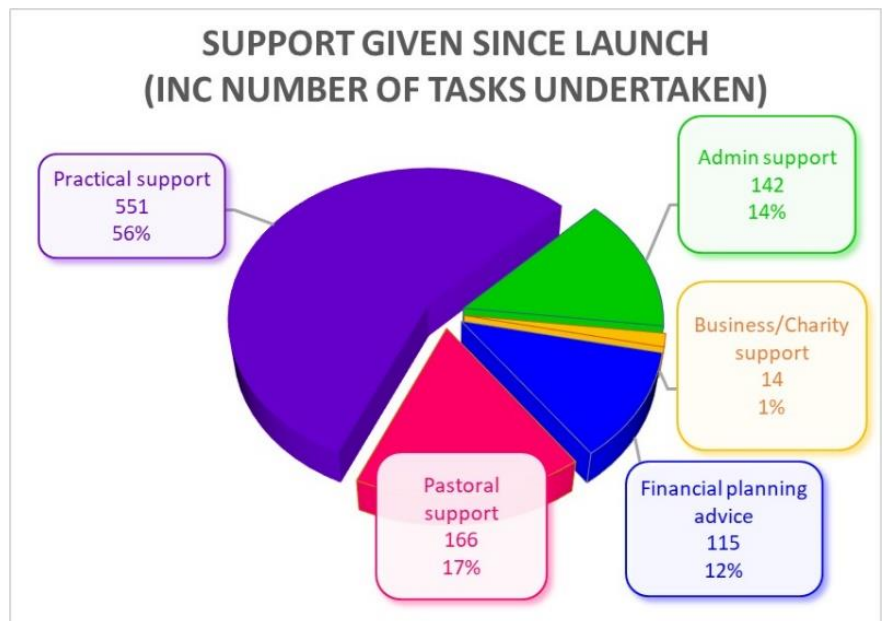
and humbling experience to walk with others sharing their joys and sorrows on a daily basis.

1. Support Activities:

Throughout the year, we continued to offer a diverse range of support activities aimed at addressing the needs of our community. ***Since starting this ministry, we have now reached 235 households consisting of 401 adults and 189 children. 988 activities have now been completed including:***

a) Practical support:

- Using the van daily to deliver to the Colburn Foodshare project.
- Assistance with hospital transport and support.
- Provision of accessibility equipment not available locally such as wheelchairs, crutches etc.
- Helping clients with house moves and DIY.
- Sourcing and provision of second-hand white goods, beds, and furniture.
- Carrying out practical tasks often leads to pastoral engagement/support and the sharing of life experiences, as we all have a story to share.





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b) Pastoral support:

- Continued to provide bereavement support to those losing loved ones in difficult circumstances.
- We facilitate the local branch of SoBS, (Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide) <https://uksobs.org/> and are involved in regional projects too.
- It has been beautiful to see mutual support develop amongst the group as we share our stories.



- Joined the 3 Dads Walking as they passed through Catterick Garrison this spring, along with others locally who have been bereaved by suicide.

c) Admin support:

- Supported individuals with CV writing and job applications.
- Offered guidance on benefit claims and Personal Independence Payment applications.
- Helped with applications for Blue Badges & Disabled Bus passes.
- Jo-Ann has provided assistance to parents in understanding Educational Health Care Plans and helps to find appropriate provision for families needing greater levels of educational support.



d) Financial Planning Advice:

- Provided advice on budgeting and financial management.
- Assisted with tax reclaims and accessing unpaid child support and bereavement payments.





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e) Business & Charity support:



- Simon continued to provide governance advice to Catterick, Richmond & Colburn Community Libraries.
- He also assists BlueBoxt Creative and Performing Arts with policies and procedures.
- Simon has been contracted by Just The Job Environmental Enterprise Ltd to provide fundraising and marketing support for The BIG Green Build project.
- We continued to use "GROW" coaching practices to support businesses and individuals.

2. Collaborations and Partnerships:



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are available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

between 9am and 12pm at



- We continued to collaborate with local businesses, nonprofit organisations, churches and government agencies to amplify our impact. Some key partnerships included:

a) Local Businesses:

- We liaised with local retailers who have provided support to the Colburn Food share project, especially Aldi, Lidl, Co-op, Heron Foods & KFC.

• Nonprofit Organisations & Churches:

- Referrals from nonprofit organisations allowed us to expand our services, share resources, and enhance our collective efforts in addressing community needs. These included:
- King's Church Colburn
- Colburn Community Hub
- Carers Plus Yorkshire
- North Yorkshire Adult Learning Services
- Heartbeat Alliance



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Julie Parker

Thank you so much for your support today to a lady referral she was beyond blessed and came away feeling so much better and chilled xx your doing amazing work ❤️

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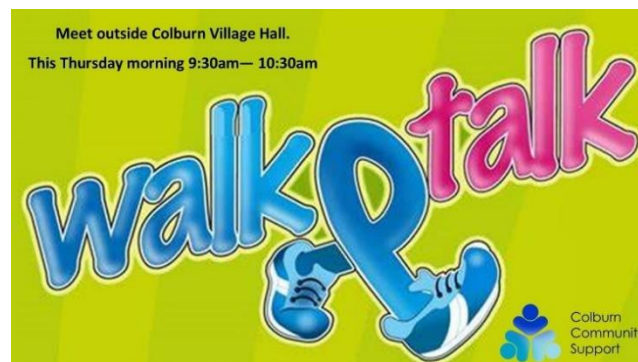
b) Government Agencies:

- We continued to work closely with government agencies such as Community Mental Health Team, MOD, North Yorkshire Council, and North Yorkshire Police.
- We were able to initiate projects that benefited individuals & families within the community. This included the provision of film afternoons, a games café & free holiday activities for families.



3. Volunteer Engagement:

- Volunteers continue to play a crucial role in helping us to deliver projects and services.
- Our “Walk & Talk” initiative would not happen without volunteers.
- It has been a joy to see friendships and mutual support grow between the members of the Walk & Talk group.



4. Impact and Success Stories:

- Throughout the year, we witnessed numerous success stories that showcased the positive impact of our community support efforts.
- These stories included individuals finding homes and employment, families overcoming adversity, and community members coming together to support one another during challenging times.
- Assisted in the provision and delivery of over 200 Christmas hampers for the community.
- We are getting closer to the formation of a local credit union as reported last year.

Thank you so much. I honestly can't thank you enough. I just have nothing left to give at the moment 🙄

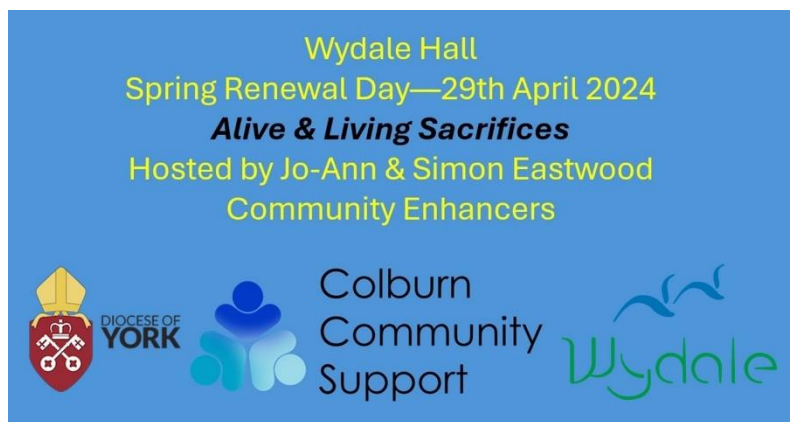




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5. Community Outreach and Awareness:

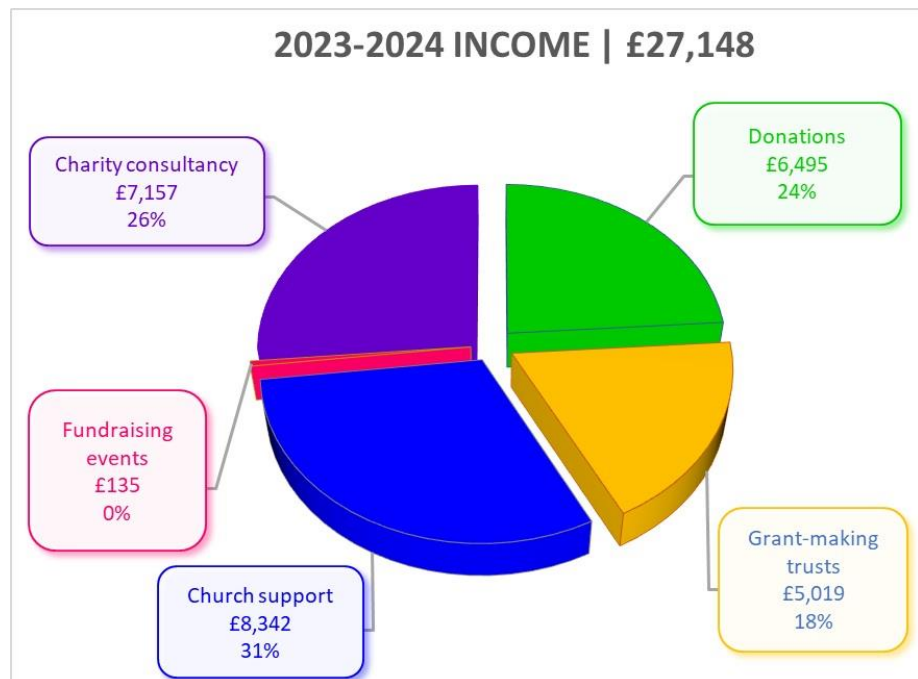
- We actively engaged in community outreach initiatives to raise awareness about our work through speaking engagements at churches and local interest groups.
- Led the Spring Renewal Day at Wydale Hall, the Diocese of York retreat house.
- Continued to maintain an active presence on social media platforms.
- Were selected by several Dales churches to receive their Harvest festival collections.
- Continued to provide prayer support to individuals and families.
- Regularly supplied “Prayer of Blessing” cards for all the homes we visited.



Financial report

It has been a real blessing to have now completed our second year of running Colburn Community Support. It has also been very humbling to be known by many in the community as an agency which can offer them support. We have continued to live by faith in terms of how we would meet the costs of running the project as well as ensuring our personal living expenses were also met.

We continue to be indebted to the individuals who have partnered with us to ensure that we have been able to live each day as well as undertake this much needed ministry.

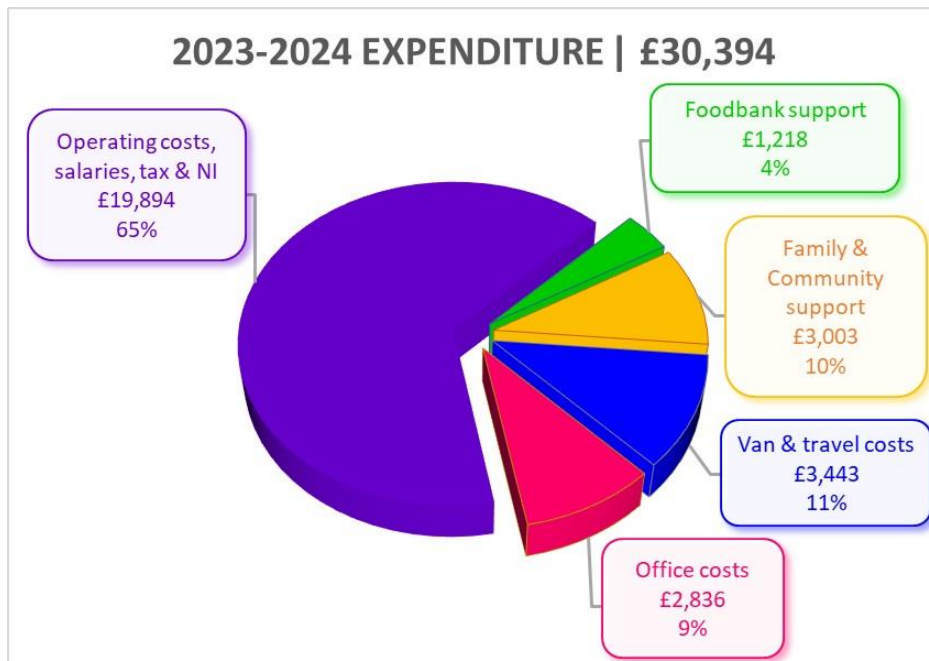
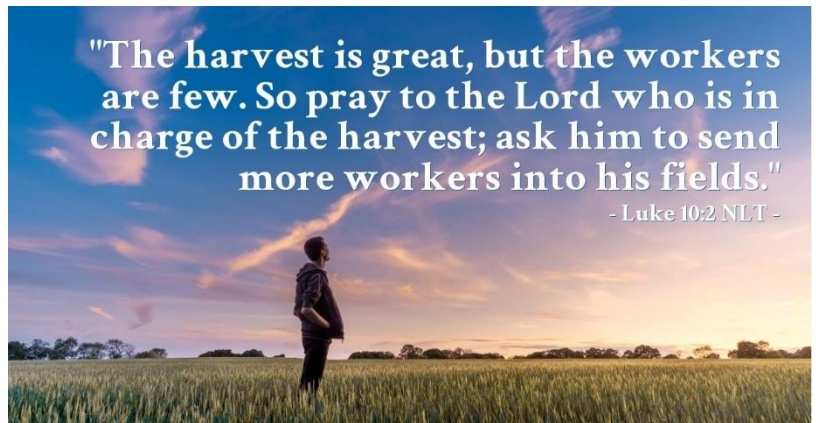


We have been blessed with the ability to self-finance some of the work we do through the use of our home as an Airbnb, and income from charity consultancy (Just The Job). Whilst this provision is invaluable, it can sometimes take us away from the work we are called to do on a day-to-day basis.

In addition, we continue to receive financial support from our Mission Partners, Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and King's Church Colburn. It has been a privilege to share the work we do with visiting friends, including members of Holy Trinity, who have gained a fuller understanding of the work we do, having seen it for themselves.

We are also indebted to the grant making trusts that support what we do, giving a special mention again to The Nias Wheatley Trust who help us ensure the van is never without fuel!

We would love to partner with more individuals and churches to ensure we can continue this vital work in the years ahead through the expansion of our team by way of additional paid staff and volunteers.



Whilst our finances showed a small deficit for last year, we did defer some operational costs such as tax and pension contributions until we knew what funds were available for 2023/2024.

Additional funds are also needed this year to complete the purchase on our van which was partly purchased from the sale of our family car.



Conclusion:

As we conclude this year's report, we want to recognise the continued progress we have made in advancing community support in Colburn. However, we realise that there are still great needs around us. Looking ahead, we remain committed to adapting to evolving community needs, fostering partnerships, and striving for continuous improvement.

To do this we now plan to create a Charitable Incorporated Organisation as part of our succession planning. We need to offer a salary to any new staff that join us to ensure the work we do continues to be sustainable now that the project has run successfully for two years.

We are actively seeking trustees to run the new charity so that we have more opportunities to apply for grants to cover additional staffing needs.

The creation of a CIO means that the work can also continue in perpetuity.

We are working with two local mentors who are helping with this transition which we hope will be completed by the end of this year.

In summary, over the coming year, we plan to:

- Build on the relationships already established
- Create the CIO
- Expand the CCS team
- Do more of what we do each day **but** even better

We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation again to everyone who has contributed to our community support endeavours. Together, we have made a profound difference in the lives of individuals and families, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunities that the upcoming year will bring.

Thank you again for your unwavering prayer and practical support, as well as belief in our vision for the Colburn community, as we look to bring hope to all those we encounter.

Simon & Jo-Ann Eastwood

Community Enhancers

Colburn Community Support

June 2024

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow
with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

