



# CHURCH URBAN FUND



# THANK YOU FOR THE IMPACT YOU MAKE

Thank you so much for all your incredible support throughout the past year! We wanted to give you an update on the work that you have helped to make happen. Because of your gifts - from church congregations, individual donors and community groups - Church Urban Fund has remained at the forefront of Christian social action transforming lives and communities, for more than 30 years. We were founded in the 1980s in the context of social and economic unrest, but as we look around society today what we are dealing with feels all too familiar: division, uncertainty and instability - politically, economically and socially. These issues continue to adversely affect those who are most disadvantaged in society. It seems as if our role is needed as much now as it was 30 years ago.

## THOUGH SOME THINGS HAVE CHANGED

We are in fact no longer a 'fund', and we do not limit our work to just urban areas. Rural poverty and disadvantage concern us too. Our understanding of 'poverty' as not just a lack of material wealth, but also as a lack of relational wealth, shapes our work. With this definition, poverty can affect any one of us. At the heart of our work also, is the belief that each individual has gifts and skills, and each community - no matter how disadvantaged it may feel - has valuable assets. So, when we respond to issues in local communities, we work in a way which taps into these assets and which empowers local people to take the lead in determining what is best for them.

This short update will tell you about our work over the last year from our three core programmes:

- **Together Network** - facilitating church-based social action
- **Near Neighbours** - improving cohesion in diverse or divided communities
- **Just Finance Foundation** - working for a fairer financial system for all

Each year, the Church Urban Fund continues to capitalise on its unique reach and plays an essential part in communities across England as they deal with yet more complex problems that risk setting people apart. But the work we do would not be possible without you, who, through your financial giving, your engagement and your prayers, have enabled many thousands of lives to be changed through our projects, programmes and partnerships.

We continue to be deeply grateful for your support and hope that you find this update as encouraging as we do.

Thank you once again.

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# WHAT YOU'VE HELPED TO ACHIEVE OVER THE PAST YEAR



Your gifts have funded our 3 core programmes

## TOGETHER NETWORK

National movement, Local action:

Every day, across England, churches are working in their local communities to tackle social inequality, transform neighbourhoods and change lives.

The Together Network provides a unique support system to help churches and partners channel local knowledge and expertise into positive action and share their inspiration and ideas.

## NEAR NEIGHBOURS

Bringing People Together:

Near Neighbours develop positive relationships in multi-faith areas to help people from different faiths get to know and understand each other better.

We encourage people of different faiths and of no faith to come together for initiatives that improve their local neighbourhoods.

## JUST FINANCE FOUNDATION

Creating a national movement for financial inclusion:

The Just Finance Foundation works to improve the supply of relevant, affordable and responsible credit and financial services in order that people can manage their money and make wise use of financial products and services.

Our work helps people avoid and find ways out of financial distress by building their financial capability and providing relevant support and signposting to self-help and services.



Over

**110,000**

people reached across the country through our social action programmes



Over

**1,000,000**

people have benefitted from Near Neighbours projects bringing together local people from different backgrounds



The LifeSavers programme reached nearly

**21,000**

primary aged school children across the country, helping to develop a lifelong money skills in children and trained more than



**47.5%**

increase in the number of social action and community projects supported by the Together Network compared to 2017



In 2018, Near Neighbours issued nearly 300 grants, totalling

**£891,010**



The LifeSavers programme trained more than teachers to deliver the programme

**2,000**



**This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.**

*2 Corinthians 9:12*



**KEY IMPACT**



**£1 : £8.34**

In 2018, for every £1 donated by churches and individuals, we were able to raise additional monies in order to invest £8 back into charitable activities.

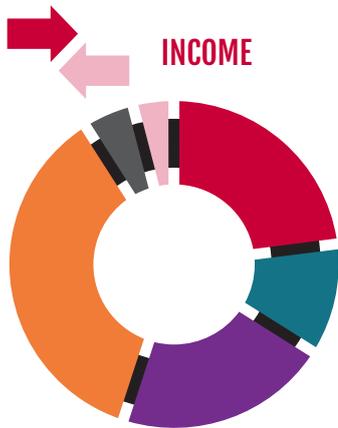


**89%**

of expenditure in 2018 went on charitable activities

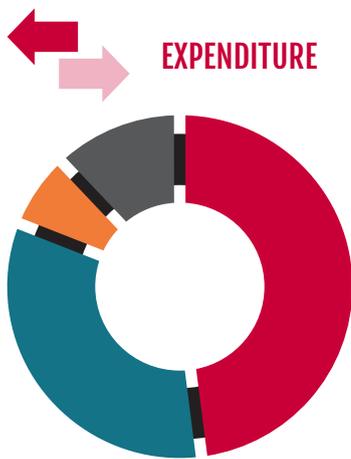


# HOW YOUR GIFTS ADD UP



Total Income 2018: £6.40 million (2017: £5.96m)

- 23% Individuals, churches & events
- 11% Legacies
- 21% Trusts
- 36% Statutory
- 5% Corporate
- 4% Other



89% of expenditure was spent on charitable purposes (£5,021k of £5,749k, 2017: 89%)

- 48% Together Network
- 33% NN Programme inc. grants
- 7% Research and Policy and Communications
- 12% Just Finance Foundation

# HOW YOU CAN HELP



## PRAY

Would you like to support our work in prayer? Join our mailing list to receive a quarterly prayer diary which focuses on a particular area of our work. Contact Holly on **020 7898 1091** to be added to the mailing list.



## GIVE

We hope you've been encouraged and inspired by what you've read. Your donations make this work possible. Please consider making a gift today. Visit **[www.cuf.org.uk](http://www.cuf.org.uk)** or call **020 7898 1649** to make a donation.



## SPEAK

Would your congregation or group like to find out more about the work of Church Urban Fund? Then why not invite one of our speakers to share a presentation or lead a Sunday service. Contact Rhea on **020 7898 1425**.