



2022 - 2023

IMPACT REPORT





By Jared & Helen Hodgson, Co-founders

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

This year has seen hosting become mainstream with the rollout of the Homes for Ukraine scheme. It has been heartwarming to see the general public understand how opening their homes can make such a difference.

However, the Homes for Ukraine scheme combined with the cost of living crisis has impacted current hosting schemes and we have found it more difficult to recruit new hosts as so many are already hosting Ukrainians. The huge increase in energy bills and food prices has also meant that adding extra people into a home is just unaffordable for some.

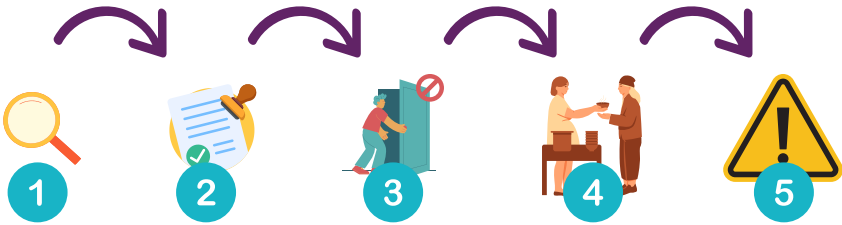
Our guests have faced long delays in asylum applications, increasing isolation and mental health concerns, housing shortages and more difficulties in accessing good quality legal support. This, on top of the trauma they are attempting to recover is extremely difficult.

However, we continue to celebrate and have been pleased to be able to provide the most amount of nights of safety in our 5 year history.

As we look ahead towards the Illegal Migration bill and all that it encompasses, we know our services will be more needed than ever so we continue to work hard to ensure survivors of modern slavery will have a safe place to live.

Thank you to all those who support the journey. We hope you enjoy reading all that has been achieved this year.

Jared & Helen Hodgson, Co-Founders



OUR TEAM



Jared Hodgson - CEO



Helen Hodgson - Operations Director



Sarah Sidwell - Hosting Co-ordinator (Midlands)



Gwen Elliott - Hosting Co-ordinator (South)



Ceridwen Copping - Hosting Co-ordinator (North)



Susie Walker - Administrator



Ro Delnon - Digital Communications Officer

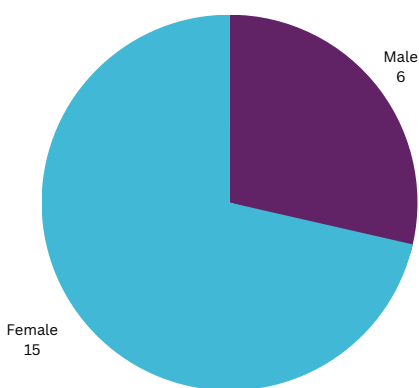
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OUR TRUSTEES

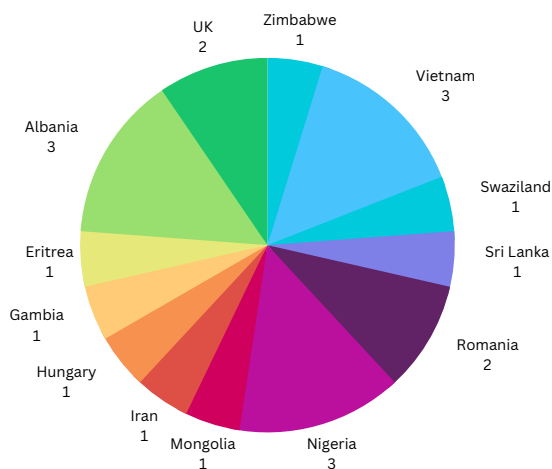
Our guests

From April 2022 to March 2023 we hosted 21 guests for a total of 2,747 nights. Two of these guests were placed with 2 different sets of hosts, so in all we had 23 guest placements. All these guests had been through or were still in the National Referral Mechanism (NRM - the government body which decides if there is enough evidence to conclusively prove that someone has been a victim of slavery).

Guest gender



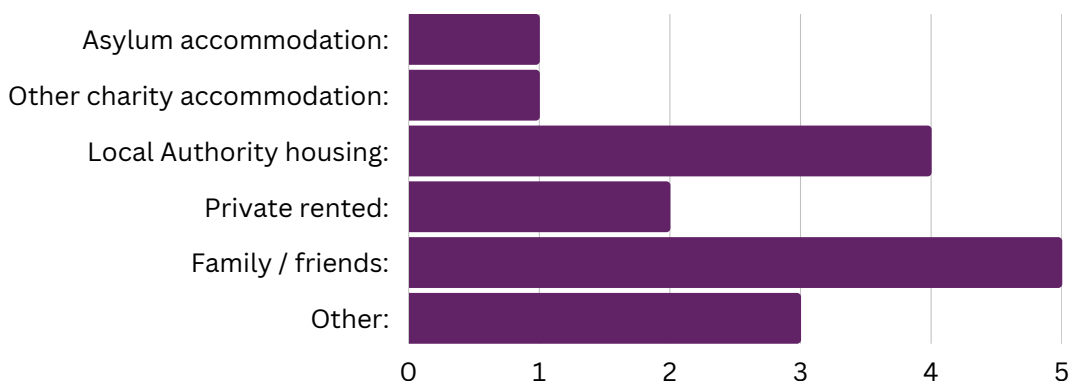
Where were our guests from?



Prior to being hosted with us, all guests were either homeless or vulnerable to homelessness.

Where did our guests move on to?

11 guests experienced a positive move-on. **5** guests have chosen to move on into unstable accommodation. The remaining **5** guests continued their placements into the next financial year. This year our guests have been studying, making new friends, learning English, cooking, dog walking, volunteering, starting new jobs, visiting new places and lots more!



"I still struggle with things but I manage to pull myself out of a bad place than I used to. New experiences, new people, feel less alone. Before I moved in, it was just me and I didn't have a family. Now I have people I can go to."

OUR HOSTS

This year we have trained 12 new hosts to offer their spare room and welcome to a survivor of modern slavery.

Our training covers safeguarding, boundaries, resilience, diversity, cultural differences, overviews of the asylum process and National Referral Mechanism, trauma, vicarious trauma and self-care. We have also developed optional extra training modules for hosts which dive into more detail on these topics.

Hosts are supported by one-to-one support from our staff team as well as regular host support group sessions. 100% of our hosts feel well-resourced and supported. Hosts have enjoyed delicious cooking, learnt new languages and cultural traditions, played lots of games, been on dog walks, watched TV, been a listening ear and so much more!

“The training was really great. There was loads of info, a lot of which I wouldn't have thought to ask so that was great! I also really appreciated the opportunities to reflect on my own thoughts and what I'd learned during the sessions. It was definitely an intense training course, but I know it would need to be to be able to cover everything and this helped me feel prepared for the undertaking of hosting! Overall, the training was AMAZING. Ceridwen was such a fantastic teacher and was really good at reassuring us and answering our questions. I really valued it!”



CHLOE'S STORY

THE IMPACT OF A SAFE HOME

Chloe* was referred to Hope at Home as she wanted to move on from the safehouse and be in a location closer to her friends.

Her dream was to study Law at university. She moved in with hosts and quickly enrolled in the local college to study and apply for university. Whilst with her hosts, Chloe passed her GCSE's and was offered a place and a full scholarship to study Law & Criminology at a university close to her host's.

She moved into university accommodation and began the next step towards her dream in September 2022.



CHLOE* SAID:
"I really want to become a barrister. I know this is hard to achieve but I've already overcome so many obstacles in my life so I know I can do this too."

*Name changed to protect survivor's identity

THE FUTURE

In 2022 we held consultations with our funders, partners, trustees, staff team, hosts and guests to feed into the development of our next 3 year strategic plan launched in April 2023.

As well as continuing to offer high quality hosting placements for survivors of modern slavery, we are also looking to develop move on housing, consistent quality of support for guests and amplifying the voice of survivors both within our organisation and externally.

We will also explore how we can use our data to drive influence in the wider sector.

OUR PARTNERS

We recognise that collaborating with other organisations is the best way to work and we are enormously grateful to the collective wisdom and expertise of those we work alongside.

- Adavu
- Sophie Hayes Foundation
- Causeway (City Hearts)
- Medaille Trust
- Unseen
- Ashiana
- Palm Cove Society
- Migrant Help
- Snowdrop Project
- West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network
- Pan Lancashire Anti-Slavery Partnership
- NACCOM
- The Passage
- The Salvation Army
- Justice & Care
- Bright Futures
- SOHTIS
- Human Trafficking Foundation.



THANK YOU

We would not have been able to provide excellent homes with well-resourced hosts without the support of our Board of Trustees, regular and one-off financial givers, funders, hosts and partners. Thank you to all who have continued this journey with us!

Our Funders

- Crisis
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 - Pat Newman Trust
- The McGhee Trust
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- Southall Trust
 - Commonweal Housing
- Souter Foundation
 - Grace Trust
- W.O. Street Charitable Foundation



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FUNDING BREAKDOWN

Income	Amount	Percentage
Grants & Trusts	£165,300	77%
Donations & Fundraising	£47,376	22%
Training & Other	£3,200	1%
Totals	£215,876	100%

FUNDING BREAKDOWN

Expenditure	Amount	Percentage
Delivering services	£145,781	76%
Support costs	£25,338	14%
Fundraising costs	£16,680	9%
Governance	£3,756	1%
Totals	£191,555	100%