



Felixstowe Christian Action Against Poverty and Debt (Felixstowe CAP Debt Centre)

A résumé of 2022

We want to give honour and praise to God for His keeping and blessing throughout 2022. As is so often the case it's been a year of ups and downs, but God has been with us through it all.

Unfortunately, Linda decided on further working through the debt coach role, to step back from taking it on. We re-advertised the role and held an open evening which was very successful. Following on from that the great news is that Jill has completed and passed the debt coach training, Andy has completed the money course training and is now a money course coach and Janice is helping with Life Skills.

Nine people completed the Life Skills course and attended an end of course celebration when Rod, a CAP evangelist, gave his testimony and invited people to put their trust in God. Three responded on the day and are being supported by local churches.

Our money course coaches are busy holding one to one mentoring sessions at the St Philips Hub, The Compass and some of the pop-up shops around the town. We also ran a CAP Money course for a council parenting group.

Rick continues to work closely with The Compass, refining how we identify clients who will benefit the most from debt counselling. Darren, the CAP Area Manager, has been most encouraging. He said that because of the way we engage and work with clients, we have a higher percentage of clients who see the process through and become debt free. If you know someone who is worried about debt and needs help please encourage them to call 0800 328 0006

We thank God for his amazing provision. At a recent management forum we agreed we needed a printer for Rick and Jill, so that they can print the client documents needed by CAP Head Office. Rick 'happened' to meet Councillor Mike Deacon on the way home from the meeting, Rick explained what we wanted and within 2 weeks we had the money we needed in our bank account. A big thank you to Mike Deacon and East Suffolk Council – the grant made it possible.

Other highlights this year – Community Light Orchestra concert, Celebration and Thanksgiving service at St Marys, being part of the Ease the Squeeze roadshows and our prayer support group.

How you can help

- We would love more people to volunteer with us and/or be part of the management forum which meets every 6 weeks or so
- We are very grateful for the financial support of five churches and a number of individuals – however this regular giving does not fully meet our costs. We would really appreciate it if you or your church could help us close that funding gap

Please contact me if you would like to know more about what we do, support us financially or volunteer. Email: steve.lineham@btinternet.com

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. Jeremiah 29 v 11.

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