



Oxford Poverty Action Trust

Annual Report

2011

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1 Chair's Report 2011

Background

The Oxford Poverty Action Trust (OxPAT) was set up in 1996 by a committee including representatives of the City, University, police, churches and concerned citizens to meet the challenge of visible poverty in the streets and invisible poverty in hostels, bed-and-breakfast accommodation etc. Inspired by successful "Diverted Giving" schemes in Winchester and elsewhere, the aim was to establish an umbrella fund to receive donations from the public, including tourists, and distribute them to the existing agencies working to alleviate poverty. One of its aims was to help reduce street begging by persuading the public not to give directly to beggars, and thus fuel dependency on alcohol or drugs; and to provide a means whereby their generosity could be channeled more productively.

OxPAT raised well over £100,000 in its first 10 years, and in 2011 reached and surpassed the £200,000 milestone. Money comes to us partly from collection boxes and partly from fund-raising events, but mostly from concerned citizens giving regularly by Gift-Aided bankers' orders.

Changes to the Committee

There were no changes to officers during 2011. Andrew Lack resigned from the Committee – we are very grateful to him for his help and support over a number of years.

Overview

We have continued to hold monthly meetings and have continued to distribute the bulk of our grants to Core Agencies in accordance with our Grants Policy. The following were successful in their applications to be Core Agencies for the 2012 calendar year: Simon House, The Gatehouse, Elmore Community Services, Connection Floating Support Team (Oxford City), The Porch Steppin' Stone Centre, Julian Housing, O'Hanlon House and Two Saints (formerly ECHG). Aspire Oxfordshire Community Enterprise Ltd and the Church of God of Prophecy, Soup Kitchen will each be 50% share Core Agencies.

We have, through Marieke, maintained contact with the Network of Homeless agencies through attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Single Homeless Group.

Unfortunately our links with Oxford students were not as close as in previous years but we hope to remedy this for the future through Oxhub.

Ralph Hall and Oxford Design and Illustrators once again helped with design expertise to enable us to acquire 2 free-standing posters for use at fundraising events.

We held our traditional carol singing before Christmas with children from St Barnabas Primary School. We also sang carols at Oxford Station with the help of the Oxford City Singers.

We are extremely grateful to all our supporters, particularly our box collectors and – of course – the donors who give so generously in order that we may continue our efforts. We are also grateful to those organisations which have made grants towards our Administration Fund, thus enabling all the money received from donors to be distributed to agencies.

Deborah Ceadel Chair, March 2012

2 Legal Details

Trust

The object of the Trust is "for the relief of the effects of poverty, sickness, disablement and old-age" in accordance with a Trust Deed made on 28th June 1998.

The Trust has been granted registration as a charity by the Charity Commissioners. The Charity Number is 1070645.

The Inland Revenue has accepted the Trust as a charity within the definition of section 506 (1) Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1998, as a result of which the Trust's income and gains are not taxable to the extent that they are applicable and applied to charitable purposes.

The registered address is 25 Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6HA.

During the calendar and accounting year 2011 the following acted as Trustees of the Oxford Poverty Action Trust (known as OxPAT) for some or all of the time:

Jerome Bertram
Stephen Brown
Deborah Ceadel
Jonathan Clark
Marieke Clarke
Andrew Lack
Meg Movshon
Patrick Mulvihill
Susanna Pressel

The Patrons of the Trust are:
Rt Revd. John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford
Rt Revd. William Kenney CP
Mrs. Felicity Dick DL

Gross income during the year 2011 was £27,169.17
Expenditure during the year 2011 was £26,188.75

The Charity's Bankers are:
The Co-operative Bank, King's Valley, Yew Street, Stockport, Cheshire, SK4 2JU

Officers during the year 2011 were:
Chair: Deborah Ceadel
Secretary: Meg Movshon
Treasurer: Jonathan Clark
Fundraising expenses during the year 2011 were: £413.75
The charity owns no functional property and there are no connected companies.

3 Financial Report

Grants

As usual the bulk of OxPAT's income was donated to our ten core agencies, listed in the table below in the section "EXP-Grants – Charities". The total paid out to core agencies last year was £24,750 compared with £20,160 in the year before. Grants to individuals were £1,025 last year, compared to £348.93 in the year before. The total grants made by OxPAT in 2011 amounted to £25,775.

Administration expenses

Our administration expenses were as usual small. We spent £413.75 on display banners and t-shirts to help with our external fund-raising activities. This money came out of the residue (£248.26) of a grant we received for publicity in 2009, the rest came from our general administration fund, which at year end stands at £352.14.

Income

Total income during the year was £27,169.17, compared with £20,109.08 in 2010. In the fourteen years OxPAT has been operating, we have collected more than £217,000.

We received a grant of £1,000 during the year to use to replace or refurbish our collecting boxes, and that money remains available for that purpose.

I would like to thank all of our donors, large and small, for their generosity towards us.

I would also like to thank our core agencies who I believe do excellent work. I have no doubt that the money we are able to pass to them is used very efficiently and effectively in support of people in Oxford who are homeless, or in danger of homelessness.

Jonathan Clark, OxPAT Treasurer, January 2012

OxPAT Accounts 2011	
Expense	
EXP-Admin Sub-Account	
Publicity	413.75
<i>Total</i>	<i>413.75</i>
EXP-Grants – Charities	
Aspire Oxfordshire	1375.00
Cherwell Housing Trust (Simon House)	2750.00
Church of God - Soup Kitchen	1375.00
Two Saints (Lucy Faithfull House)	2750.00
Connection Oxford	2750.00
Julian House	2750.00
O'Hanlon House	2750.00
Steppin' Stone	2750.00
The Elmore Team	2750.00
The Gatehouse	2750.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>24750.00</i>
EXP-Grants – Individuals	
Asylum Welcome	150.00
Smart CJS	550.00
St Mungo's	325.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>1025.00</i>
Total Expense	26188.75
Income	
INC - Boxes	
Blackwells	166.00
Bunters	31.53
Christchurch Porter's Lodge	5.06
H Wellcome	112.08
M&S, Summertown	490.17
Magdalen College Bar	3.56
Oxford Union Bar	20.36
Phoenix Cinema	92.36
Railway Station	489.75

St Michael's Shop	244.80
<i>Total</i>	<i>1655.67</i>
INC - Fund Raising	
Carol Singing	303.60
Carol Singing - St Barnabas School	365.70
Street Collection	523.41
<i>Total</i>	<i>1192.71</i>
INC - Organisations	
Brasenose JCR	240.00
Christchurch JCR	780.00
W Lucy & Co	3000.00
Lucy dress down	241.55
Oxford University Student Union	404.26
Queen's College	330.00
Round Table	1000.00
St Anne's JCR	642.00
St John's College	200.00
St Margaret's Institute	175.81
Wadham Students Union	1402.40
<i>Total</i>	<i>8416.02</i>
INC - Places of Worship	
RC Archdiocese of Birmingham	100.00
St Aloysius - The Oratory	130.83
St Peter's Wolvercote	152.50
<i>Total</i>	<i>383.33</i>
INC - Private Donation (Gift Aid)	
Annual	20.00
Monthly	3971.00
Occasional	2118.00
Quarterly	450.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>6559.00</i>
INC - Private Donation (Non-Gift Aid)	
Anonymous	2514.61
CAF	2957.07
Charities Trust	762.28
Individual	575.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>6808.96</i>
INC- Bank Interest	0.48
INC- Inland Revenue (Gift Aid) Refund	1978.00
Unknown	175.00

Total Income	27169.17
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Reconciliation with bank	
Opening balance	862.05
Income	27169.17
Expenditure	26188.75
Closing balance	1842.47

Administration sub-account **	
Opening balance	517.63
Income	85.00
Expenditure	165.49
Closing balance	437.14

Special purposes account **	
Opening balance	248.26
Income	1000.00
Expenditure	248.26
Closing balance	1000.00

** Included above

4 Grants Policy

Core Principles

1. OxPAT funds are to be used to provide direct help to homeless or vulnerably housed adults - e.g. food, clothing, shelter, rehabilitation.
2. OxPAT funds are not to be used to fund administration nor on-going costs, nor to discharge statutory duties.
3. OxPAT funds will only be distributed to or through recognised charitable agencies; and must be spent by or under the supervision of such an agency.

Distribution

The monies received by OxPAT are distributed through agency welfare funds to be spent on welfare services, rehabilitation, accommodation and training and education to help people to get off the streets and move forward.

Core Agencies

OxPAT will aim to distribute most of its funds to a core group of agencies via regular monthly standing orders to their welfare funds. It is each agency's responsibility to ensure this money is spent in accordance with OxPAT's core principles and to report back at the end of the calendar year as to how it has been spent.

Specific applications

Some of OxPAT's funds will be used to fund specific applications which are not from the core agencies. Examples of successful applications include requests for clothing, bedding, work tools, and transport costs to enable a person in need to travel to a job. To apply for a grant for a homeless, or vulnerable, person, please download the OxPAT Grant Application Form from the OxPAT website (www.oxpat.org/), and follow the instructions on it.

5 Partners

Core agencies during 2011 were

Simon House : part of A2 Dominion Housing Trust

Connection Oxford : support team for single vulnerable people

Julian Housing: part of Oxford Homeless Pathways

O'Hanlon House: part of Oxford Homeless Pathways

Elmore Team : support for people with complex needs

The Gatehouse : drop-in centre for over 25s

Steppin' Stone/The Porch : day centre

Two Saints: Lucy Faithfull House hostel

Aspire Oxfordshire

The Church of God Soup Kitchen

6 Box Officer's Report

Box Locations

Collection boxes at:

St Michael at the North Gate Shop , Christchurch College Lodge, Oxford Union Bar, Bunter's Delicatessen, St Aloysius, Tourist Information Centre, Blackwells, Marks & Spencers Summertown, Magdalen College Bar, Phoenix Cinema, Oxford Railway Station, LMC International, Henry Wellcome Foundation

Catherine and Francis King, Box Officers, March 2012

7 Donors and Supporters

W Lucy & Co., the Oxford Round Table, the college JCR's of Brasenose, Christchurch, Queen's, St Anne's, St John's and Wadham, the Oxford Oratory Church of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St Peter's Wolvercote, Oxford University Student Union, Oxford High School, Carol Singing– Oxford City Singers, West Oxford Primary School, St. Ebbe's Primary School, St . Barnabas Primary School, Rose Hill Methodist Church and many Private Donations.

