

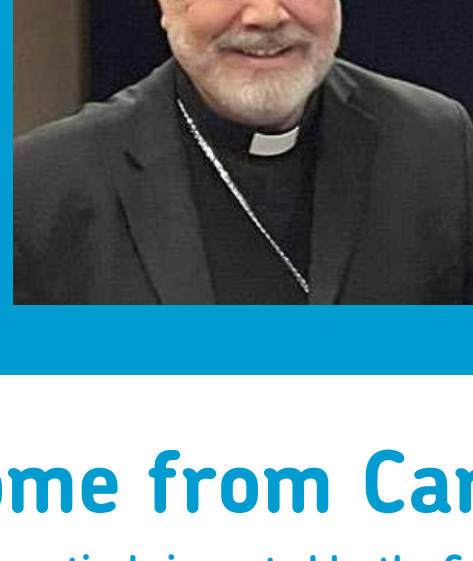


Message from Bishop Marcus

As Chair of Trustees for Catholic Care I am sure that you will feel heartened, as did I, when you read about the good work that the Charity undertook last year and now rightly celebrates. There is so much effort being undertaken to meet the many and varied needs of children, families, old people and communities right across our Diocese. Much of this work is made possible only through the generous support of the members of our diocesan family and the hard work, dedication and loyalty of staff and volunteers. All of this is undertaken with caritas, the love of Christ.

I sincerely thank all connected with Catholic Care and I pray that their work, in these particularly challenging times, will continue to help those around us who are disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable.

Rt Rev Marcus Stock
Bishop of Leeds



Welcome from Carol Hill

2022 was yet another year negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, especially at the start of the year with much sickness amongst staff and the people we care for alike and restrictions on socialising all impacting on the Charity's ability to help those in need.

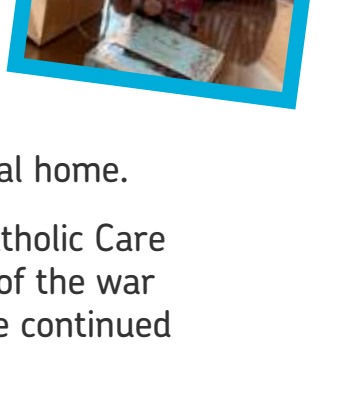
Slowly the green shoots of normality started to appear and then there was no stopping it. Our community groups revelled in the joy of seeing and talking to real people rather than through a screen and the adults in our learning disability service experienced sheer joy at seeing their friends and simply being out and about.

Projects came to fruition after anticipation had been building over the Covid years and we welcomed our first people into their new apartments at Westhaven Court. This has been a real success for the Charity, bringing new life and purpose into an old residential home.

Just when we hoped the worst was behind us we were faced with the war in Ukraine. Catholic Care supported people across the Diocese in the Homes for Ukraine initiative. A direct result of the war has been the cost of living crisis and once again our staff, volunteers and supporters have continued to serve those facing the greatest difficulties.

For me personally, 2022 has been a year of challenges and celebration, not least to mark 10 years in post as Director. Catholic Care is a vibrant and forward thinking Charity, quick to respond to crisis and providing services for today and tomorrow as it reaches out to those in need.

The past 2 years have demonstrated the resilience, forward thinking and vibrancy of the Charity as it emerges from the pandemic.



2755 people cared for and helped during 2022

Community Services

Our work in the community reaches out to those with continually evolving needs, providing services for today and tomorrow. This work has no direct funding and we rely on fundraising, grants and most importantly the generosity of our supporters through their financial and in-kind donations.

Christmas Pantries

Many families were hit hard by the cost of living crisis. Whereas before they were just about managing, the new financial challenges arising from very high inflation were pushing them over the edge, forcing many to make the stark decision between food or heat.

Thanks to the generosity of people in parishes across the Diocese we were able to hold 18 pantries in the run up to Christmas in schools and the community providing essential food and toys for the children for Christmas.

800 Families supported



Stay and Play Group

More so than ever after the pandemic, our group provides a warm and welcoming environment for the adults to socialise and receive much needed peer support and, of course, a place for children to play.

25

Families supported



Gianna Project

The Gianna Project was first set up to support women of all ages with an unplanned pregnancy. Many of the women who we support have difficult and complicated lives and, most when they find themselves pregnant feel more isolated and less likely to access statutory services for fear of their child being removed.

With additional funding through Gubay, this year we have strengthened the Project with 2 family support workers who come with various specialisms including nutritional coaching and a psychological practitioner. Their support has included substance and alcohol misuse, Doula antenatal support, and interactive education from healthy eating on a budget, to exercise, health and well-being to parenting.

288 New mums supported

Community Counselling

As a response to the current challenging times we live in we have seen the number of people receiving counselling increase significantly. We have been able to offer a quick response to those who need help now and who would otherwise be facing a waiting list for several months. This has meant that individuals are not falling deeper into despair. Help is there when people need it.

156

People counselled

Support for Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Working in partnership with St. Monica's Housing, we continue to support destitute asylum seekers as they navigate a hostile and complex process.

Catholic Care supported many people across the Diocese who wanted to welcome Ukrainians fleeing the war in the Homes for Ukraine Initiative.

Our Community Sponsorship Programme enabled 3 new families from the refugee camps around Syria to a new life here in the UK. The groups of volunteers from parishes or the local community welcomed families into Normanton, Ripon and Pateley Bridge.

On the 3rd July a tea party was held in the garden of our Head Office to celebrate the fantastic work achieved by these volunteers, supported by our co-ordinator.

People helped **15**

Community Sponsorship

4

Home for destitute asylum seekers



Community Groups for Older People

Tentatively people came back after the pandemic and now the groups are flourishing like never before as people relish each other's company, enjoying a hot meal, a game of curling or simply a chat; a real antidote to feeling lonely and isolated.

284 Older people regularly attend

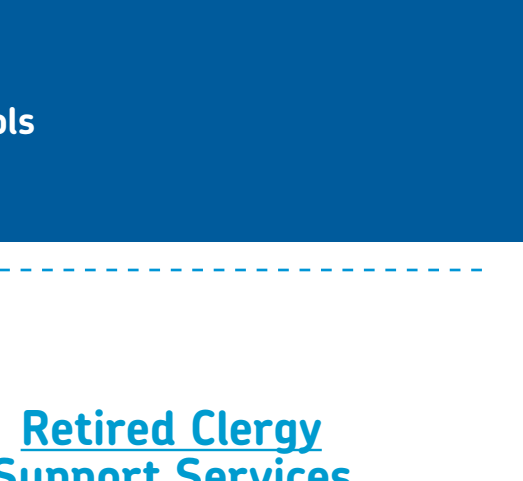
Community Markets

Working with supermarket surplus goods, a small grant and an energetic group of volunteers, the Community Market held at St. Winefride's Church Hall in Bradford has grown exponentially since the summer and now supports in excess of 50 families each week.

A great array of produce is available from tins, cleaning products, fresh fruit and veg, to meat and chicken. Recipe cards are also shared. It's a lovely welcoming atmosphere with coffee and cake and lots of chatter. One lady described it as "a life saver".

50+

Families supported each week



Regulated Services

Historically caring for adults and children in homes and schools has been the mainstay of the Charity.

Retired clergy supported

25

Retired Clergy Support Services

We continue to provide a service to the retired Clergy of the Diocese who are frail or in need of care.



Adult Learning Disability Services

New Service - After numerous delays due to the pandemic and Brexit, the Charity's new accommodation at Westhaven Court in Dewsbury finally opened its doors. Bishop Marcus, together with Trustees and staff from the new service gathered for a short service, blessing the property and all who will live and work there.

Westhaven Court provides the very latest model in supported living for adults with a learning disability, providing fully self contained apartments, each with its own front door. People are supported to be as independent as they are able and live life to the full.

12

Homes

11

Apartments

59

People

58

Apartments

60

People

Older People's Services

We provide care and support to older people living in the 58 apartments at Eller Beck Extra Care Scheme in Skipton. This is a new model of caring for older people, promoting independence whilst having the security of knowing help is on hand when needed.

Mental Health Accommodation Services

We support people on their recovery journey to independent living in the community. Mental Health is everyone's health.

11

People supported

10

Apartments

Adult Outreach Service

Our fledgling service provides care and support in a person's own home promoting and maintaining independence.

17 adults supported

Children's Residential Home

Our Leeds residential home provides a nurturing home for up to 7 teenage boys. Our attached trainer flats provide the opportunity for the boys to learn life skills such as cooking, shopping and budgeting, equipping them for when they leave care.

5 children

Schools, Children & Family Wellbeing Service

Working across 55 schools in the Diocese we have a team of Social Workers who are also Trauma Informed Practitioners who provide therapeutic intervention to children and young people. We also support families, staff and the whole school community. Our Crisis Team are there to support schools in periods of crisis.

55

Schools

481

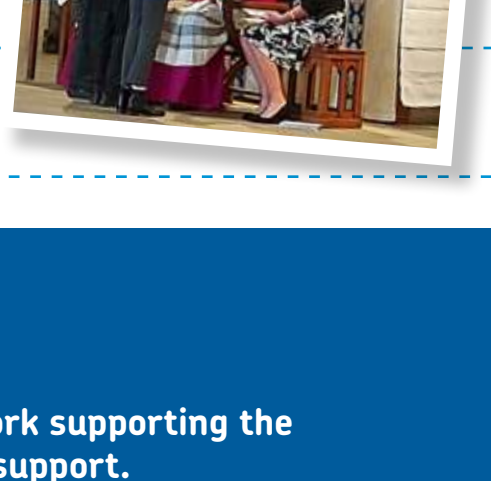
Children & young people

192

Parents supported

98

School staff supported



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Every donation, however large or small, helps us to continue our work supporting the most vulnerable in society. We are very grateful for your support.

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