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Friday 19 May 2023

Hilton Newcastle Gateshead

Welcome to the Black & Gold Ball



I am delighted to welcome you to our 2023 Black & Gold Ball. It is wonderful that so many of our valued supporters are joining us, both to raise funds and to celebrate all that we have achieved over this past year. We are grateful for the incredible support provided by businesses and individuals.

At Oasis Community Housing our services are in high demand, and sadly the need is growing.

The latest figures from the Office for National Statistics report a 26 per cent rise in rough sleeping since 2021, which means more than 3,000 people are estimated to be sleeping rough in England on any given night.

At least 271,000 people are recorded as homeless, including 123,000 children. Around one in five adults in England and Wales (10.4 million) has experienced domestic abuse at some stage, since the age of 16.

Statistics like these are a startling reality check and we continue to campaign for a new, innovative approach to tackling homelessness.

Our own research shows the vast majority of people facing homelessness have experienced significant trauma in their lives. So, we are calling on policy makers to lead with a trauma-informed approach to ending homelessness.

We believe that every individual is more precious than gold. And that anyone's life can be transformed, however black things may seem.

Your generosity and engagement, at events such as this Black & Gold Ball, have a huge impact on our fundraising and enable us to change policies and transform lives.

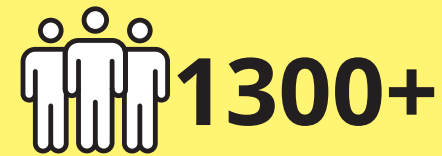
Thank you for joining us and I hope you have a wonderful evening.

Nick Salisbury, Chair of Trustees, Oasis Community Housing

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THANKS TO YOU

The impact of your support this past year



1300+

people supported by our services



221

individuals and families housed in our Home 24/7 supported accommodation



4616

times our Basis drop-ins helped people rough sleeping or in housing crisis



73

times we supported people through our Aspire projects to enter volunteering, education, training or employment



87%

of women say they feel safer, following help from our Empower domestic abuse team



370

times we prevented or alleviated homelessness for people accessing our drop-ins and engaging with our street outreach service

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Programme

Welcome & Introduction

David Smith, CEO

The Reverend Canon Kate Bottley, Patron

Dinner Served

Shared Value Awards

Jonathan Coombes, Partner and Head of Real Estate, Muckle LLP

Chris Pearson, Partner, Naylor's Gavin Black

Live Auction

Live Music

Funk Soul Sista

Disco

1.00am Carriages

Menu

Starter

Northumberland smoked cheese & leek tart with dressed herb salad and a balsamic glaze (v)

Roasted red pepper & tomato soup (ve)

Main Course

Grilled chicken breast, roasted sweet potatoes, charred peppers, tenderstem broccoli, parsley & garlic dressing

Sweet potato & chickpea loaf, herby diced potatoes, tenderstem broccoli & onion gravy (ve)

Dessert

Chocolate fondant, salted caramel ice cream (ve)

Coffee

NB. All pre-ordered dietary requests have been catered for

Rather than being unseen and being homeless, I'm now being seen...

After three years of homelessness Davey found Oasis Community Housing's homeless drop-in centre 'Basis' in Gateshead, Davey began his journey to stability and safety after finding Oasis.

"I was in full-time employment and things started to get a little bit iffy with me marriage. I had to find a place of me own and I was still working, but then there was times when I used to get depressed and down."

Davey struggled to cope with the challenges of his relationship breakdown and began using alcohol to cope.

"I went in (to work) on the Monday morning with the smell of alcohol, (and they said) 'I'm sorry, we're gonna have to let you go.' I lost that job in about 2011, and I was coping well because I had support, and come 2013, I lost my son."

After 5 years of trying to deal with trauma and depression, Davey found himself on the streets.

"It was October, 2018 when I actually lost me flat. The first three months of me becoming homeless, me first tent got burnt to the ground and, of course, COVID came in. The nine months during COVID, I was still in me tent."



David came to the drop-in and met key worker Sally. That's when he started to turn things around.

"It was bang straight away, 'Yes, we can do this, we can do that.' Oasis Community Housing helped me set up direct debits....Plus, I needed to get re-associated with me doctor, to get the bank account and it's transpired that I'm doing well now. They gave us a phone straight away for contacts."

Davey now contributes to the direction of the charity by getting involved with Oasis Community Housing's co-production group.

"I've been entrusted to come to meetings, like the co-production group, and help out and I feel it's making me a better person because it's enhanced my own social circles and making more friends and I'm still doing that now."

Rather than being unseen and being homeless, I'm now being seen."

Have fun, dig deep and be the difference...

Every penny raised tonight will help give hope to people facing homelessness.

Don't worry if you've forgotten to bring cash - scan the QR codes to donate by card or ask one of our friendly volunteers to make a contactless payment.

Golden Ticket

Find the lucky Golden Ticket and win two tickets for The Best of Elvis at the Utility Arena on 28 October 2023. Your prize includes bed and breakfast at the Hilton Newcastle Gateshead and private luxury travel to and from the show kindly provided by Wearside Executive Travel. £10 to enter.

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Silent Auction



Scan the QR Code to view our range of exciting silent auction prizes. Place your bid and keep your eye on the screens to make sure you are the highest bidder - don't let that prize slip away!

Live Auction

These fabulous prizes will be auctioned live after dinner by our very own Reverend Kate Bottley.

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Shared Value Awards

Tonight we celebrate you, our wonderful corporate partners and the dedicated individuals who do so much to support our mission.

Our Shared Value Awards are a sincere thank you to our corporate partners. In addition to recognising the successes achieved over the past year, they are also an opportunity to look to the future and consider how we can continue to work together to build stronger communities.

As a charity, we need to raise funds for our mission – to reignite hope and a future for everyone facing homelessness. We have a reputation for offering support work of an exceptional quality, we journey with people for many years helping them to find safety, security and a brighter future.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our corporate supporters, many of whom have been with us for several years and have been instrumental in our success. From the financial support that enables us to be there and keep many of our projects running around the clock, to the gift of time – delivering advice and training to those struggling with unemployment, personal finances or wellbeing – as well as the thoughtful donations of warm clothes, Christmas trees and Easter eggs. It's the little things that

enable us to offer people somewhere they feel they belong, not just a roof overhead. And it's all of these things that make us proud of our corporate partnerships; how they go above and beyond the usual charity model.

Shared Value Awards underpin our annual programme of Corporate Partnerships activity. Alongside income generated or donated (see table) in the previous year April to March, the assessment awards process includes the recognition of Created Shared Value.

£20,000 plus Diamond Partner

£10,000 to £19,999 Platinum Partner

£5,000 to £9,999 Gold Partner

£1,000 to £4,999 Silver Partner

£500 to £999 Business Partner

We are always keen to develop partnerships which create shared value and deliver real impact.

If you would like to talk to us about how your work place can partner with Oasis Community Housing, speak to our Corporate Relationships Manager, Hazel Ditchburn hazel.ditchburn@oasiscommunityhousing.org.

2023 Shared Value Award winners

DIAMOND

Shared Value Award 2023



PLATINUM

Shared Value Award 2023



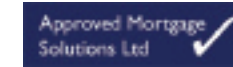
GOLD

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SILVER

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BUSINESS

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Shining a light on our Shared Value Partners

DIAMOND
Shared Value Award 2023



Leeds Building Society continues to do what it was set up to do in 1875 – to help people save money and to buy their own home. This is still their core purpose, operating as a mutual, but developing and innovating their product range and service offer to help members get on with their lives.

Thanks to Leeds Building Society and other partners, Oasis Community Housing has opened the doors of a new project in Peterborough to provide accommodation and support for families of Ukrainian refugees that have had to flee their homes.

Leeds Building Society has beautifully renovated a property above their branch making a warm, comfortable and safe space which will provide a home for up to seven families.

"We believe that when people help people, good things happen. That's why we work with partners like Oasis Community Housing on initiatives in our local communities. It's one way we can be there when it matters the most."

"It is an honour to be able to utilise this unused space to ensure families have safe and warm homes. I would like to thank all colleagues as well as the business community in Peterborough who have been involved in the renovations and hope the families moving in find some sanctuary in this space. We wish them all the very best for their next chapter in Peterborough."

Richard Fearon, CEO of Leeds Building Society



"Millions of people have been forced to leave their homes because of the war in Ukraine, and we are proud to be working with Leeds Building Society to offer families a safe, warm home and support network."

"One lady is here with her two young daughters. Both her parents are in Poland and her husband remains in Ukraine to fight. They don't have any family in the UK. Sadly, this is a common story. To be able to show her the two beautifully furnished rooms she will be sharing with her daughters was a privilege."

"We hope this new accommodation will reignite hope for the residents, the chance to find work and to settle into the local community."

Jen Gauden-Hand, Director of Housing, Oasis Community Housing

Oasis Community Housing is delighted to have been further supported by the Leeds Building Society Foundation with a grant of £50,000 towards our Financial Foundations Project in the North East.

We are excited to see what the future holds as this valued partnership between Oasis Community Housing and Leeds Building Society develops. The impact on our mission and work, giving hope and security to those who need it most, is already phenomenal and demonstrates a truly excellent example of commerce and charity working together.



COMMUNITY

Together with our brilliant colleagues, we're supporting those who need it most. In 2022 we:

- Donated £100,000 to the aid crisis in Ukraine
- Reached our goal of raising £500,000 for Dementia UK
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The Meldrum Foundation was formed by Meldrum Group as a way of helping those most disadvantaged in life by aiming to transform their quality of life by exposing them to new experiences or by improving the environment in which they live.

The Meldrum Group has a turnover in excess of £60m and employs more than 200 people in the North East.

Meldrum have been instrumental in helping us to grow our annual Giving a Home Christmas Appeal which last year raised over £106,000.

We were delighted to be one of three charities who benefited from the Meldrum Foundations Demolition Ball in 2022 which raised over £15,000.

In addition, Meldrum staff have taken part in volunteering, gathered much needed food and clothing for our projects and taken on some physical challenges such as the Great North Run and the Hardmoors 55-Mile Ultra Marathon.



"The Meldrum Foundation was set up to help build communities and transform lives, it is what is important to us, and Oasis Community Housing shares that same vision of making a difference."

We are delighted to be involved with such a fantastic charity such as Oasis Community Housing and the work they do, giving people the help and support to turn their lives around is phenomenal. I think for me it is their commitment to not only providing a solution to homelessness by offering accommodation – it is their commitment to tackling the root cause of homelessness in the first place. No-one should ever have to face a future without a home and thanks to Oasis, that doesn't have to be the case."

Dave Meldrum, CEO, Meldrum Group

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Newcastle-based business Modo Bloc develops imaginative spaces for better places to live and work in the North East and beyond.

This exciting partnership is the first of its kind for Oasis Community Housing - with a commitment to donate £2,000 towards housing and supporting a homeless person for every new house or two flats Modo Bloc sells.

We have already received a £4,000 donation thanks to two properties sold 'off plan' at Modo Bloc's luxury, four-storey townhouse development, The Ropes, in Ouseburn.

Director, George Jenkins who will be taking part in this year's Great North Run to raise further funds, is passionate about supporting communities and was keen to partner with Oasis Community Housing.

"As part of our wider plans to be a catalyst for regeneration, we felt it was important to engage with the people struggling in the communities in which we invest. Focusing on the people as well as living places allows us to build better communities and attractive destinations. Homelessness is a national blight. People end up on our streets for a mix of reasons, and often



only need kindness and some practical support to improve their situation. Oasis Community Housing has been doing this for years and was the perfect choice for us to work with."

George Jenkins, Managing Director, Modo Bloc

"This partnership is hugely important and potentially transformative in terms of corporate partnerships going forward. This funding is important for our UK-wide team of 80 people but more importantly the hundreds of vulnerable men, women and families we are supporting every year."

Hazel Ditchburn, Corporate Relationships Manager, Oasis Community Housing

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The Alchemist Newcastle is a cocktail bar unlike any other, where you can find devilishly dark drinks and a dazzlingly different dining experience. Staff have a dedicated eye for detail serving every drink and dish with a touch of theatre.

We are honoured The Alchemist played host to the launch of our Giving a Home Christmas Appeal, designing gingerbread themed cocktails to represent the build of our virtual gingerbread house. To further support the appeal, £1 from every bill was donated to Oasis Community Housing totalling £1,383 raised over the festive season.

The team have really got behind our mission, entering a team into last year's Oasis Cup and taking part in the Great North Run. They are now dedicating their spare time teaching supported accommodation residents essential cookery skills.

"Alchemy means making amazing transformations; we usually do it with cocktails, but we also think there are other ways to make a difference. Oasis Community Housing is a charity we have been keen to support ever since we first met. They always keep in touch sharing the impact we make and showing how our support really is changing people's lives. We witnessed this first-hand on a visit to their projects, which only made us want to work harder to help those in need."

We are honoured to be able to support a local charity that has the community at the heart of everything it does. As a hospitality venue, we welcome people into our venue every day, and it is important to be able to give back to the local community. We are so pleased that we are able to help Oasis Community Housing make such a huge difference to prevent homelessness in our region. We look forward to supporting the charity into the future."

**Ben Spargo, Business Development Manager,
The Alchemist Newcastle**



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"Muckle places a strong ESG influence at the heart of decision-making and prioritises care and our community. As a North East business, we appreciate the fantastic work that Oasis Community Housing does within our region and hope to continue supporting them in their mission to provide hope to those facing homelessness. Our long-standing partnership with the team at Oasis is important to us; it's been a privilege to work with Oasis on a variety of initiatives over the years, and we're delighted once again to support the Shared Value Awards."

Hugh Welch, Senior Partner, Muckle LLP

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The Reverend Canon Kate Bottley

Vicar, mum of two, TV and radio broadcaster, Kate Bottley has been a Patron of Oasis Community Housing since 2017. Kate is passionate about bringing stories of faith and belief to the widest audience possible and is a firm supporter of women's issues and of 'women helping women' to overcome disadvantage and discrimination.

Originally from Sheffield, and graduate of Leeds Trinity University, Kate became a much loved household name through Channel 4's Gogglebox (2014). Kate currently presents Good Morning Sunday on BBC Radio 2 alongside Jason Mohammed, and is a regular presenter on Songs of Praise and The One Show. She has also made guest appearances on Celebrity MasterChef, 8 Out of 10 Cats and, most recently, The Great British Sewing Bee's Celebrity Christmas Special as well as contributing to several other TV and radio programmes.

Kate is an avid wild swimmer and regularly shares her cold water adventures with her 100,000 Instagram followers.

"I became a patron of Oasis Community Housing because of my passion to see women being given the right help and support to reach their full potential, whatever life has thrown at them, be that finding themselves homeless, in troubled family relationships, having been in and out of care, experiencing abuse, drug or alcohol addiction or mental health issues. I have been inspired by seeing and hearing real stories of transformation made possible by the really special work that Oasis Community Housing does to show real love and worth to so many who have never experienced this before."

The Reverend Canon Kate Bottley

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John came to the UK when he was just 11. He joined a local school but struggled to find his place and a community. After he finished school he began working in restaurants, but his mental health took a turn for the worse and John relied on alcohol for solace. Things began to unravel and without a safety net John quickly found himself homeless. Struggling in temporary accommodation and drinking heavily, he began to have frequent suicidal feelings and anxiety which prevented him from applying to the EU settlement scheme.

John's overwhelming struggle with addiction and poor mental health became too much and one night he packed a bag, left his accommodation and began sleeping rough. Days and nights under the elements with strangers passing him by was difficult. And then one night, whilst John was sleeping on a bench the unthinkable happened and John was stabbed in his sleep. Found by a passer-by who thankfully called for an ambulance, John was rushed into hospital to have his wounds treated.

After John had received emergency care the police brought him to the Basis drop-in, where they knew he would be looked after. It's a hub of safety for rough sleepers built through the care and financial support of our business community. John didn't have anywhere else to go. If any of our readers have spent time in hospital they'll know how good it feels to get home, have a shower and put on fresh clothes. That's exactly

what John did at the drop-in. John came out of the bathroom "looking 10 years younger!" according to Sally, Basis Team Leader.

John continued to visit the drop-in and in time he was helped to make contact with the embassy about his status in the UK and used money, generously given by Muckle LLP, to get a passport; making his application to the EU settlement scheme easier.

John now volunteers in a kitchen and is supported in our 58:7 Project. He is such a hard-worker and hopes to find employment soon. Thanks to people like you, our wonderful supporters, John found hope again.

(Name changed for anonymity)

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