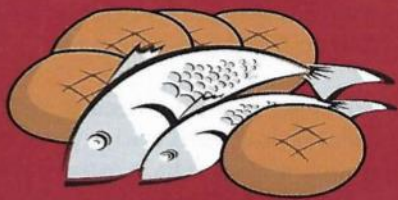


Fund for Human Need

Registered Charity No. 208866



Where a little means a lot

No 3 of 2025

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/>

As a charity that uses cash to help people, providing the flexibility to get those in desperate circumstances what they need when they need it, we have faced issues when it comes to getting funding ourselves for running costs and the other day to day expenses of running the charity.

Dealing in cash payments means we are counted as grant giving – even our small amounts are counted as grants under charitable rules. Most of the major trust funds, lotteries, and bigger concerns that small charities apply to for help with running cost have it in their rules that they cannot give to grant giving bodies. Apart from a small time while we had a Methodist Action on Poverty and Justice grant, we have funded our own running costs. UK charities typically spend between 60-70% of their annual income on charitable activities (i.e., fulfilling the charity's purpose). The remaining income covers administration, governance, and fundraising costs. We have always had a harder target of 80% going to awards and in 23-24 managed to use only 17% of the year's unrestricted income towards running costs.

Going forward we are pleased to announce that the The Cupalt Foundation has made us an award to cover our running costs. The Cupalt Foundation raises funds for the prevention or relief of poverty and deprivation (and for general charitable purposes) for the benefit of humankind. It makes grants to other charitable organisations to facilitate those charities to achieve their own charitable purposes, and thereby advance the objects of The Cupalt Foundation.

This now means that from the 1st of September 2025 **ALL** of our donations and funds raised will be going to those in the most desperate need.

In a time where there is ever increasing need for lots of reasons we look forward to being able to direct all of your donations to help more families and individuals in their time of trouble. **Thank you**

100%

**Of donations now
going directly to
those in need.**

How you help:

Alan* is a single man who after bereavements and various other traumatic incidents has been left with mental health issues. These problems have led to some periods of street homelessness, after more than a year in temporary B&B accommodation he has now been able to access some stable accommodation, but the property is empty. Alan is accessing back to work services and other support and is committed to the process, but is struggling financially. He has sourced a cooker, fridge and bed but needs pots, pans, cutlery and bedding and his essentials are costing him almost £100 more than the monthly Universal Credit he receives. A local charity applied on his behalf for help towards household basics and food.

Award £110 via Hope Coventry. Aug 25.

*name changed to protect identity

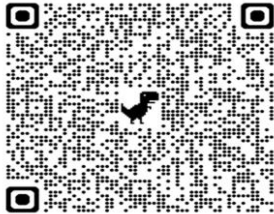
Fundraising Partners.

Would you sponsor 80-year-old Delia Kennedy in a 100 mile sponsored walk?



Delia is undertaking this in September to raise funds for FHN and says she sees this as a way of giving thanks for her many blessings. She aims to walk 10 miles on 10 days near her home in Devon - entirely car free. To support Delia search Fund for Human Need on JustGiving where you will find her page as our fundraiser.

Or connect via the QR Code.



"We have made a good start: Having experienced so much hot weather this year, we are now coming down-to-earth with a bump and having to change from leaving home in shorts, t-shirt and sandals, to taking different 'just in case' items to cope with short, (very) sharp showers. Wearing walking shoes for the first time and the old feet are so hot, which saps the energy so a bit shattered today!! Ah well, all part of the challenge, I guess!"

In the meantime, thank you so much to those of you who have generously donated so far to this important work. – Delia.

The just giving page will have regular updates if you want to follow along and will remain open until the end of October.

FHN Coffee morning, Mary Long, 85, a lifelong Methodist, instigated a coffee morning and tombola at her church Aldridge Methodist Church on Saturday 6th of September. Mary and her helpers raised about £200 plus £25 from the previous week's coffee morning. As you can see everyone enjoyed the morning.



Karen Drayton with Mary, Wendy Bolton and Maggie Bowles



Organiser Anke Moseley and Joan Cooper

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 4.

Other ways to Fundraise.

Tesco Club card,

Thanks to Sue K's response to the last newsletter - She has found out that those of you with Tesco club cards can get even better returns on printer ink cartridges.

"I looked at the ink cartridge option and you would get 50p for my originals. With Tesco club card I get £1.25 in Clubcard points for HP originals, and 50p for most of the recycled ones. It might be worth asking people who use originals who do Tesco to donate all or part of their benefit [1 point = 1p]. NOTE: It does take quite a while [up to 16 weeks] for the amount to appear on ones Clubcard statement. I will also see if anyone at Church is willing to donate theirs one way or another."

Thanks, Sue, for the information and your help.

Has anyone else any fundraising ideas we can share in future newsletters? Let Gill Know.

If like me you don't have access to Tescos, Recycle 4 Charity will send out postage labels or collecting boxes. Thank you to those who have already contributed in this way. Gill - Admin
The code takes you straight to our page.



NEW Christmas Card.

Following a competition sent last year to all Methodist Schools we are delighted to offer a new Christmas card.



Many thanks to Daisy a student at Burscough Bridge Methodist Primary School who is the artist. Quality cards in a pack of 5, with Happy Christmas inside. This C3 design is available from our admin – details below.

We still have stocks of C1 and limited numbers of C2



C1



C2

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. As previously these are quality cards complete with envelopes and blank inside making them suitable for all occasions.



P1



P2

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.

All cards. Suggested donation £3per pack also available by post from the Administrator, (contact details on pg. 4) post and packing at £0.60 per pack up to a maximum of £3.60.

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.

How you Helped:

Sarah* came to the UK with her husband and small family, she came as a skilled worker and was delighted with her job NHS job and the opportunities it offered for advancement and training, she settled in quickly. Unfortunately, Sarah's husband had other ideas about life in the UK and left, Childcare means that Sarah had to cut down her working hours to fit around nursery and school which further depleted her income. Sarah's visa conditions mean that she has No Recourse to Public Funds, which in her case meant no free nursery hours, no child benefit, no top up universal credit or housing benefit.

In trying to trace her ex-husband to get maintenance to help provide for the children enquiries revealed that unknown to her the marriage had been bigamous and she could not afford to pursue him any further.

Left with responsibility for the children she is determined to keep on with her job, which she loves, but is struggling to manage on a reduced income. Her 'husband' left her with substantial debts he had run up without her knowledge and the cost of the visas for the family, ranging from £769 to £1,751 per person

Award £130 July 25

I confirm that I have received the above-quoted amount in my account, which has simply made a huge difference for me this month. Thank you so much

*name changed to protect identity

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How You helped:

Andrea* had severe Mental Health issues following a difficult childbirth. This meant she was confined to a specialist unit for several months. While she was in hospital her landlord made her homeless and cleared and re let the property. Having made excellent progress, and after some time in a supported situation she is due to be discharged shortly to pick up life again with her child.

Luckily housing is available but it is completely empty and due to the long hospital stay all of her possessions were lost. A local charity has provided floor coverings, beds, cooker and fridge. Her benefits barely cover the costs essentials such as basic shopping and utilities and an internet device to continue her treatment and access appointments.

Any amount to help her manage the transition, get some basics for the child would be helpful. NHS south west. **Award £110 July 25, via NHS**

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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 is 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 three times 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..

all those who think of us month to month, year to year with regular gifts. Including...



To all at Beckenham Methodist Church for their after-service tea and coffee donations



To all at Brayton Methodist Church for their communion service collections.



To all at Garvestone Methodist Church for their regular collections.