



QUEEN MOTHER'S  
CLOTHING GUILD

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# Annual Report 2021



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Charity Registration No. 211764





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**HRH Princess Alexandra, the Hon. Lady Ogilvy, Patron,  
with the QMCG Board of Trustees.**

I would like to thank you, the Trustees and all Guild members, for your remarkable achievement in a second year of pandemic. Each one of you has contributed to the successful distribution of a very large quantity of clothing and bedding to those in need around the UK.

Following the lockdowns, I was delighted to meet Guild members, donors and representatives from supported charities at View Day in October. I am very proud that this unique and long-established charity continues to provide effective support for so many as it approaches its 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

*Alexandra*



Patron: HRH Princess Alexandra, The Hon. Lady Ogilvy

Trustees: Gillie Jackson - Chairman of the Trustees until 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Teresa Myers – Chairman of Trustees from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Sharon Stewart – Hon. Treasurer  
Linda Thompson – CEO  
Mary Guppy  
Roisin Tierney  
Susan Wallace  
Helen Whitbread

Executive Committee Linda Thompson - CEO  
Julia Knight - Vice CEO until May 2021  
Ruth Briant - Vice CEO from May 2021  
Sharon Stewart - Hon. Treasurer  
Hadley Denny  
Susan Hammond – from November 2021  
Sallie Hawkins – until May 2021  
Abigail Sarfaty – from November 2021  
Victoria Spendlove - Royal Group  
Sherry Watson

Secretary: Heather Mears

Charity Number: 211764

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

The Trustees present their accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the statement and notes to the accounts.

#### **Purpose of the Queen Mother's Clothing Guild (QMCG)**

The aim of the Queen Mother's Clothing Guild is to make, buy and source new clothing, sleeping bags and linen and to distribute these items once a year to British charities, operating only in the United Kingdom, to help the vulnerable, the homeless and those in need.

#### **Why our work is important**

QMCG is one of the oldest charities in the United Kingdom and, from its inception in 1882, its purpose has been to support those in need. QMCG responds to requests from charities across the UK for new items they have difficulty in sourcing or funding themselves. In the second year of the COVID pandemic that help was again critical. The majority of supported charities this year received fewer clothing donations from the public, so the Guild donations were needed more than ever. QMCG knows that the gift of brand new clothing and linen provides not only warmth and comfort but, importantly, also helps to restore dignity and self-respect.

#### **How we work**

Our list of supported charities includes refuges for women and children escaping violence, homeless shelters and outreach units, hostels providing support and rehabilitation for ex-servicemen and women, neonatal units and hospices providing respite and end of life care for children and adults - and many others. Each year we ask the charities that we support to complete a list of items they most need, and that will make a difference.

For 140 years QMCG supporters all over the country have been making and still continue to knit and stitch beautiful handmade items. In 2021, again in response to the COVID pandemic, Guild supporters hand stitched three ply cotton face masks which were shared between supported charities. As in the previous year, fundraising in the first half of 2021 was mostly online or virtual - Guild Ambassador Tessa Crawford organised an online Trickster Bridge Tournament in March, and knitted Valentine and Easter novelties flew off our Etsy Shop site. With the ease of lockdown in the summer, Guild Friends gathered outside for QMCG Summer Picnics to raise funds. The annual Guild raffle was held live again at St James's Palace in October. In November our Hon Treasurer and family held Christmas sales days and our CEO hosted Christmas Wreath Making days, all to raise substantial sums to purchase linen, sleeping bags and clothing most needed by those we support. All of these items are normally distributed in the autumn from St James's Palace. Due to uncertainty at the beginning of the year, plus COVID restrictions, the main distribution again took place at Hendall Manor Barns in Sussex, with a small team, to ensure that the new clothing and bedding reached charities as normal. The timing of our annual distributions works particularly well for charities helping the homeless as their need is greatest during winter months.

#### **Where we work**

QMCG works with charities across the UK, but its main activities are in England and Scotland.

#### **Public Benefit**

In setting the objectives and activities of the charity, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidelines concerning public benefit. QMCG continues to place great emphasis on its commitment to support other charities in their work, providing brand new clothing and linen to help where the charities have difficulty in sourcing these items themselves.

The public benefits of QMCG's work are wide reaching through the varied charities it supports and can be seen as both direct and indirect in their nature. Direct through the practical help that is given to the charities QMCG supports in response to their actual needs. Indirect through the positive effect of these donations of new clothing and linen on those who receive them, helping to restore their sense of self-worth and dignity – both essential to those facing hardship. Direct also through the friendship, purpose and sense of belonging that knitting and stitching gives to the many supporters all over the country, some of whom are isolated at home.

### **Fundraising**

Under the Charities Act 2016, all charities in England and Wales that spend more than £100,000 a year on fundraising are expected to make a voluntary contribution to the regulator's running costs.

As QMCG spends considerably less than £100,000 a year on fundraising it is, therefore, not eligible to pay the voluntary contribution to the regulator's running costs that would be required under the Charities Act 2016.

### **Risk Assessment**

Again this year, in making decisions, the Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit, in compliance with section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, and have given due consideration as to how the activities of QMCG contribute to its charitable status.

In terms of QMCG's risk assessment policy, the programme of visits to the charities we support was carried out on Zoom to comply with COVID restrictions. In-person visits will resume in Spring 2022. All supported charities, existing and proposed, are regularly visited by a team of at least two Guild Friends. These visits provide information about the charities, their current needs, and how best the Guild can assist them. Importantly, visits help to guard against inappropriate use of QMCG donations and help us monitor whether our donations are relevant and reaching those we aim to help.

The other main areas of risk are QMCG's two annual events: Packing Week and the AGM. Public Liability insurance continues in place. It was not possible to hold the AGM as planned in May but, with restrictions lifted, one day was held at St James's Palace in October to unpack and sort all knitted and stitched items, host View Day and then the AGM later on the same day.

### **The Guild in Scotland**

Guild Ambassadors Clare Russell and Shona Docherty distributed over 2,500 knitted and purchased items to 18 charities right across Scotland from Stornoway to Glasgow. Shona yet again beat her previous record, distributing an incredible 2,077 knitted items to 12 charities while her 8 year old grandson, John Watson, helped stitch together some of the hundreds of squares delivered by a lockdown knitter. The CEO and EC members visited Scottish charities, supported by Mrs Pipe's Fund, on Zoom in November/December 2021.

## Chairman's Report

It has been another strange year for QMCG: once again, we have been constricted by Covid guidance, but we were able to host a View Day at St James's Palace in October 2021. HRH Princess Alexandra came to visit the scaled back stalls and admire the hand knitted and stitched items made with such care and love. HRH managed to speak to all the guests and Friends who attended; a memorable occasion for everyone.

Once View Day was over, we held our first AGM since 2019, at which our wonderful Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Gillie Jackson, stepped down, having completed a term of seven years, serving an extra year to help us through the recent Covid restrictions. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Gillie, who has worked tirelessly for the Guild for many years, serving as Chairman of the Executive Committee and then going on to join the newly formed Board of Trustees and becoming its Chairman. I am delighted to let you know that Gillie will continue to be involved with many aspects of QMCG and has become one of our Honorary Ambassadors.

I have been elected Chairman and would like to thank The Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee for making me so welcome. We were delighted to welcome Abigail Sarfaty and Susan Hammond to the Executive Committee in November. Elizabeth Carver has stepped down from the Neo Natal Stall and we would like to thank her for her unstinting work both in setting up a Neo Natal section and in running it since 2010. Elizabeth has worked tirelessly making sure that supported neo natal units receive the beautifully handmade items that make such a difference.

The main packing of clothing for charities again took place at Hendall Manor Barns. I would also like to thank Nicky Squire for storing items in her barn. This year a total of 51,649 items were donated to 42 charities in October. A fantastic effort by everyone involved, and we thank you for your tireless work which continues to help those who need it so much. That QMCG has managed to keep going throughout this pandemic is a fantastic tribute to all of you that are involved, and both the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee are truly appreciative of your efforts.

Board and Committee meetings continued by Zoom throughout the year, as did all charity visits. Next year we hope to be able to return to a more normal working pattern but will continue to make use of modern technology when necessary.

We are delighted that we now have 122 Friends, 26 Ambassadors and Honorary Ambassadors across the British Isles who continue the work we were originally formed to do.

2022 is our 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. We are planning several fundraising and special events during the year; details will be in the Friends Newsletters. Both the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee hope that you will be able to attend or even host an event to help raise funds during our special year.

We record our heartfelt thanks to HRH Princess Alexandra for her continued and valued support and we look forward to another year of being able to provide vital help to those in need across the UK.

We are pleased to confirm that the accountants Heyburn Bennett Ltd and the financial advisors Investec Wealth and Investment Limited have been reappointed to act for the Guild for a further year.

Teresa Myers  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

## **ACCOUNTS**

**For year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

**Please refer to the separate signed Accounts 2021 document.**

### **Summary of income and expenditure account for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

In the current year, total outgoings exceeded income by £2,433. This compared to 2020 where there was a deficit of £3,561. Overall income was £63,336 compared to £71,477 in 2020.

Our Friends' scheme boosted our donations total in 2021 to £26,011 (£22,405 in 2020). Our fundraising total of £8,523 (£14,266 in 2020) was again restricted by the COVID pandemic but we were delighted to raise an additional £7,585 by selling Guild merchandise and novelty items knitted by our supporters on our Etsy shop. Friends also managed several fundraising Christmas events.

Overall outgoings were £65,769 in 2021 compared to £75,038 in 2020 when the figure was inflated by the cost of our new website. Purchasing of clothing and linen was £45,384 compared to £51,396 in 2020. A further £4,244 was spent on items distributed to Scottish charities with the income from Mrs Pipe's fund but due to a delay the figure was not able to be included in the 2021 accounts. The costs of running the Charity in 2020 were £20,385 compared to £23,642 in 2020.

Our grateful thanks go to all those individuals, organisations and grant-giving trusts who continue to support us and contribute to our work.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) b of the Charities Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me the reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act,
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;

OR

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mark John Heyburn  
Heyburn Bennett Ltd  
Chartered Certified Accountants and Registered Auditors  
9 Bridge Street, Walton on Thames, Surrey KT12 1AE

Date: 31 MARCH 2022

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### Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations, Legacies and Grants	1	26,011		26,011	22,405
Fundraising events	2	8,523		8,523	14,266
Other Charitable Activities	3	7,585		7,585	3,704
Gift Aid	4	634		634	831
Income from Investments	5	20,584		20,584	30,271
				<u>63,336</u>	<u>71,477</u>
<b>Asset and investment sales</b>					
Receipts from sale of investments	6	102,325		102,325	158,131
				<u>102,325</u>	<u>158,131</u>
				<u>165,661</u>	<u>229,608</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Purchasing of Clothing and Linen	7	45,384		45,384	51,396
Running Costs	8	15,853		15,853	22,198
Other Charitable Activities	9	4,532		4,532	1,444
				<u>65,769</u>	<u>75,038</u>
<b>Asset and investment purchases</b>					
Purchase of investments	10	117,114		117,114	123,499
Investment Administration charges	11	5,825		5,825	5,486
				<u>122,939</u>	<u>128,985</u>
				<u>188,708</u>	<u>204,023</u>

### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

#### Balances at Bank

Bank Current Accounts			33,846	36,278
Investec Wealth and Investment	12		3,303	23,875

#### Investment Assets

Investec Wealth and Investment	13		544,023	523,907
			<u>581,172</u>	<u>584,060</u>

#### Accumulated Fund

			<u>581,172</u>	<u>584,060</u>
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These accounts were approved by The Board of Trustees on 31st March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

*Teresa Myres*

MRS TERESA MYERS  
Chairman

## Notes to Receipt and Payments Account

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>1 Donations, Legacies and Grants</b>		
Donations and Subscriptions	26,011	22,405
Legacies	-	-
Grants	-	-
	26,011	22,405
<b>2 Fundraising Events</b>		
Raffle	2,099	1,652
Other Fundraising	6,424	12,614
	8,523	14,266
<b>3 Other Charitable Activities</b>		
Sales of Aprons/Tea Towels/Bags	534	380
Sales of Notelets / Cards	753	1,802
Sales of Badges	91	207
Donations for knitted items	6,147	1,232
Miscellaneous Income	60	83
	7,585	3,704
<b>4 Gift Aid</b>		
	634	831
	634	831
<b>5 Income from Investments</b>		
Main Fund	14,409	14,190
Mrs Pipe's Fund	6,175	6,081
Cash withdrawn from Portfolio	-	10,000
	20,584	30,271
<b>6 Sale of Investments</b>		
Main Fund	71,627	110,692
Mrs Pipe's Fund	30,698	47,439
	102,325	158,131
<b>7 Purchasing of Clothing and Linen</b>		
Purchase of Clothing and Linen	44,377	45,447
Purchase of items distributed to Scottish Charities	1,007	5,949
	45,384	51,396

## Notes to Receipt and Payments Account

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>8 Running Costs</b>		
Packing Week and AGM expenses	5,764	3,334
Printing/Stationery/Postage	1,519	980
Website & Communications	1,309	11,117
Insurance	682	649
Secretarial Fees	6,106	6,118
Miscellaneous Expenses	375	-
Bank Charges	98	
	15,853	22,198
<b>9 Other Charitable Activities</b>		
Purchasing of Merchandise	4,532	1,444
	4,532	1,444
<b>10 Purchase of Investments</b>		
Main Fund	81,980	86,449
Mrs Pipe's Fund	35,134	37,050
	117,114	123,499
<b>11 Investec Administration Charges</b>		
Main Fund	4,078	3,840
Mrs Pipe's Fund	1,747	1,646
	5,825	5,486
<p>During the year Investec charged an additional £4,893 (2020 £4,055) as a collective funds charge for managing the portfolios.</p>		
<b>12 Investec Wealth &amp; Investment Cash Balance</b>		
Main Fund	2,312	16,713
Mrs Pipe's Fund	991	7,162
	3,303	23,875
<b>13 Investec Wealth &amp; Investment Assets (at cost)</b>		
Main Fund	380,816	366,735
Mrs Pipe's Fund	163,207	157,172
	544,023	523,907
<p>The market value of investments at 31 December 2021 was £644,102 (2019- £587,758)</p>		

**BENEFICIARIES 2021** (\*Newly supported in 2021)

<b>Charities supported in England:</b>	
Age UK, Wiltshire	St Peter & St James Hospice, East Sussex
Alabare Christian Care & Support, Wiltshire	Stonepillow, East Sussex
Barons Court Project, West London	Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Services
Berkshire Women's Aid*	The Upper Room, London
Caritas Anchor House, East London	Veterans Aid, London
Changing Pathways, Essex	
Companions of the Order of Malta, London	<b>Neo Natal Units supported:</b>
Crawley Open House, West Sussex	Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow
Croydon Refugee Day Centre, Croydon	Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath
Emmaus Brighton, East Sussex*	Royal London Hospital, East London
Emmaus Greenwich, London	Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Bucks
Emmaus Hastings, East Sussex	St Thomas' Hospital, London
Glassdoor, London	
GSTT Charity Samaritan Fund, Central London	<b>Charities supported in Scotland:</b>
Havens Hospice, Essex	AberNecessities, Aberdeen
Home of Comfort, Southsea	Bethesda Hospice, Stornoway
Kairos, London	Cardinal Winning, Glasgow
Leonard Cheshire St Cecilia's, Bromley	Crossreach, Sutherland*
London City Mission, London	Cyrenians, Aberdeen
Manna Society, London	Erskine House, Renfrewshire
Nelson Trust, Swindon	Gateway, Inverness*
Pram Depot, London (supporting Birth Companions, Doctors of the World UK & Happy Baby Community)	Highland Hospice, Inverness
Pottergate Arc, Norwich	Rachel House, Kinross
Ronald McDonald House Charities, London	Robin House, Balloch
Salvation Army Hoxton, London	Simon Community Govan Hill Women's Project, Glasgow
Seaview, East Sussex	St Vincent's Hospice, Johnstone
Spitalfields Crypt Trust, East London	Women's Aid, Caithness & Sutherland
SSAFA, Central London	Women's Aid, Dundee
St Anne's, Little Sisters of the Poor, North London	Women's Aid, Glasgow
St Peter's, Little Sisters of the Poor, South London	Women's Aid, Inverness
St John's Ambulance, Brighton*	Women's Aid, Ross-shire
St Luke's Hospice, Essex	Women's Aid, Western Isles*

**FRIENDS OF QMCG 2021/2022**

\*AMBASSADOR \*\*HON. AMBASSADOR

Allan, Ms Angela	Hathorn, Hon. Mrs Eric	Parry, Mrs Rachel*
Bell, Mrs Eliza	Hawkins, Ms Sallie*	Peters, Mrs Sarah
Benge, Mrs Lynne**	Helliar, Ms Norma	Phillips, Mr Lindsay
Berthon, Mrs Alex	Hillery, Ms Iris	Purslow, Mrs Jayne
Blake, Mrs Susan	Hime, Miss Roz	Rathbone Jupp, Mrs Nadia
Briant, Mrs Ruth (EC)	Hurley, Mrs Kathleen	Rathbone, Pamela
Briant, Mr Julian	Husselby, Mrs Olivia	Rawlins, Mrs Edna
Buckmaster, Mrs Julia	Jackson, Mrs Gillie**	Richardson, Mr Andrew*
Carter, Miss Pamela	Johnson, Mrs Wendy	Rivaz, Mrs Fiona
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Cobbett, Mrs Jane	King, Mrs Pauline	Sharma, Mrs Anvita
Craufurd, Lady Georgina	Knight, Mrs Julia*	Shepherd, Mrs Jennifer
Crawford, Mrs Tessa*	Laverty, Mrs Linda*	Sherry Archer, Mrs Mary
Currey, Mrs Diana	Littleton, Miss Jeni	Smallwood, Mrs Kathrin
Darby, Mrs Susan	Londesborough, Lady	Spendlove, Mrs Victoria (EC)
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Davies, Dr Diane	Manners, Mrs Lucy	Spendlove, Mr Thomas
de Quincey, Mrs Nicola	Mansfield, Ms Sarah	Squire, Mrs Nicola*
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Denison-Pender, Hon. Mrs Clare	Marchant, Mrs Barbara	Stewart, Mrs Kate
Denny, Mrs Hadley (EC)	Marsh, Miss Wendy	Tham, Mrs Jane**
Denny, Mrs Carol	Mavor, Mrs J. Elizabeth	Thomas, Mrs Sylvie**
Dix, Mrs Diana*	Mawdsley, Mrs Dorothy	Thompson, Mrs Linda (EC, T)
Docherty, Mrs Shona*	McCaughey, Mrs Margaret	Tierney MVO, Miss Roisin (T)
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Franks, Mrs Sarah	Myers, Mrs Teresa (T)	Webster, Mrs Maureen
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Goolden, Mrs Siegrith	Myers, Miss Georgia	Wilkinson, Mrs Caroline
Grindley, Mrs Mary	Neale, Ms Rachel	Williams, Mrs Gabrielle
Guppy, Mrs Mary (T)	Newman, Mrs Mary	Williams, Mrs Gwyneth
Hammond, Lady Susan (EC)	Newnan, Mrs Sharon	Windham, Mr Will
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Harvey, Mrs Stephanie	Orlebar, Mrs Nicola**	



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## THANK YOU LETTERS

### **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, ST. PETER'S HOME, SOUTH LONDON**

'Together with some of the Sisters we opened all the bags and with amazement and joy we admired the hand-crafted goods so well made. We can only imagine the love and devotion that went into knitting the lovely, cosy cardigans and jumpers; the quilts are really colourful and so useful; together with all the towels, underwear and nightwear to mention just a selection. Everything you gifted us with will make so many of our residents happy.'

### **HIGHLAND HOSPICE, INVERNESS**

'We have been receiving sheets and towels for over 20 years now and we are hugely grateful for this support. Our unit is small, just 12 beds, but with the relatively short length of stay for the majority of our patients and the need to boil wash everything for infection control we can get through a lot of sheets and towels. Having these provided by the Guild is tremendous as we are able to choose good quality items and have them delivered in bulk, ensuring we always have a supply for each new patient.'

### **PRAM DEPOT, NORTH LONDON**

'Members of the Queen Mother's Clothing Guild provide beautiful hand-knitted items such as baby blankets and socks for our Emergency Baby Boxes. These Baby Boxes are sent out to vulnerable pregnant women to ensure they have everything they need for their new baby. Receiving handmade items especially for them can really mean a lot to the women we support, who are experiencing a very challenging time and often have no family or friends nearby to support them. It makes our boxes even more special!'

### **SPITALFIELDS CRYPT TRUST, EAST LONDON**

'Thank you so much for your wonderful and faithful support! Your gifts provide such encouragement and practical comfort to those we accompany on the challenging journey from the street and addiction to healthy, independent and fulfilling lives. Here are a couple of the many messages our residents wanted us to pass on to you 'Thank you! This is hopefully the start of a lovely Christmas' and 'This is awesome. I'm so grateful'.

### **ALABARE, CHRISTIAN CARE & SUPPORT, SALISBURY**

'Thank you so much for the donation of warm clothing, from The Queen Mothers Clothing Guild, for those that use our Salisbury Street Project. It really is appreciated and will make a huge difference to the lives of those we support this winter. Thank you for being there and making a difference.'



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