



Impact Report 2022



Total Charitable Spend in 2022

£1,461,814

Total Charitable Spend 2013 – 2022

£7,307,721



What we do

Lord Crewe's Charity is a Christian Charity supporting Clergy, Education and the Local Community. Our guiding values are Christian Stewardship and Responsible Benevolence. With careful stewardship of Lord Crewe's original endowment, the Charity uses its income to support clergy in the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle, to support education, particularly at Lincoln College, Oxford and to support the local community in the parishes where the Charity owns land and more widely through the two dioceses.

Our History

Lord Crewe's Charity was established under the terms of the will of Nathaniel Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham, in 1721, when he endowed the charity with his Northumbrian estates.

Lord Crewe was an undergraduate, and later Rector, of Lincoln College, Oxford and also Bishop of Oxford before becoming Bishop of Durham.

Lord Crewe purchased the Blanchland and Bamburgh estates from his wife's family, the Forsters, and left them to his charity upon his death. Whilst Bamburgh Castle sat at the centre of much of the Charity's good works in the 18th century, this part of the estates was sold to Lord Armstrong at the end of the 19th century, as the Trustees felt unable to carry out the required restoration works to the Castle. Most of the remaining estates are still owned by the Charity today.





Our Libraries

From the 18th century the Charity has offered a lending library service. Our libraries now include the original rare books and music collection from that time as well as two modern theological lending libraries.

The Bamburgh Rare Books Library is an historic collection which has its origins in the holdings of the Sharp family. These were partly sold to and partly gifted to the Trustees by Archdeacon John Sharp, who was a trustee himself, in the late 18th century. It operated as a public lending library in Bamburgh Castle, even after the sale of the castle to Lord Armstrong and was moved to Durham in 1958. The Library includes notable collections of early science, history and anti-slavery literature, with volumes from the 17th century onwards and a number of medieval manuscripts and is deposited with the Special Collections of Durham University Library.

The Bamburgh Music Library at Durham Cathedral holds around 40 music manuscripts, including secular and sacred, vocal and instrumental items. These are largely 17th and 18th century and were copied either by or for members of the Sharp family. They also include some music from the collection of the Hon. Edward Finch (1664-1738).

The Sharp Libraries comprise two lending libraries of modern theology, one at the North-East Religious Resources Centre at Church House, North Shields and the other at Durham Cathedral.

These lending libraries are available to clergy, ordinands, theology students and other Diocesan readers. Both collections have online catalogues.

How we make a difference

In 2022, in addition to the regular grants supporting clergy, we also awarded Fuel Support Grants to clergy living in diocesan housing and funded diocesan projects addressing poverty through youth work, mental health and supporting asylum seekers in deprived areas.

Lord Crewe's Charity supports the diocesan clergy counselling service, which is a leading example of such a service and enables clergy and clergy families to access high-quality professional support when it is most needed. The increase in referrals seen in 2021 has continued into 2022 with a total of 90 referrals for the year.

The Counselling and Wellbeing service, funded by Lord Crewe's Charity has continued to support clergy in need. New enquiries come each month with an average of 20 clients in progress.

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Lord Crewe's Charity enables us to provide focussed support to individual clergy and parishes to find practical and spiritual resources to respond to the needs and challenges of poverty within their contexts. Without the generosity of Lord Crewe's Charity much of this would not be possible.

Grant funding also supports clergy with spiritual direction. This continues to be widely recognised as invaluable for ensuring an individual's personal, spiritual, and mental wellbeing.



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The Bridge Project has been established by the diocese to deliver outcomes under the Challenging Poverty strand, supporting clergy to raise awareness of the issues of poverty, develop sustainable responses to immediate need, and build capacity to contribute effectively to the reform of unjust structures in society. During the first eight months of 2022 the Bridge Project has had significant engagement with **29 projects** and **42 clergy**, including **12 new contacts**. **68%** of the parishes fall within the most **20%** of deprived parishes as measured by the IMD; in every setting activity is targeted towards pockets of deprivation, often hidden, in local communities.

“ Thank you so much to the Lord Crewe’s Charity for offering this grant, I was starting to become rather anxious about the cost of household bills and this will make all the difference.

“ I wish to convey my profound thanks for the generosity of the Charity in helping those of us struggling financially through this difficult time. My wife and I are hugely grateful. With sincere gratitude.

“ I am most grateful for the trustees’ care and consideration in offering this most generous grant, it will indeed be much appreciated.



How we make a difference

We provide funding for bursaries and the Junior Research Fellow in Music and in 2022 we provided project grants for refurbishment of some of the historic buildings at Lincoln College, Oxford.



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Having completed my secondary and sixth form education in a comprehensive state school in one of the lowest funded education authorities in the country, I am incredibly proud to now be a student at such a prestigious University, pursuing a field that I find so stimulating and rewarding. However, without your generosity, this might not have been possible. It is my hope that one day I will be in a position where I can pay this generosity forward, and similarly change the life of a future student.

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I am the first in my family to attend university. Studying for a doctorate seemed unattainable and unimaginable. Many thanks for the opportunities this award will provide.

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This scholarship was the deciding factor on whether or not to accept the offer to study at Oxford. I am a North East state-educated applicant; accepting my offer came with numerous financial anxieties. The scholarship has not only allowed me more time to focus on my DPhil but also resulted in amazing opportunities for personal development.



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As a recipient of the Crewe Graduate Scholarship for 2022-23, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you, the trustees, for this award. As a woman in science, I take pride in undertaking my DPhil studies at one of the top universities in the world and again I thank the Lord Crewe's Charity for helping me along this journey.



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Thank you doesn't even begin to capture the gratitude I have for the award you have offered to me. Your support is going to impact my post-graduate studies immeasurably. Your help is invaluable to me. Receiving an offer of admission from the Philosophy Faculty, which is consistently ranked as the best in the world for ancient philosophy, was a dream come true for me. However, coming from a single parent family and non-privileged background, I stood low chances to support myself in Oxford. Nonetheless, I can now start preparing for this amazing intellectual adventure.



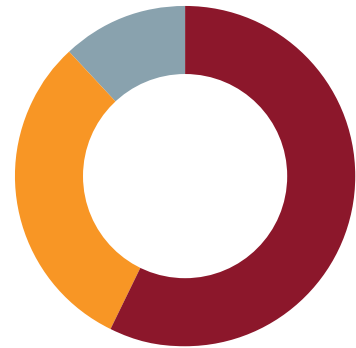
Our Grants

	2022	%	The Last 10 Years	%
Support for Clergy	708,818	48.49%	4,197,773	57.44%
Support for Education	373,353	25.54%	2,253,973	30.84%
Support for the Community	379,643	25.97%	855,975	11.71%
	£1,461,814		£7,307,721	

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2013 – 2022



Support for: ● Clergy | ● Education | ● Community



Tercentenary Grants

Through our tercentennial year, 2021/22 we have been delighted to give out special awards to the institutions we work closely with, which has enabled a wide variety of important projects to be launched that may have struggled to be funded otherwise.

Whilst these grants covered all areas of support, drawdown in 2022 included a significant proportion in support of local communities, leading to the influence on the proportions shown in the table and graphs on the previous page.

At Lincoln College, we provided funding for capital projects to the historic buildings, including improving accessibility, improvements to infrastructure and restoration of historic spaces.

Across the two Dioceses, we have provided funding to support children and young people, debt management, mental health & well being and the welcome for asylum seekers and refugees.

We also recognised the particular challenges of increasing fuel bills for clergy in diocesan housing and provided fuel support grants to assist with the additional costs.

In areas where the Charity owns land, we provided 12 grants to local community organisations for improvements to community facilities.

Thank you to all our beneficiaries for the photographic imagery supplied for use.



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