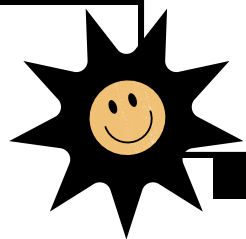




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Newsletter

9th Edition



Welcome



As we reflect on 2025, it feels as though the year has passed in the blink of an eye. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our sponsors, partners, staff, and volunteers who made the year such a great success. Rev. Joycelyn seized every opportunity to serve the community, supporting individuals beyond the Chatsworth Foodbank. As the cost of living continues to rise and community demand increases, we have done our best to work collaboratively with local organisations and Hackney Council to draw in resources and provide a wide range of support for Hackney residents who depend on our services. During 2025, we had the opportunity to serve over 3,800 household through the Chatsworth Foodbank and its support services.

It has been a great support to our clients hosting "Here to Help," formerly known as the Money Hub every 2nd week of each month to support residents with council tax, benefits etc. Engage Crew team visited us periodically, has proven to be extremely beneficial to the community. Overall, SFM had the opportunity to serve over 6,200 individuals across all our services including free BP check. It is a great joy to serve our city and hackney residents to reduce isolation and promote mental wellbeing. We have space welcoming individuals to play games, cooking class, enjoy refreshments, and socialise. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff and volunteers for their continued commitment. We also welcome our new project manager Sylvaine Yoba into the team. As we look ahead, we aim to expand our services and develop more sustainable initiatives to better support our community.

NPAYOF Monthly Online Sessions



Our online sessions are designed to provide parents and career-minded individuals living in Hackney and beyond with the opportunity to participate from the comfort of their homes. These sessions include interactive Q&A segments, as well as opportunities for referrals and signposting to professional support services.

The sessions aim to address key community issues affecting young people and to empower parents by covering topics such as parenting, anti-social behaviour, gang involvement, criminal exploitation, school transitions, county lines, cost of living challenges, and mental health awareness and training.

For information on upcoming sessions, please visit our website: www.npayof.co.uk.



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NPAYOF Community Event *Play Safe, Be safe – 2025*

The NPAYOF Play Safe, Be Safe (PSBS) Community Event aims to strengthen our engagement with the community to reduce criminal exploitation and street violence among young people during the summer period. The event was in collaboration with the Hackney Community Gangs Team and in partnership with other local organisations.

The 2025 PSBS event attracted over 138 participants, reflecting strong community interest and engagement. We extend our sincere thanks to Tony Carr and Cllr Ian Rathbone for their invaluable support in making this event a success and for their continued commitment to ensuring Hackney remains a safe place to live, work, and raise children.

Motto: "Government cannot do it alone."



Chatsworth Foodbank and Support Service.

Chatsworth Foodbank provides free food parcels to support families within the Hackney community. Our food supplies are generously provided by The Felix Project, Sainsbury's, and Street Box. In addition, we distributed Tesco food vouchers to 280 households, supported through Hackney Council and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

Beyond food provision, we offer a welcoming space where individuals can sit, enjoy a drink, socialise, and take part in fun activities with our friendly staff and volunteers, helping to reduce isolation within the community. We also provide a range of support services, including assistance with benefits, online forms, emails and phone calls, housing issues, support for people experiencing homelessness, as well as referral and signposting to relevant services.

Community Healthcare Support.



Cllr Ian Rathbone engaging with the Community Health Champion (CHC) team during the Play Safe, Be Safe (PSBS) Community Event.

Chatsworth Foodbank offers free blood pressure checks to support the community and raise awareness of hypertension. We work in partnership with Public Health as a Community Health Champion (CHC), receiving training and information to help us deliver effective and informed services.

Through support from Public Health and CHC grant funding, we can provide free drop-in blood pressure checks, adult board games, healthy eating cooking classes, and Zumba sessions. All activities are free and open to City and Hackney residents, helping to promote healthier lifestyles and overall wellbeing. Good News- Chatsworth Youth Club open Mon, Tue, Wed 4.30pm – 8pm.



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CHATSWORTH FOODBANK AND SUPPORT SERVICE

Youth club Mon, Wed, Fri 4.30-8pm	Free Food Parcel, tea, coffee and support service Available Tue/Wed 11am-3am	UC, PIP etc application form support, sign posting and referral service, available Tue/Wed 12am-2pm	Council Tax escalation route support available
Help is Here Tuesday of each month. Support with benefit, rent arrest, council tax, home goods, disability benefit etc	Energy crew free advice and support Tuesday 11am-1pm once a month.	Zumba class Every Wed. 1-2pm Free for 18+	Stop smoking advice and support Tuesday 11am-1pm Once a month
Adult board games, Art and crafts.	Positive East provide free sexual and reproductive health	Contact: 07583 165 389 Email: info@shepherdfoldministries.co.uk	



Support Services available 11am-3pm

We have good collaboration team work to draw in resources that support city and hackney residents. Our cooking classes aim to bring families together while promoting healthy eating on a low budget. These sessions encourage family unity, build practical skills, and provide an enjoyable and engaging experience for participants.

In addition, we offer benefits support, UC, PIP etc application and provide food vouchers to eligible households to help ease financial pressures. Big thank you to Hackney council, CHC, Public health and other local partners that has made our service to the community a great success.

Good News- Chatsworth Youth Club open

Mon, Wed, Fri. 4.30pm - 8pm

Chatsworth Youth Club is back up and running after fixing the security system. We welcome our children back to reduce antisocial behavior and street violence among the young people in Hackney. We have safe and friendly environment enables young people to interact with their peers, engage in different sport activities, and receive professional support. Big thank you goes to Clir Ian Rathbone, Tony Carr, and Hackney Community police for their support throughout 2025.

Visit: www.facebook.com/YoungLiveMatter



Recognised Award in 2025

We are proud to celebrate our achievements for 2025.

NPAYOF received award recognition from Love Hackney, highlighting its continued commitment and positive impact within the local community.

At the same time, Chatsworth Foodbank was honoured at the London Dangoor Awards 2025, receiving formal recognition for its outstanding service to faith and belief communities across Greater London.

These awards are a powerful testament to the dedication, compassion, and tireless work of volunteers and partners who continue to make a meaningful difference in people's lives.

Shepherdfold Community Christmas Party

What a wonderful way to end our 2025 Indoor Christmas Holiday party. Thanks to the Community police who joined us to support the event, engage with young people, parents and offer free phone-marking.

We thank Salvation Army for their continued to Christmas gifts for young people aged 7-16 for nearly three years and Wrap Up London for providing gift bags filled with stationery. We are grateful to all our partners who helped make this Christmas party a great success.



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Staff Recognition

As we come to the end of 2025, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, Jahniye and Jenny, in recognition of their many years of committed service. Your hard work, passion, and continued dedication are truly appreciated – thank you both for everything you do.



Council Tax Support Services.

We continue to work in close collaboration with Hackney Council to strengthen community support. Through this partnership, individuals experiencing difficulties with Council Tax can receive targeted assistance via the Council Tax escalation route.

This service enables timely intervention and practical support for residents. Appointments may be booked ahead or visit us from 6th January 2026.



SFM Annual Missionary Trip to Ghana and its engagements with churches, hospital and community 2025

SFM's Annual Missionary Outreach in Ghana is delivered in partnership with OIM, Omega Chapel, and the Apostolic Church of Ghana. Through these strong and trusted partnerships, we can reach and support over 2000 individuals, providing essential used items including clothing, shoes, bags, towels, and bedsheets etc.

As part of the outreach, we host a widows' meeting, creating a safe and supportive space while providing vital food parcel to 100 widows including refreshment. In addition, our team visits hospital maternity wards, distributing 100 parcels containing items such as nappies, rice, cooking oil, and toiletries to support new mothers and their babies.

We also assist by paying hospital discharge bills for new mothers who are unable to afford them, ensuring they can safely return home with their newborns. The outreach further includes free health checks, and general health advice, helping to improve early detection and wellbeing within the community. This annual mission reflects SFM's continued commitment to compassion, dignity, and practical support for vulnerable communities in Ghana.



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