



Camps



Holidays



Outings



Parties



Family Support

# Christian CARE Association

## Annual Report 2012 - 13



Furniture Project

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	2013	2012
	£	£
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Legacies	20	697
External Grants	2,040	2,280
Donations	8,982	10,583
Fund-Raising Appeals	736	401
Interest Received	655	467
Gift Aid/Tax Rebates on Covenants	1,673	3,660
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,106</b>	<b>18,088</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	(11,715)	(17,250)
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<b>Net Incoming Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>838</b>
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<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
External Grants	9,225	3,340
Donations	2,121	3,320
Appeals	2,692	-
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	14,038	6,660
<b>Expenditure</b>	(13,747)	(6,872)
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<b>Net Incoming/Outgoing Restricted Funds</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>(212)</b>
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Management and Administration	(3,784)	(3,837)
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<b>NET OUTGOING FUNDS</b>	<b>(1,102)</b>	<b>(3,211)</b>
Total Funds brought forward	49,083	52,294
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<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>47,981</b>	<b>49,083</b>
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### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2013

	2013		2012	
	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible Assets		5,707		7,847
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Short Term Investments	25,485		25,087	
Cash at Bank and in hand	15,322		10,835	
Debtors and prepayments	3,102		5,314	
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	43,909		41,236	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Sundry Creditors	(1,635)		-	
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	42,274		41,236	
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	47,981		49,083	
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<b>FUNDS</b>				
General Fund		47,981		49,083
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		47,981		49,083
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This is an extract from the full accounts available at the Annual General Meeting on 6 November 2013 or by application to the Chair or Honorary Secretary.

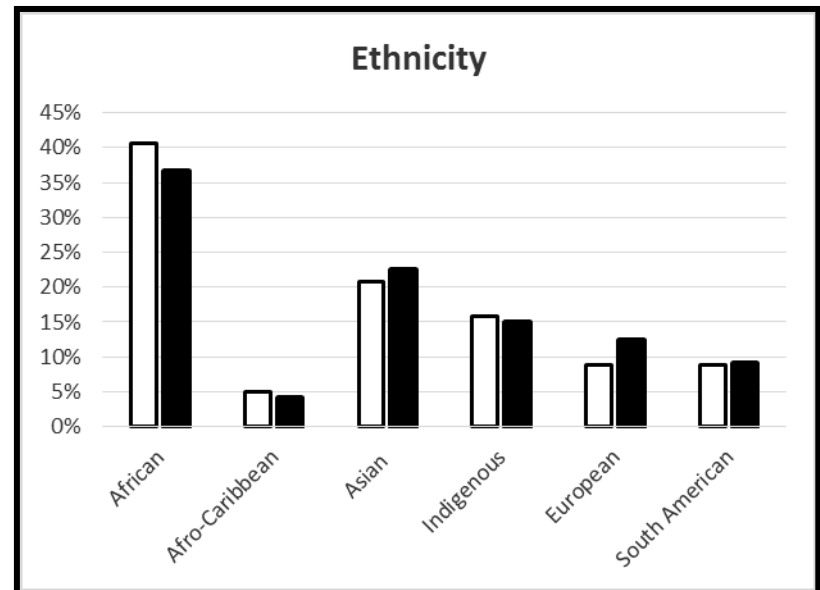
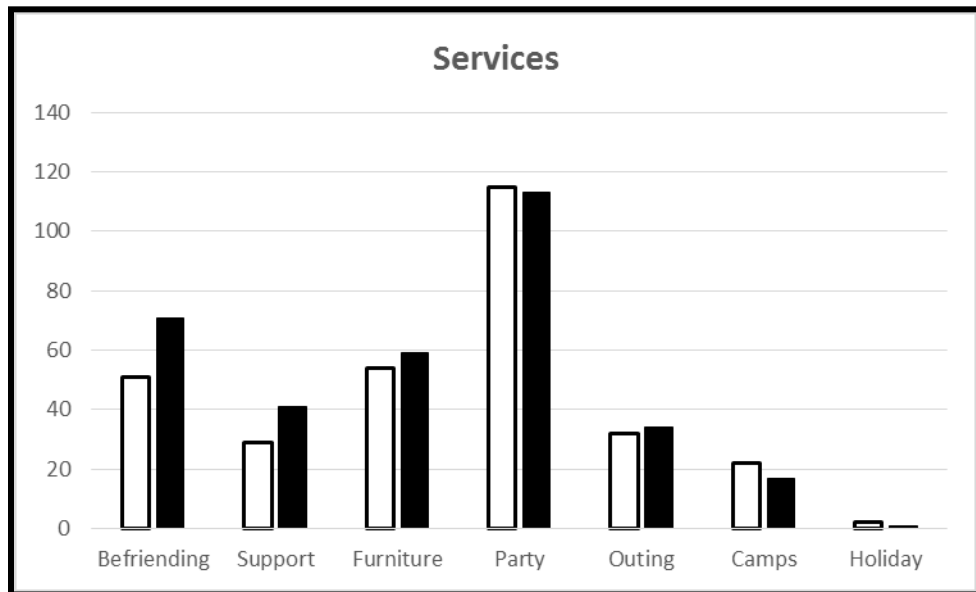
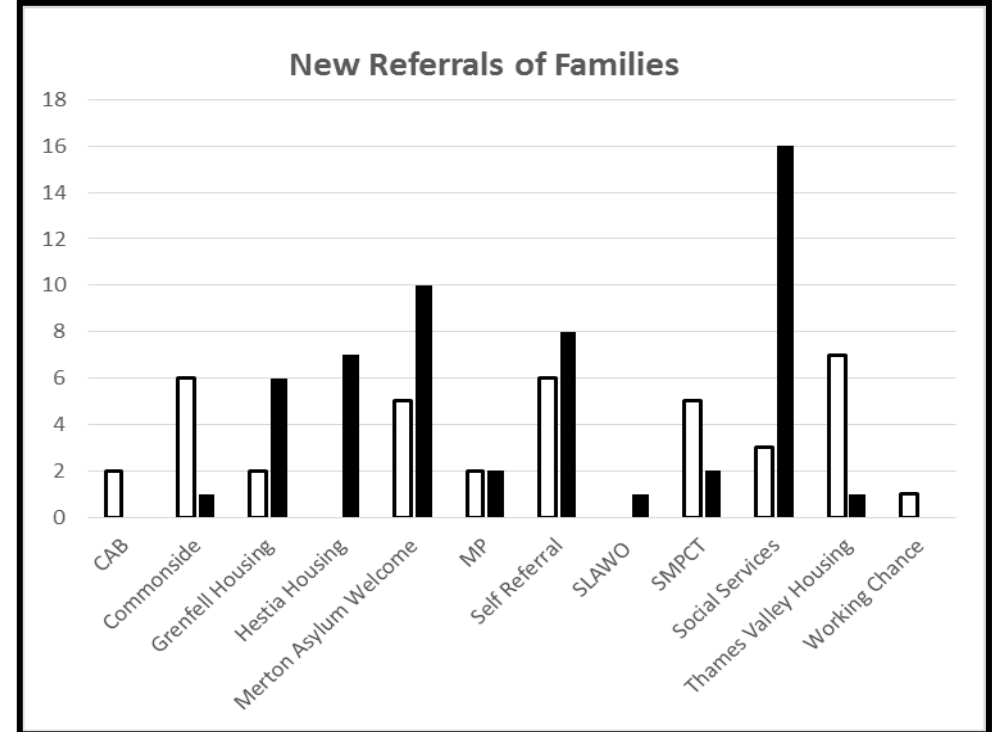
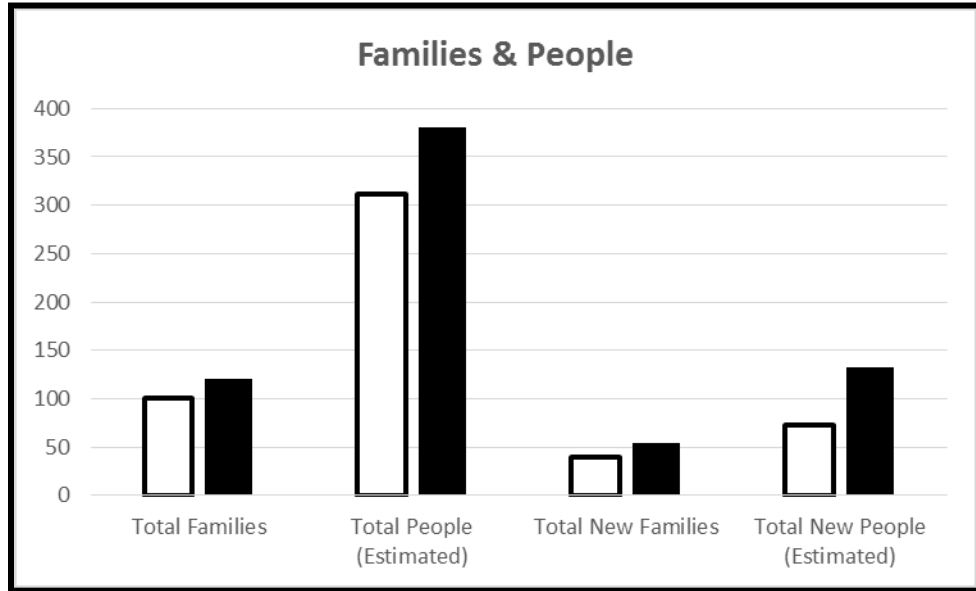
In the year to 31 March 2013, the total income of the charity amounted to £28,144 compared with £24,748 in 2011-2012. We continue to be most grateful to those people and organisations that support our work year on year, as well as to those donating for the first time. This year we have received several one-off donations towards our work. The Marian Esling Fund awarded us £6,000 towards the cost of the furniture project; Waitrose Raynes Park gave £570 towards the party under its Community Matters scheme and Merton Voluntary Services Council gave £825 towards a new computer and printer. Help a Capital Child, which has supported us in the past, gave £1,400 to cover the costs of our annual outing to Littlehampton. The charity's annual expenditure of £29,246 has increased again in 2013 (£27,959 in 2012 and £24,587 in 2011). The increase is in direct charitable expenditure and is indicative of the more difficult economic times in which we live and the growing number and needs of the vulnerable families who approach us or who are referred to us.

At 31 March 2013, the funds of the charity were £47,981, a slight reduction on last year's figure of £49,083. The funds are represented by cash deposits and the van for the Furniture Project. The Executive Committee considers that the level of reserves is sufficient to enable us to support families and individuals without first having to ensure matched funding. We are conscious that the prospects for the neediest in society are unlikely to improve in the near future and therefore the Executive Committee continues to look for new sources of funding, although external grants are increasingly difficult to find, and to ensure maximum benefit for the money the charity expends.

**Ann Thimont**

**Honorary Treasurer**

## COMPARISON OF STATISTICS 2011-12 & 2012-13



2011-12
  2012-13

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends

Our major news of the year is that on 1 December 2012 we moved office to Martin Way Methodist Church where we are now very happily settled. We are grateful to the members of the church for acting so quickly to accommodate us. On 28 April, at the annual united service for Churches Together in Merton Park, the minister, the Revd Paul Timmis, led an Act of Dedication for the new office. It was so appropriate that it took place then as Christian CARE began in 1967 inspired by a Merton Park Lent Group. As we hoped, in this location near to the centre of the borough, the office has become a busy hive of activity with volunteers, donors and clients visiting more frequently and in greater numbers. As the cover of our Annual Report illustrates, it is the where much of the planning for our children's outing and party happens. It has also become the focus for the fastest growing of our core activities, **Family Support**. As more and more families face real deprivation, referrals for food, particularly from Children's Social Care, have increased. Another of our key activities, the **Furniture Project**, is also now coordinated from the Office by Michael Lawlor, our Administrator, and this work too has continued to grow.

In October 2012, a new volunteer, Barbara Moreland, initiated a **Baby, Children's and Bedding Project** which has helped some 20 families since its inception. We collect clothes for children aged 0 - 11 years and distribute them to families. For expectant mothers we offer to provide not only an initial supply of baby clothes and toiletries but also Moses baskets, cots, bedding, buggies, baths, baby carriers, sterilisers etc. Duvet covers, pillow cases and fitted sheets are also stored for delivery when needed.



**Befriending** is and always has been absolutely central to the work of Christian CARE and again we have seen a growing demand for this service with a larger proportion of clients coming to us for the first time. Our volunteers try to make time and space to get alongside and listen to the concerns of women, men and children in the families we support, whether for a short or longer time. We want people to know that we are not just there to help resolve problems but to love and care for them in the name of Jesus – 'each one, just one' as Mother Teresa used to say. Understandably this work is not usually office-based but in the privacy of the family home.

We have held training sessions for our befrienders on the new benefits system and African cultural issues, and some volunteers have independently attended meetings to gain a better understanding of the situation in the borough and to network with other organisations working with families in poverty.

On 14 March, one of our first befrienders, Peggie Hunt, died at the age of 96. So ended our last direct link to those wonderful people who had the vision to start Christian CARE. Peggie had supported so many families over the years; she was a committee member from 1969 and from 1995 – 2005 she was Vice Chairman. It was her enthusiasm that drew students at Wimbledon High School to become involved in Christian CARE, helping with the outings and parties, and they still volunteer in good numbers to this day. We remember a wise and kind friend, and are grateful for the legacy of £10,000 which she left us.

This year has been a very challenging one for Christian CARE as a study of our Comparison of Statistics shows, and to all of you who have shared in our service to the community in Merton as volunteers, donors and supporters I send my heartfelt thanks.

Yours sincerely

Gillian Thick

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT 31 MARCH 2013

Gillian Thick	Chair
John Golden	Vice-Chair
Pat Spencer	Hon Secretary
Ann Thimont	Hon Treasurer
Sylvia Baxter	
Sue Boyd	
Dr Ann Phillips	
Jane Savill	
Gwen Wildman	
The Revd Robert Wright	