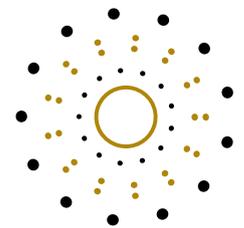
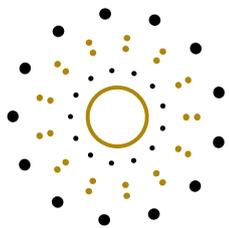




Happy New Year!



A few words from the General Manager....

Here we are in January 2020 and my question is: what happened to 2019? We are not just into a new year but at the start of a NEW DECADE. At such a time some people's thoughts turn to wondering about what lies ahead for us in this decade, not me though!

I usually struggle with making a five year plan let alone planning for the next ten years; so much can happen to an individual, a family, an organisation, a community in that length of time. And so much of it is out of our own control. It makes me think of a John Lennon song called 'Beautiful Boy' which contains these lyrics: "*Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.*"

If I look back for a moment to January 2019, when I took on the role of General Manager the year ahead looked very challenging. It was a vital year for our *Housing and Community Support* projects which needed by the end of June to secure a further three year's worth of funding to keep going. Needless to say after a lot of hard work, inspiration (and nervous perspiration) this was achieved.

In 2020 our main challenge is a different one. The potential is of a serious threat to the sales that our **CARE Shop** will bring in, due to the affect that the Cleethorpes Seafront Regeneration work will have. This year they are working along the length of Alexandra Road, where our shop is located.

Any loss of sales will have a detrimental effect on the other work that we can do that adds to our *Housing and Community Support work*: the amount of free furniture and basic household items that we can give free of charge to needy local people, our ongoing involvement in the emergency food provision in the local area, our utilities help that we can give and our successful Christmas toy appeals, which you can read about in this newsletter. It's also why we have included a few pages of info about the benefit of using charity shops...**of using our CARE Shop!**

>>>Please help make 2020 the year of the CARE Shop<<<



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TOYS FOR JOY



600 CHILDREN RECEIVED GIFTS THIS CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE TOYS FOR JOY APPEAL

"Absolutely brilliant, this has helped my family out so much! I am so grateful for the help" - parent



Some of our fabulous volunteers who helped to run the event

Once again with the generosity of local people we have been able to support parents across North East Lincolnshire who find this time of year distressing due to their financial situations. All the families who were given toys were so grateful for your kindness this Christmas.



"Fantastic so generous for families who couldn't have done this for themselves"



"Fantastic support from CARE. Great choice of gifts for all ages and genders. It's amazing to see the support offered for our families. All staff were fab! Thank you" - Families First



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★ TOYS FOR JOY ★

A HUGE thank you to all the businesses, individuals, churches, community groups and volunteers who made it all happen!

★ **“Overwhelmed by donations given to CARE for families. CARE have enabled families to receive support this Christmas. Made a lot of happy smiley faces”** ★



thank you



...and the many more who made it possible

“Thank you so much the donations are going to local kids who have very little at Christmas”

Immingham Update

Toys for Joy was a huge success with 72 children receiving gifts in the Immingham area we were very thankful to receive a £400 donation from Immingham Town council.



We were delighted to receive a large donation of approximately £600 worth of Toys from a charity Zumba event that was held in memory of a local lady who sadly lost her fight to cancer last year Rachel was known for bringing a smile to everyone she met and her friends thought it would be a lovely way to keep her memory alive bringing smiles to children's faces on Christmas morning.

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CARE Staff and volunteers enjoying a Christmas meal!



Thank you for your generous donations!



Richard Easton is a regular customer at the CARE shop we are very grateful that he chose CARE as his charity during his Captain's year at Cleethorpes Golf club. Thank you for all your fundraising efforts.



John Davison is a local business owner who believes in supporting the community that he grew up in. John admires the work that we do at CARE and made a generous donation to the charity.

Thank you for the generous donation from the Waltham All Saints congregation.



care Christian Action Resource Enterprise

Immingham Access Point News



We have had an extremely blessed season of goodwill from the community and local businesses with both food and toy donations and cash donations as well. Donations have been received from numerous local residents as well as the businesses.

The success of the Immingham access point is dependent on the continued support from the local community and the committed team of volunteers who support the weekly running of the food larder. We couldn't run our service without their ongoing support and to show our appreciation our Immingham coordinator cooked a three course Christmas meal for them all. If you are interested in joining the team at Immingham please contact us for further information.



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#worldhomelessness Day

When discussing CARE Housing and Community Support, one of our stakeholders recently said

"You give an attitude of hope as you are looking for ways to house people. That's the thing about Grimsby, its a place lacking in hope, so if you find somewhere that does instil hope, it's a doorway to life"



CARE'S ON GOING SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

Recently during one of our Open House Sessions at our Grimsby Access Point, we recently met up with a lady we previously housed and have been there to offer support whenever the need arises. This is what she said....



"I lost my husband 17 years ago suddenly and was left with a beautiful baby boy.

"I was stricken with grief and being a first time mum, I was lost in the world.

Three years previously I was put in touch with CARE Rent Scheme (now CARE Housing). They had helped me and my husband with finding our first home together. CARE Supported us both emotionally and with forms we couldn't fill in and phone calls we needed help with. They were there for us then and still continue to support us today, whenever we are in need. "

"I want to say a great big thank you to all the Team, and will forever be grateful. CARE is Always in my heart and thoughts. You are all such good people, and make me feel embraced by your kindness"



We are delighted to let our housing partners know that we are about to house our 4,160th person.

We work in partnership with local landlords across North East Lincolnshire through our CARE Housing project to help support vulnerable people who find themselves homeless or experiencing severe housing difficulty. We are always looking for new landlords to partner with us in supporting people in need. Please contact us on 01472 232310 for more information.



On the 27th September CARE Community Support workers attended Brooklands Harvest Festival with their Support clients. It was a lovely occasion, with staff being dressed up as scarecrows and full of fun. We looked around the gardens as it was a beautiful day and collected harvest produce donated by Brooklands community friends. The produce was then delivered on to *Rock Foundation* where it was gratefully received.

CARE Staff attended the Citizens Advice 80th Birthday celebration on the 1st November 2019. This was a great occasion to celebrate our long relationship working with Citizens Advice. There was a lot going on with the historical perspective on Citizens Advice origins and work. It was very interesting to see some old bylaws relating to our area that were on display. It was a lovely buffet and a chance for staff to come together and talk about past and future working together.



citizens advice

Old bylaws of the area..... we didn't expect to see these!!



The Rapid Relief Team supplied us with sleeping bags, toiletries, socks and hats at Christmas time for CARE to give out from our Grimsby Access Point and CARE Shop. These items are for us to provide to those who are in need in our community who are suffering from severe hardship.

Community Space Progress



Computers are now in place with huge thanks to Grimsby Institute!! Our Community Space is almost ready to be fully used, we're really excited to make the most of it.

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<p>Idea #1</p>  <p>Share the love....introduce a family member or friend to the joy of charity shopping</p>	<p>No time like the present...volunteer in your local charity shop</p>  <p>Idea #3</p>
<p>Idea #2</p>  <p>In for a penny, in for a pound.... only buy clothes from charity shops for a year</p>	<p>Idea #4</p> <p>If it doesn't bring joy ... donate your unwanted Christmas gifts</p> 

Resolutions

New year, new decade, it's a time when we all reflect on the things we want to achieve and the changes we want to make. Many of us reach the second week in January and give up on the prospect of going to the gym every single day and only eating cruciferous veg, so this year, switch it up!

We've put together some ideas for an environmentally and socially responsible 2020.

NEW YEAR
NEW ME

Sustainable Retail Therapy

- There is a misconception that charity shops only sell used goods, but you can actually find brand new goods for a fraction of the retail price. Many companies donate goods as part of their charitable activity and charity shops are also filled with very lightly used items, so forget the January sales and head to your local charity shop for a bargain!
- Charity shops are often treasure troves of really valuable items. It isn't rare to find luxury designer items passed on from local residents or trustees, so you might be able to find something most could only dream of owning first-hand. Even Mary Portas Queen of Shops now runs a string of charity shops on behalf of Save the Children, filled with high-end goodies!
- Charity shops are great for finding gifts and the best thing about gifting charity-shop items is that the giving is two fold - you are supporting amazing causes and shopping for others.
- You can also find everyday clothes. Thrifting is not new, hipsters up and down the country have been in search of second-hand clothing for a while but if we could make it a charitable trend too then we would be doing a great deal for those in need.





**CAN YOU HELP
US TO HELP
THOSE IN
NEED?**

Every donation helps, however big or small! Please help us to make an even bigger difference to those in need across North East Lincolnshire.

OUR CHARITY ALWAYS NEEDS:

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BOOKS CD'S SHOES & HANDBAGS KITCHENWARE
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**Have you considered the
environmental benefits of using
CARE's charity shop?**

- Promotes re-use
- Promotes recycling
- Reduces landfill
- Saves Landfill Tax
- Reduces CO2



- Household recycling partnerships
- Reduces bulky waste pick ups
- Slows down fast fashion
- Upcycling
- Keeps it local

But what really are the benefits of charity shopping?

- The most obvious benefit of charity shopping is the savings you can make. Avoiding buying something new for a month and you could work your way to a trip abroad, it goes without saying what this could mean in the long term!
- Charity shopping forces us to think ethically, in the UK we buy more clothes per person than any other country in Europe. Furthermore, according to Ethical Consumer, 'the average consumer buys 60% more clothing than 15 years ago, while less than 1% of the material used to produce garments is recycled into new clothing'. Whilst the price tags in big name fast fashion stores may be appealing, the environmental impact is not. Statistics uncovered by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation reveal that annually, the textile industry emits more greenhouse gases than both maritime shipping and all international flights combined. Climate change has really been thrust into the forefront of social and political conversation and its more apparent than ever that we need to be making lifestyle changes.
- By supporting charity shops, you are NOT only supporting their parent cause but also their employees. Charity shops often take on employees or volunteers that may have trouble finding work more generally, for example those who have been out of employment for a very long time or who are in disadvantageous circumstances. This means charity shops are a great feature of local community and can bring life changing help to those around.
- Charity shops recycle too! Between 2018 and 19, charity shops removed 339,000 tonnes of textiles from the waste stream (data from the Charity Retail Association).

Good News Story

Rita is a lone parent who originates from Eastern Europe. She came to our area for a job, met a local person and became a family, having had her daughter Jasmine. Sadly Rita and her partner split up leaving Rita and Jasmine no way to support themselves. All they had to live on was Jasmine's disability benefit, with Jasmine being severely disabled. Rita had no family support and felt very alone and isolated.



This also meant that she was unable to return to work as she had no child care for Jasmine. They were living hand to mouth, in one room accommodation. Then Rita was referred to CARE Community Support and things changed.

Immediately CARE Supported Rita and Jasmine with a food and utilities donations to take the pressure off. Then Rita was assisted to secure funding for child care to enable her to return to work. The family were assisted with moving to a larger shared property. Rita was then supported to apply for a permanent residency in the UK. This was successful and meant that the family could now apply for housing benefit, so are now looking for more appropriate housing. This Christmas *Toys for Joy* appeal donated some lovely toys for Jasmine.

Rita is overjoyed to be able to stay in the UK.

We are continuing to assist her in her search for a new home.

Welcome to our new staff and Charity Directors



Sarah

In December, Sarah and Diane joined the CARE Housing and Community Support team as Customer Support Officers.

You will see them when you visit our Grimsby Access Point where they will be greeting our clients, advising, guiding and signposting them.

We're excited to have them on the team. In January, Robyn joined the CARE team as the office cleaner at our Grimsby Access Point.



Robyn



Diane

Over the last few months we have welcomed two new directors, John and Tony to the board of Trustees, they bring a wealth of knowledge to the team.



John Ellis



Tony Jewitt



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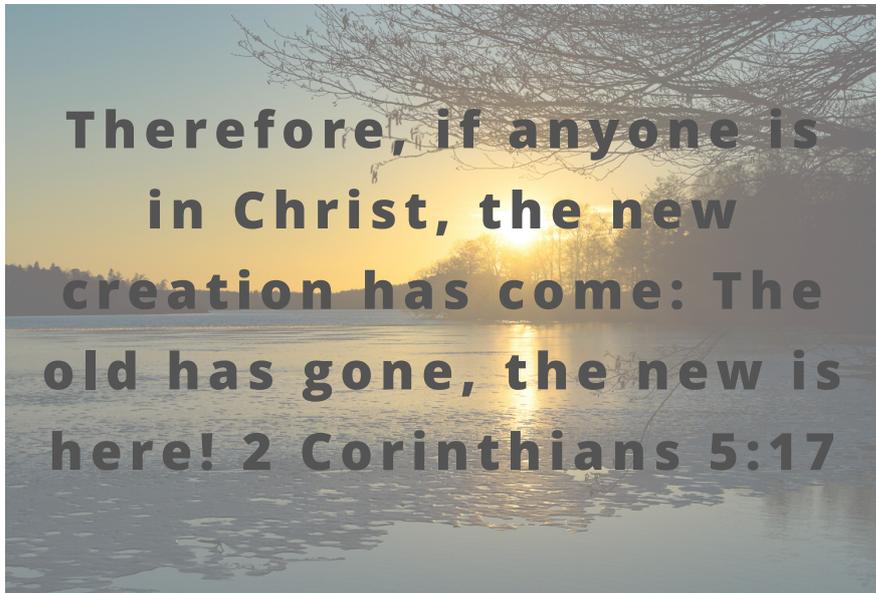
HOUSING



SUPPORT



FOOD



**Therefore, if anyone is
in Christ, the new
creation has come: The
old has gone, the new is
here! 2 Corinthians 5:17**

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