



**CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT
FROM JUNE 2022 TO JUNE 2023**

In this the 35th year of SLCF, the trustees continue to meet monthly to assess and approve requests, often more than twenty each month. More than 360 adults and children were helped over the past twelve months. All requests are efficiently managed by Jeanette Judge, and actioned swiftly following agreement by trustees.

The annual appeal was held in October 2022 and raised £2,358. Many thanks to Fr. Paul, and the parishioners of St Lawrence's for their ongoing prayers and support. Fundraising and donations this year include Inner Wheel {Rotary} raised £2,500, Harenc Trust, William Kendall's Charity, as well as others.

Recently a group of parishioners have been active in fundraising for SLCF, they organised a Barn dance, which proved a great success, and raised £1,053. We are very appreciative of their support.

This year we applied for, and received a Government Household Support Funding grant that was distributed by Bexley Council. The sum of £20,000 has been used for requests that were made over a six month period. This made a great difference to the charity in allowing a larger number of those in desperate need to be helped.

Thank you to all that voted via the Tesco Community Grant Scheme. At present we are awaiting the outcome of the result.

Our accounts for the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 are as follows. Total income £66,564 and total expenditure £38,413. Our balance is £47,761. The sum of £7,390 was received from HMRC as a result of Gift Aid, an important contribution to the fund.

Looking ahead, an application has been made to Bexley Council for another Household Support Fund grant. Thanks to Mike Conway for coordinating the previous, and this pending grant.

There is the promise of more fundraising from the parish group, thank you in advance.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the trustees for their continued support, enthusiasm and diligent work for SLCF.

Teresa Haverty, Chair

June 2023