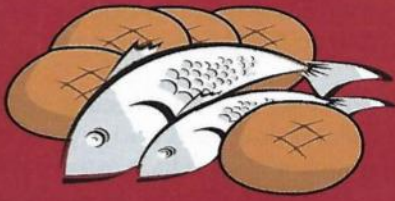


Fund for Human Need

Registered Charity No. 208866



Where a little means a lot
1 of 2026

THANK YOU We are very grateful to all who are supporting us in what continues to be a very difficult time. Regular donations are especially helpful as we seek to meet a growing demand.

A special thanks to those whose gifts have been made anonymously or for whom we have no addresses to send our thanks. <https://fundforhumanneed.org.uk/>

100% Of donations go to those in need.

2024-25 review

Like almost all Methodist founded endeavours our year ends on the 31st of August and in November the annual reports are presented at the AGM.

The trustees wish to express their sincere thanks to all who have supported the Fund during the year. Despite ongoing financial pressures and a reduction in income compared with 2023–24, the generosity of donors enabled the Fund to increase its **grant payments to the highest level in its 65-year history**.

Around two-thirds of the 1158 applications were received from charities, churches, NHS trusts, local authorities, and voluntary agencies acting on behalf of their clients, with the remainder coming directly from individuals. Each application was carefully assessed, with priority given to those in greatest need.

The trustees are particularly thankful to the Cupalt Foundation for its generous commitment to fund the Fund's administrative, fundraising, and governance costs from September 2025. This support will ensure that every pound donated by supporters can be used directly to help people in need. The trustees also welcome the Fund's acceptance into membership of Churches Together in England and its Charities and Networks in Association and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland Bodies in Association, which will help broaden awareness of its work and strengthen future support.

The work of FHN continues to be promoted through its newsletter and through attendance at national and local church events, and the trustees are grateful to all who give their time to share the Fund's story.

During the year, **776 grants were made to individuals in need, benefiting 1,188 people and totalling £79,331**. The trustees give heartfelt thanks to all whose generosity made this increased support possible.

If you would like to read the full report please go to our website (https://fundforhumanneed.org.uk/?page_id=38) or that of the charity commission (Charity Number 208866)



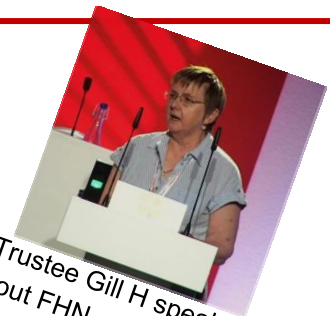
Special friends visiting the stall at Greenbelt 25



Vice president Matthew Forsyth stops by the stall at conference.



FHN Chair Roger C with (2024-25) youth president Bea Hulme



Trustee Gill H speaking about FHN at conference.



Fundraiser Delia Kennedy and friends



Fundraiser Mary Long with trustee Karen D and friends.

How you helped.

Many of the front-line organisations that apply to us have found specialised ways of helping people.

One of these Samphire provides support and advice to people released from immigration detention. The majority of Post Detention support clients, whilst waiting for a resolution to their immigration status, will not be permitted to work. With access to a network of community organisations, Samphire empowers people to seek further support in their community, and encourages them to engage through volunteering. Samphire provides an emergency support service for the most vulnerable, to prevent prolonged destitution, with caseworkers giving much needed emotional support.



We are all discovering how it is becoming essential to be able to access digital communication and Samphire have determined that one of the best ways they can support clients is to provide smart phones. Phones like these mean the individual can stay in touch with support, complete online documents, use video to stay in touch with family and friends so our grants are used to source reconditioned phones to supply to clients.

One of their clients sent this response to a grant:

I'm writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the refurbished Samsung Galaxy A6 you kindly sent me. It arrived today, and I want you to know how deeply I appreciate this thoughtful gesture.

This phone is more than a device — it's a lifeline. It will help me stay connected with friends, family, the Home Office, probation, and organisations like yours who continue to stand by me. In a time where I'm navigating uncertainty around accommodation, Indefinite Leave to Remain, and restrictions on work and study, this gift brings not only practical support but also a renewed sense of dignity, momentum, and purpose.

Your kindness reminds me that even in difficult seasons, there are people who see beyond circumstance and offer real, human support. You've helped restore something essential — the ability to reach out, to stay informed, and to remain anchored in community.

He also sent the following:

"Signal of Self-Worth" — A Poem for Samphire

A6 in hand, the world grew near, No longer distant, muffled, unclear. You sent more than tech — you sent a bridge, Across the silence, past the ridge.

I dialled my brother, heard his laugh, booked my check-in, walked the path. Probation calls, reminders clear, No missed steps, no creeping fear.

This phone — a lifeline, sleek and bright, lit up my days, restored my night. A fresh feel, smooth like morning rain, soft reboot for soul and brain.

Through texts and chats, I reappear, in circles once blurred, now crystal clear. Friends respond, my name rings true, Reintegration — overdue.

You gave me more than plastic and screen; you gave me back what life had been. Self-worth, connection, dignity's flame, A voice, a rhythm, a rightful name.

So, thank you, Samphire, for standing firm, Unflinching in service, long-term. Your gift was grace, your work — profound, you helped me rise, reclaim my ground.

Thank you to IS and Samphire for permission to use.

New Format Newsletter.

You will have noticed the new format to our newsletter; we are afraid that as much as we like to stay in touch regularly postal costs mean we are reducing our mailing to twice a year.

To be able to include as many stories as possible and keep everyone up to date we have extended the format and are looking at sending out a briefing email in between newsletters.

We appreciate that many people find printed copy easier to read and pass on but if you are able to switch to an electronic version sent by email, please let Gill know (at the usual address).

We would still like to hear about your stories and fundraising, with pictures where ever possible.

Thank you.

Fundraising cards.

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.

ART CARDS.

These cards 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. Quality cards complete with envelopes and blank inside making them suitable for all occasions.



Greetings and Christmas Cards- could you send for and sell on some of our cards? It's more cost effective to send a big pack to one person. Sale or return available, phone Gill to discuss.

Christmas cards

Get really organised for Christmas 26, order now. We still have stocks of C1 and limited numbers of C2



C1



C2



C3

All cards suggested donation £3 per pack available by post from the Administrator (contact details on page 6) post and packing £0.60 per pack up to a maximum of £3.60.

How you Helped:

The Cross Ethnic community in Glasgow support Refugee and asylum seekers while they apply for leave to remain in the UK.

In December 25 they applied for 2 individuals one who was awaiting the determination of their claim following torture in another part of the world, and another who had just had a claim accepted. Both were awaiting the start of support or benefits but had no current means to support them.

Awards made £100 each for basic supplies and travel to support and solicitors. Cross Ethnic, like other partners pass on our awards as vouchers so as not to compromise those in the immigration system.

On behalf of the Cross Ethnic Community Board, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous donations throughout this year. Your kindness has brought immense joy and meaningful support to many of our disadvantaged brothers and sisters. The impact on individuals and families who received assistance has been truly profound.

As Scripture reminds us, "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" (Hebrews 13:16, NIV). Your continued commitment to giving reflects this spirit of compassion and service.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May God's blessings be upon you in the season ahead.

Warm regards,
David Nallarathnam

Cross Ethnic Community

Fundraising Partners.

Thanks to Delia and all who supported her.



Delia safely completed her 100 miles for FHN in September and raised over £500. Our thanks to her and all who supported her personally and through her just giving page.

If you can hold an event or collection to help us, Let Gill know and we can help with publicity and gift aid materials. We would also love to see your pictures and reports of any events.

Contact details on page 6.

Thanks to those already sending cartridges, we have had our first donations through. Recycle 4 Charity will send out postage labels or collecting boxes. Keep collecting - Gill - Admin
The code takes you straight to our page.



2024-25 in numbers

For those that prefer them, the numbers behind the 2024-25 annual report:

Applications – 1158, Of which 750 came from organisations and 408 from individuals. These covered 1829 people, Including 547 Children, 90 cases of domestic violence, 179 homeless people, and 15 ex-prisoners.

Income - £93,713, including £2215 from CAF (Charities Aid Foundation), just giving £1964, Give as you live £3359.

Awards – 773, giving out £79,331, (average £102) bringing relief to 1188 people. Sent to 108 different organisations, across all of mainland Britain and Northern Ireland. The main areas of distribution were London 38%, Scotland 15% and Tyneside £14%.

Not just giving money, giving love. hope, trust, self-esteem and confidence and none of it possible without your continuing support.

How you helped – giving hope

December 2025

This application came from the mother of 4 young children. A single parent she had recently been diagnosed with a life limiting condition and was quite naturally struggling with the situation. Award £110.

“I feel so overwhelmed with your email and such an act of kindness too, I'm so absolutely thankful for your beautiful kind words and best wishes too. I can only hope and wish that if ever my children get stuck in the future they come across kind hearted people like you to open up to.

When I applied for the funding, I felt so extremely guilty as I know that there are so many out there that are struggling themselves as well and for this reason, I wasn't sure if I was doing the right thing asking for the help, however unfortunately I did not have a choice.

I have 4 wonderful young children. I have 2 of my beautiful young girls' birthdays coming up within the next month as well, and their response to gifts etc is.... Mummy I know we cannot afford gifts and its absolutely ok, we have you... My Children are absolutely my whole world amazing.

This award to me and my children at the moment it means the absolute world, so this is why I felt the need to have to explain that little bit more why your kindness means so much.

So, I just wanted to accept the award and say a massive thank you to you from the bottom of my heart for this.”

How you helped:

It is the nature of our work that we rarely find out what happens to people further down the line, though we hope that what we have given has made a difference.

Back in 2022 we received an application from the money support service in Norwich on behalf of a client, this was for a gentleman who was street homeless. His wife and child had been taken in by friends, but there was no room for him. His wife had No Recourse to Public Funds so not entitled to benefits, although this was being appealed. Unemployed for some time he had exhausted all of his savings and lost accommodation tied to his job. He was in need of basic supplies and clothing. Award £120.

In December of 2025 we received a donation via our just giving page following this email:

“On 3rd May 2022 I received a cheque for £120 from yourselves to assist me when I became homeless and living on the streets in Norwich.

This act of kindness was gratefully received and enabled me to get my life back on track by getting a haircut and finding a job. This job then gave me the confidence to forget the circumstances which led me to almost to death and to again stand on my own two feet at the age of 65.

As a gesture of thanks, I would like to repay your generosity and to also donate the same amount so that you can assist others in a similar predicament especially at this time of year.

Is the easiest way to use the donation feature on your website as I would like you to understand where this money has come from; it has come from my heart and with thanks.”

How you helped:

Not all the problems we deal with are long term, in October 2025 we received an urgent application from a lady who had become unemployed due to illness, there were issues over the manner of dismissal and other complications over the start of benefits. Savings had been used to pay a mortgage, leaving nothing for basic supplies. Her condition was long term and likely to deteriorate. Award made £100.

The response to the award was: “I have received the payment and I can’t begin to tell you how grateful I am. I had nowhere to turn in a state of crisis and you have helped me immensely. I will pay the amount back in the form of a donation as soon as I’m back on my feet. Cannot thank you enough”

2 Months later – **“Hi there, I am now in a better position and have made my donation to your cause. I can’t begin to tell you how much you helped me in my time of need.**

I won’t forget that ❤️”

This arrived with the confirmation of a donation.

Thank you!

Your donation of £110.00 has been made to Fund For Human Need.

You'll receive an email confirming your donation shortly.

Fund for Human Need are delighted to have been accepted into the Charities and Networks in Association of Churches Together in England (CTE), the national ecumenical body supporting churches from a wide range of traditions to work together in unity.

Charities and Networks in Association (CNAs) with CTE include over 90 organisations, from small charities to large international agencies. CNA benefits include access to CTE’s wide church network; three meetings annually and invitations to major events.

CTE’s Forum brings together over 300 representatives from member churches, networks and partner bodies, making it the broadest representative ecumenical gathering of Christians in England, and possibly Europe.

We look forward to making the most of the association.



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How You helped:

William* had become unemployed after a mental health crisis. This also led to problems with his landlord and meant that his old residence was no longer suitable for him.

On discharge from hospital social services helped him find a more suitable place to live – but this was unfurnished and he only had a small number of personal effects with him.

He had benefits amounting to £550 per month and had to fund utilities of £220, his phone £25, and pay some arrears from the time he was ill, £160. He was trying to keep his food shopping to the remaining £145 but it left nothing for new clothing, or a bed. He was sleeping on a 2-seater sofa and needed cooking pots and plates. Dec 2025 Award £100.

I just wanted to say thank you very much! I have received the £100.00 into my bank account today. I am extremely grateful and just wanted to say thanks again and to confirm receipt of the money. Have a great week ahead.

*name changed to protect identity

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

Or you can contact us at:

fundhumanneed@gmail.com Ph: 07561717230

The backbone of any charity are the 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.

Direct bank payment: Bacs payments can be sent direct to: Fund for Human Need. Sort Code 08-92-99, A/C. 67234233

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.)

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.

Wills and codicils- Freewills an online service

<https://freewills.co.uk/charity/fundhumanneed> who 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?**

Keeping in touch – The newsletter is sent twice a year, by post or email, to all supporters and interested parties. We get in touch to find out your mailing preferences, if 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

Thank you also to everyone at..



Ulverston Methodist Church (South Lakes) for their collected donations.



Merehay and Waingroves Methodist Churches (Derbyshire) for the donation



Bromsgrove Methodist Church Centre for another donation, special thanks to all involved in the Charity and missions work.