



Oxford Poverty Action Trust

Annual Report

2012

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1 Chair's Report 2012

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 2012 brought the total raised to £248,000. 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 2012, though Ralph Hall agreed to share responsibility for publicity with Pat Mulvihill. John Tanner resigned from the Committee and was replaced by Mark Lygo as City Council representative. Jenny O'Brien and Sue Gordon both joined the committee.

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 2013 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 One Foot Forward. Aspire Oxfordshire Community Enterprise Ltd will continue to be a 50% share Core Agency, Broadway will be a probationary agency and the Church of God of Prophecy, Soup Kitchen, will also receive regular support.

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 continue to try to build links through Oxhub, who helped with our street collection day in May.

We were delighted that an idea suggested at our last AGM for a film about OxPat came to fruition thanks to the hard work and talent of Rory Ford and his colleagues at Oxford Brookes. We are grateful to them, and to Jonathan Clark who made it all happen, to our partner agencies who participated, and to the Phoenix who showed the film for several weeks before their main programme.

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 Appleton Community Choir..

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 2013

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 2012 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 2012 was £31,332.37.

Expenditure during the year 2012 was £31,319.75

The Charity's Bankers are:

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

Officers during the year 2012 were:

Chair: Deborah Ceadel

Secretary: Meg Movshon

Treasurer: Jonathan Clark

Fundraising expenses during the year 2012 were: zero. The charity owns no functional property and there are no connected companies.

3 Financial Report

OxPAT Accounts (figures in £)	2011	2012
Expense		
EXP-Admin Sub-Account	413.75	149.75
EXP-Grants – Charities	24,750.00	29,930.00
EXP-Grants – Individuals	1,025.00	1,240.00
Total Expense	26,188.75	31,319.75
Income		
INC – Boxes	1,655.67	1,723.95
INC - Fund Raising	1,192.71	1,180.18
INC – Organisations	8,416.02	7,506.30
INC - Places of Worship	383.33	7,315.41
INC - Private Donation (Gift Aid)	6,559.00	6,232.00
INC - Private Donation (Non-Gift Aid)	6,793.96	4,760.63
INC- Admin Sub-Account	0.00	100.00
INC- Bank Interest	0.48	0.73
INC- Inland Revenue (Gift Aid) Refund	1,993.00	1,478.88
Unknown	175.00	1,034.29
Total Income	27,169.17	31,332.37

Reconciliation with bank	2011	2012
Opening balance	862.05	1,842.47
Income	27,169.17	31,332.37
Expenditure	26,188.75	31,319.75
Closing balance	1,842.47	1,855.09

Expense

The total grants made by OxPAT in 2012 amounted to £31,170, an increase over 2011 of approximately five thousand pounds. As usual the bulk of OxPAT's income was donated to our core agencies, listed in the table above as "EXP-Grants – Charities". Grants to individuals (paid via various charities) were £1,240 last year, compared to £1,025 in the year before.

We had administration expenses of £149.75 which were mainly spent on the costs of making the OxPAT video and the reception we held to launch it.

Income

Total income during the year was £31,332.37, compared with £27,169.17 in 2011. In the fifteen years OxPAT has been operating, we have collected more than £248,000 from our donors.

Our income is spread across various categories of donor, and as usual it is hard to pick out clear trends. Income from private donations in 2012 fell to about £11,000, from more than £13,000 in 2011. Box income and income from fund raising was broadly similar to 2011, while income from organisations (typically college JCR's and local businesses) was down by £1,000 to £7,500. However, income from 'Places of Worship' rocketed from under £1,000 in 2011 to over £7,000 in 2012. The only lesson I can draw is that, because we receive funds from such a disparate set of donors, when income from one source falters, there is a chance another source will compensate.

There were two particularly noteworthy new donors in 2012. Councillor Mark Mills gave us his Oxford City Council ward budget, an amount of £1,500. St Leonard's Church in Eynsham adopted us as a charity at the beginning of 2012 and they have contributed an astonishing and very welcome five thousands pounds plus in 2012.

Special purposes accounts

Within the totals above we keep track of two sub-accounts

Special purposes account	2011	2012
Opening balance	248.26	1,000.00
Income	1,000.00	0.00
Expenditure	248.26	0.00
Closing balance	1,000.00	1,000.00

The special purposes account currently contains a £1,000 donation from the Oxford Round Table which is to be spent on box replacement and refurbishment when necessary.

Administration account	2011	2012
Opening balance	517.63	437.14
Income	85.00	100.00
Expenditure	165.49	149.75
Closing balance	437.14	387.39

The administration account contains donations made by organisations that are happy for their money to be spent on our limited administration expenses. We received a grant of £100 from Darby's Solicitors during 2012 towards the costs of the video and its launch party.

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

I would also like to thank the charities to whom we give the money, 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 2013

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 2012 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 Church, 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 2013

7 Donors and Supporters

W Lucy & Co., the Oxford Round Table, St. Michael's at the Northgate, St Leonard's Church Eynsham, Councillor Mark Mills, the College JCR's of Brasenose, Christchurch, the Queen's, St Anne's, St. Hugh's, St. Hilda's, St John's, St. Peter's, Trinity and Wadham, the Oxford Oratory Church of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St. Peter's Church Cassington, St. Michael's and All Saints Charities St. Peter's Wolvercote, St. Margaret's Institute, the Phoenix Cinema, Oxford Brookes University graduates, 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, Waitrose Headington,, Oxfordshire County Council(Social Services), Darbys Solicitors, Cassington Café, RC Archdiocese of Birmingham, Felixstowe Trust, and many generous Private Donations.

