



**stonepillow**  
Preventing homelessness  
Restoring lives

**2023**

**ANNUAL  
REVIEW**

# WHO ARE WE?



Since Stonepillow was established in 1989, every year we support over 1000 homeless and vulnerable people in West Sussex to rebuild their lives with independence, dignity, and confidence restored. Our 5 pillars help us to achieve this.

## PREVENT



**Stabilising Tenancies At Risk of Breakdown**

Accommodation for ex-offenders.

'Housing First' intensive support.

Pathways Home' tenancy support.

## RELIEVE



**Day services, Outreach**

Outreach work with rough sleepers.

Hub-based basic needs provision, guidance & support.

Counselling - Mental health crisis support.

## RECOVER



**Emergency Accommodation**

Recovery service for substance misuse.

Domestic abuse support.

Resource Hub - partnership work.

Dual diagnosis - substance misuse & serious mental health.

24/7 hostels.

## RESETTLE



**Transitional Services - Moving On**

Women's therapeutic accommodation.

Self-contained studio flats for those with higher needs.

Supported shared accommodation with lower level support

## RESTORE



**Independence/ Self Reliance**

Independent private tenancies

Chichester University bridging course

Volunteering and work skills opportunities.

Health & wellbeing activities

Volunteering and work skills with our social enterprise

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## Restore Shop opens

Our new shop in Chichester opens alongside a new Donations Hub on Terminus Road, Chichester.



JANUARY

MARCH



## March for the Marginalised

Our Integrated Mental Health Practitioner, Rachel Hole marches from Chichester to Brighton, raising awareness for marginalised members of our society.

## Ex-Offender Outreach

Stonepillow starts delivering accommodation for ex-offenders across West Sussex.



APRIL

MAY



## Oakwood Big Sleep Out

Oakwood Prep School host their own Sleep Out and raise a staggering £14,000 for our charity.

## Big Football Tournament

Stonepillow hosts its first annual Football Tournament with 24 teams taking part raising over £2000.



JULY

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## Health Inequalities

Stonepillow & Turning Tides launch joint project to reduce the barriers clients face in accessing healthcare.

## Viral Vince

Vince, a Stonepillow client shares his story which is viewed 120,000 times across our social media platforms, becoming Stonepillow's biggest ever post on Facebook.



AUGUST

SEPTEMBER



## Woolstock Festival

The Woolpack Inn, Fishbourne chooses Stonepillow as its charity for their annual Woolstock Music Festival, raising £5250!

## Kilo for a Kilo

Alfie Montague, our Marketing & Communications Officer runs 160km in October as a result of our Harvest food donations drive raising 160kg of food for our clients.



OCTOBER

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## Big Sleep Out

Our annual Big Sleep Out in the grounds of Chichester Cathedral takes place raising £15,134.

## Stonepillow AGM

Our annual AGM takes place with record number attendees. Olivia Pinkney is announced as new Chair of Trustees.



NOVEMBER

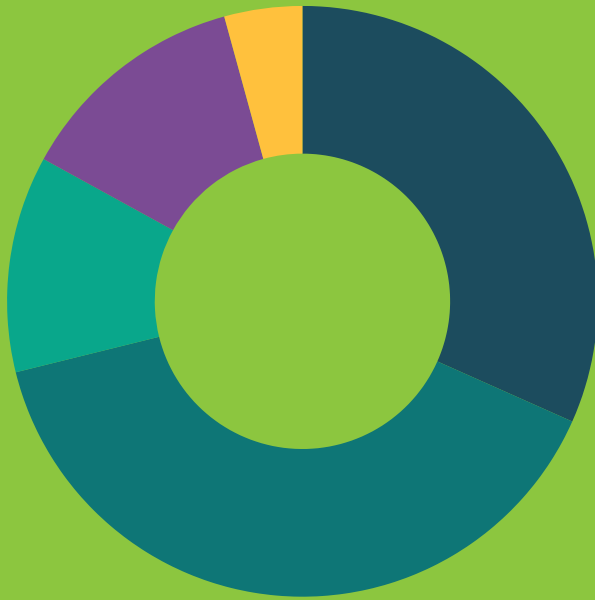
DECEMBER



## New Website

Our new website goes live; offering a better experience for those seeking to discover and donate.

# ANNUAL INCOME\*



■	Rent/Housing benefit	£1,367,112
■	Government Grants/Contracts	£1,703,772
■	Trusts & Donations	£512,009
■	Restore Shops	£549,744
■	Other Income	£118,181

**Total £4,316,778**

# EXPENDITURE\*



■	Emergency Support	£1,878,088
■	Recovery	£389,268
■	Supported Accommodation	£523,017
■	Young Care Leavers	£697,401
■	Restore Shops	£513,076
■	Depreciation + Dilapidation	£248,808
■	Training and Fundraising	£188,743

**Total £4,438,401**

# VIRAL VINCE!

Vince first started working with Stonepillow over 10 years ago. He was initially accessing our night shelter in Bognor Regis. Over the years Vincent was a regular client at our hostels and formerly the Lodge, now referred to as Hicks House, but was repeatedly evicted for disruptive behaviour due to his addiction to alcohol.

Vincent was accepted into rehab in London, but struggled being so far away from Chichester. He was supported to transfer to Stonepillow's recovery project, but eventually relapsed and returned to a cycle of rough sleeping and temporary accommodation.

Despite this, we were not prepared to give up on Vincent, and thankfully neither was he!

When we started Stonepillow's Housing First Scheme in 2020, we knew Vince was the perfect fit. Through intensive work, Vince secured his own flat in Chichester, and has managed to maintain this for over two years!



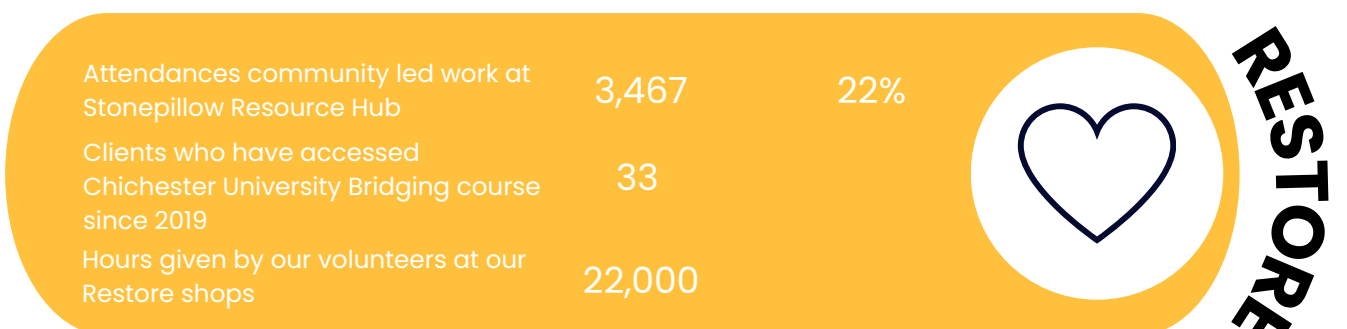
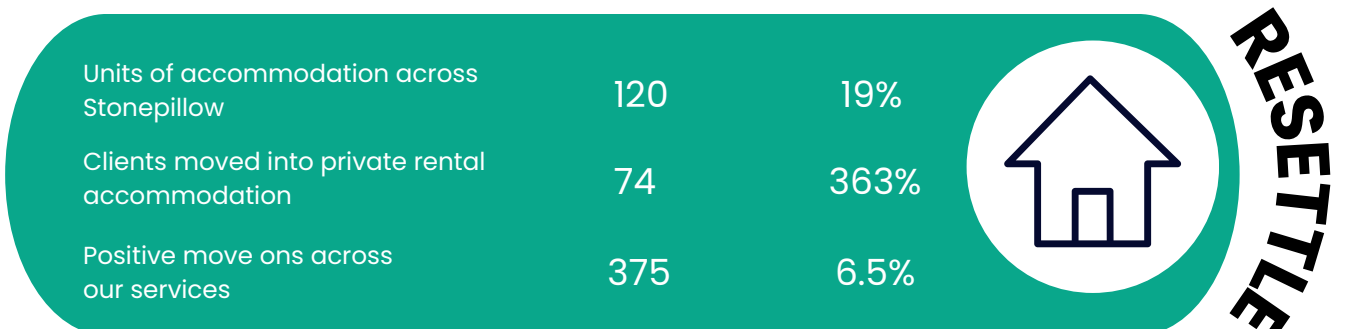
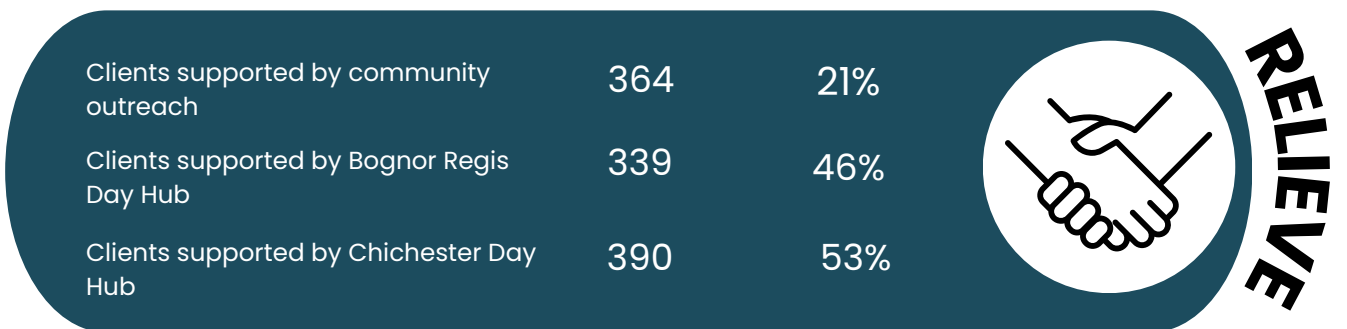
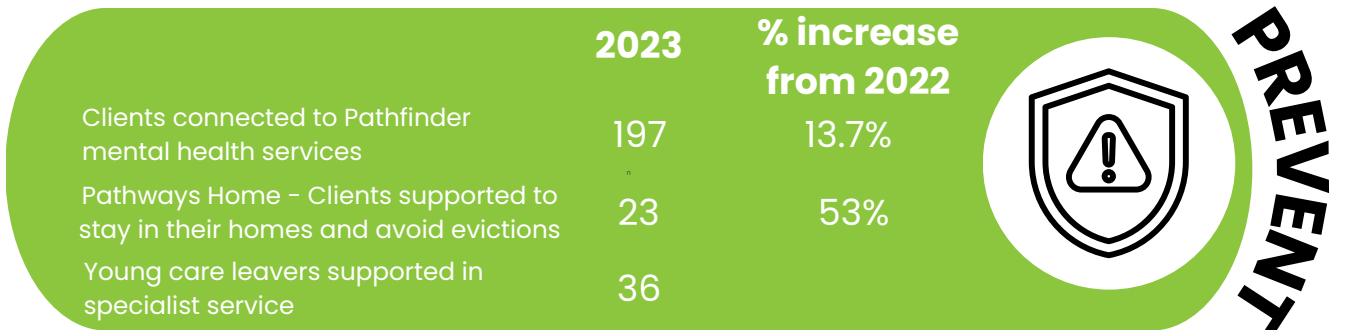
Vince is back doing the hobbies that he loves the most – in the summer of 2023 he was able to use his Housing First budget to purchase the equipment he needed to start sea-fishing again – an activity he used to enjoy with his family.

Vince graduated from our Housing First Scheme in February 2024. Vince and Housing First's partnership and commitment have empowered Vince to maintain a tenancy of his own.

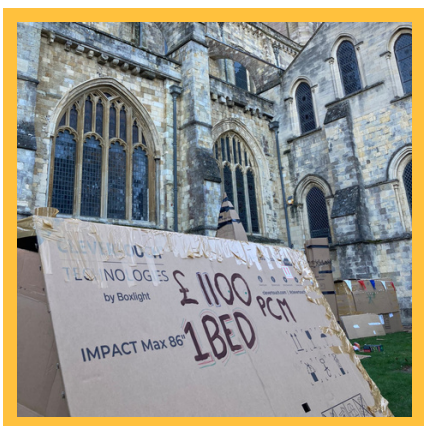
Vince gained the nickname 'Viral Vince' after his story was viewed over 200,000 times across our social media platforms, touching communities far and wide.

Everyone at Stonepillow is incredibly proud of what Vince has achieved.

# OUR IMPACT\*



# A YEAR IN PICTURES



# HOW TO HELP

## Volunteer

Interested in volunteering at Stonepillow? Drop by our Donations Hub and have a chat with our Volunteer & Food Donations Coordinator, Matt Simmons, or email Matt at [msimmons@stonepillow.org.uk](mailto:msimmons@stonepillow.org.uk) who will invite you to meet Stonepillow staff and other volunteers.

We'll give you a tour of the relevant project or facility. We'll explain the role more fully, and you'll have an opportunity to tell us more about your skills and your motivation. In the meantime scan the QR code at the bottom of the page to hear from one of our amazing volunteers 'Mrs M' on her 30 years of volunteering at Stonepillow.

## Your generosity makes a difference

Over the last 25 years, the communities of Chichester and Arun have been so compassionate. So generous. Your donations of funds, food, furniture and clothing, time, skills and ideas have enabled thousands of local people in crisis to get back on their feet.

***"It's preparing you to put you back into society. It's a real stepping stone."***

## The big difference

In a typical year we need to raise over £1 million – from trusts and grants, community support, fundraising events, and sales from our shop. A vital part of that income is donations from people like you. Core services such as our Hubs are wholly dependent on the unrestricted income that comes from fundraising, events and the efforts of our local community.

If you are able to make a donation to our work, you'll be making a huge difference to someone's life, and to their ability to reclaim their independence, dignity and confidence. If you'd like to learn more, please get in touch with our fundraising team [fundraising@stonepillow.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stonepillow.org.uk) for a chat or a tour.



**SCAN ME!**

