



Christian action on homelessness

Charity No 1093689

## **Treasurer's Report for Routes to Roots AGM 2014**

The unexamined Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for Routes to Roots for the year ended 31 March 2014, show an excess of £22,794.

This is thanks to some very generous donations, some amazing fundraising activities by our supporters and excellent work in applying for grants by the GUD sub-committee. Our support from individuals, organisations and churches is continuing to grow as people in Poole support our work with the homeless and vulnerably housed with their time, and donations of goods and services. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in the last year.

We hope that Mike Bilson will agree to examine these for us again. The accounts will be lodged with the Charities Commission as part of our Annual Return by January 2015.

This has been and continues to be an exciting time of change with the move to CIO status, the decision to refocus our work away from early morning outreach and towards activities that will promote the reintegration of rough sleepers, vulnerably housed people and the newly homed into society.

Please continue to show your support for our work by joining the new Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO. Please help us make the transfer go smoothly by using our new bank details and completing new Standing Orders and Gift Aid forms. Thank you if you have left us a gift in your will, but please remember to amend it to our new name. You can do this simply and quickly with a codicil.

Our operating costs continued to increase because of increased demand, particularly during the winter when the hot breakfasts provided by the Fisherman Café are a real boon.

Over half our funds are spent on staff and management services, but we couldn't support our clients effectively without them. We would also be unable to operate without our army of volunteers who donate their time and all the businesses and individuals who generously donate food, clothing, scarves, sleeping bags etc. Thank you to everyone.

We estimate it will cost about £84,000 to do everything we want to do this year and we continue to step out in faith that God will provide. We still would like to find a permanent home and have set aside £30,777 towards that.

I would like to put on record my appreciation for all of the hard work undertaken by Caroline Foy in maintaining the books for Routes to Roots this year

*Sarah Percy*  
*May 2014*