



**Breaking the cycle of homelessness for young people in Colchester**

# **KORBAN**

*“Even though you knew my trauma you accepted me, you didn't turn me down. You didn't think that I'd be too difficult to deal with.”*

***Jenny, 21\****



## Vision and mission

***“Korban breaks the cycle of homelessness for young people in Colchester, providing them with a home and the support they need to live independently and make the most of their potential.”***

- *Supported housing*
- *2 homes, 8 residents*
- *12-14 people each year*
- *4-6 moving on each year*
- *Over 80% move on positively*





Youth  
homelessness:  
Big Issue?

**Young people with experiences of homelessness are one of the most vulnerable groups in society**

*British Association of Social Workers*

**Young people are over-represented in homelessness services and**

**relationship breakdown between young people and their family or primary caregivers is the leading cause of youth homelessness.**

*Homeless Link*

**54% of all rough sleepers first experienced homelessness before the age of 25**

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# Aims

## We aim to:

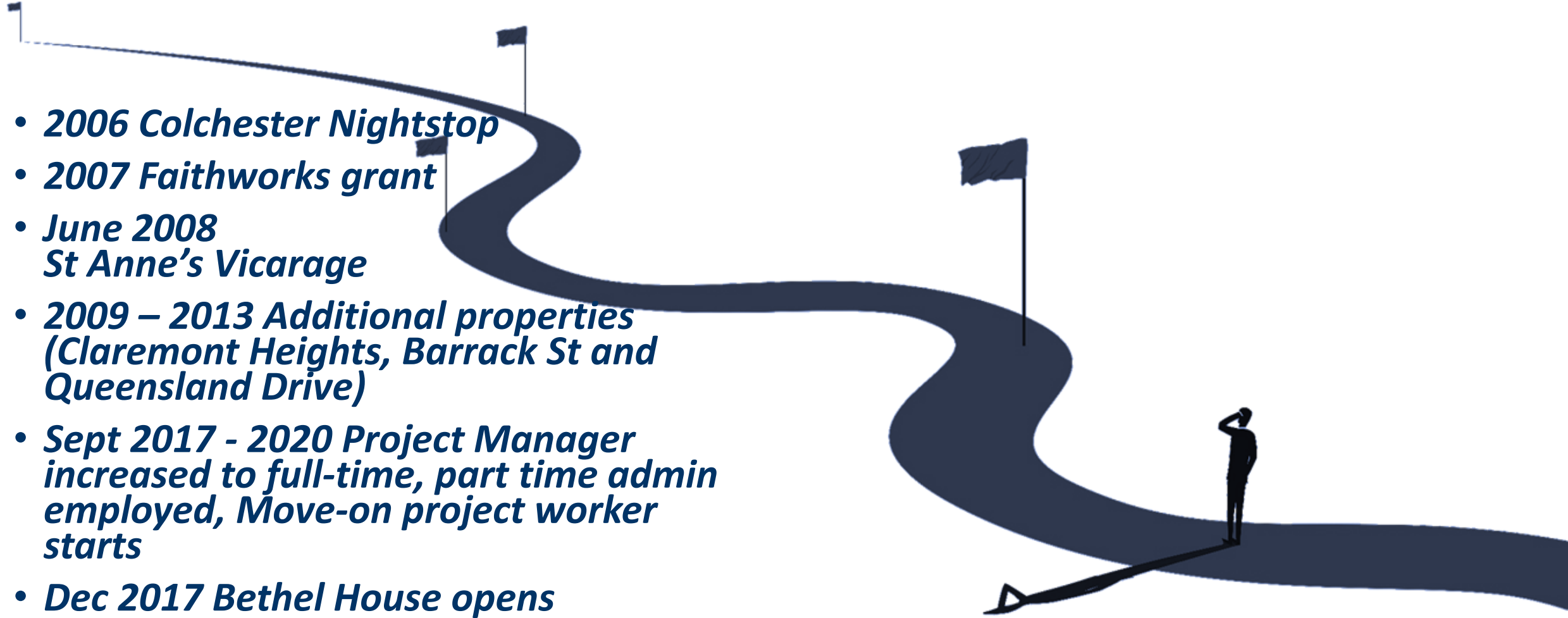
- Provide quality, safe, stable, supportive accommodation which **feels like a home**
- Give young people a **healing experience of family**; sharing meals and eating together being an important part of this
- **Work in partnership** with the local church, other professionals and service providers
- **Empower young people** to grow and mature, through investing and believing in them as individuals
- Provide and facilitate **holistic support** recognising people's physical, psychological and spiritual needs
- Give **professional and genuinely caring** support



***“It has taught me how to live properly, has given me good life skills and I had fun!”***

***Alex, aged 18\****

- **2006 Colchester Nightstop**
- **2007 Faithworks grant**
- **June 2008  
St Anne's Vicarage**
- **2009 – 2013 Additional properties  
(Claremont Heights, Barrack St and  
Queensland Drive)**
- **Sept 2017 - 2020 Project Manager  
increased to full-time, part time admin  
employed, Move-on project worker  
starts**
- **Dec 2017 Bethel House opens**
- **May 2020  
Church of His Presence funding**



- *End 2020 – early 2021  
Office cabin built,  
decorated and furnished*
- *Sept 2021 – July 2023  
Nightstop Essex,  
partnership with Depaul UK*
- *Summer 2022  
Korban given ownership of Bethel House*
- *August 2024  
Reaching Communities Lottery funding*
- *Jan 2025 Daily support structure begins*



## Sept 2024-25: Impact & outcomes

**15 young people lived at Korban this year.**

**7 of our residents have moved on, 6 of which were positive (86%).**

- ***67% of residents' mental health has improved and/or stabilised***
- ***67% of residents' key relationships have improved and/or stabilised***
- ***80% of residents money management improved and/or stabilised***
- ***73% were in paid work, regular volunteering or full time education and nearly half of those started or increased this while at Korban.***

Communal meal  
& Fitness Friday

**“It’s the best  
pizza I’ve  
ever eaten -  
better than  
Dominos”**

*Resident*



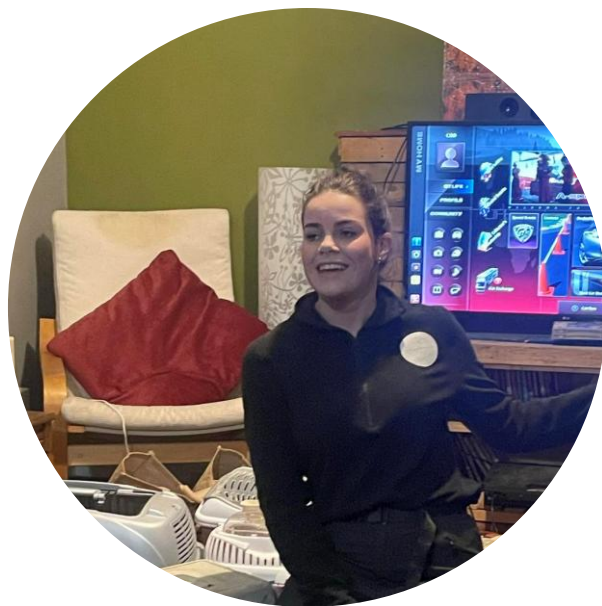
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Summer '24 & '25

Soapbox cart project -  
Revd Sam Lees



## Resident socials

Climbing and abseiling

Animal encounter

No name: bar and games

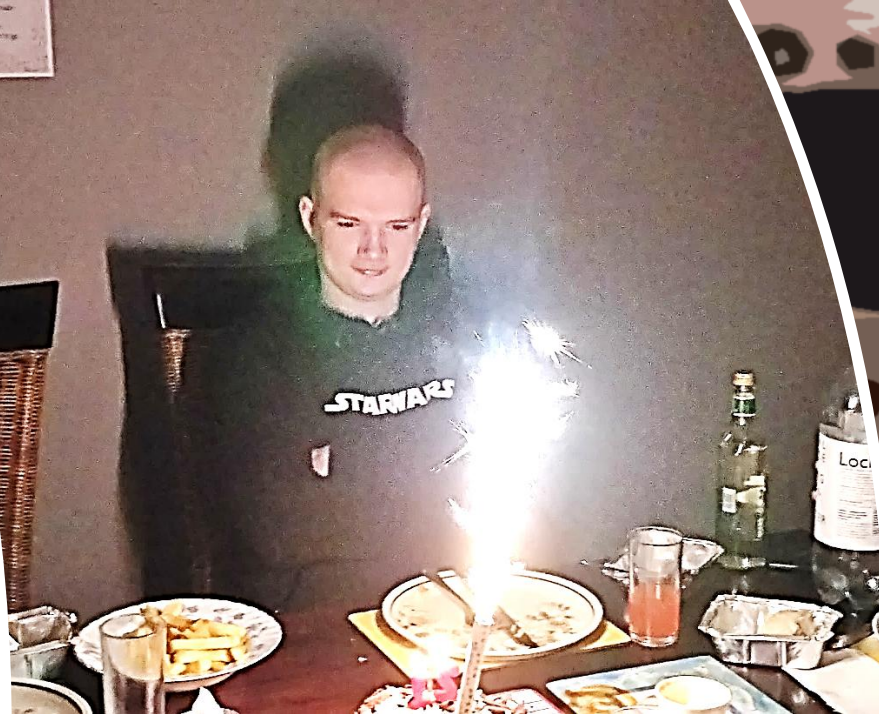
Bowling

# OR



# Celebrations

- Christmas
- Birthday
- New flat



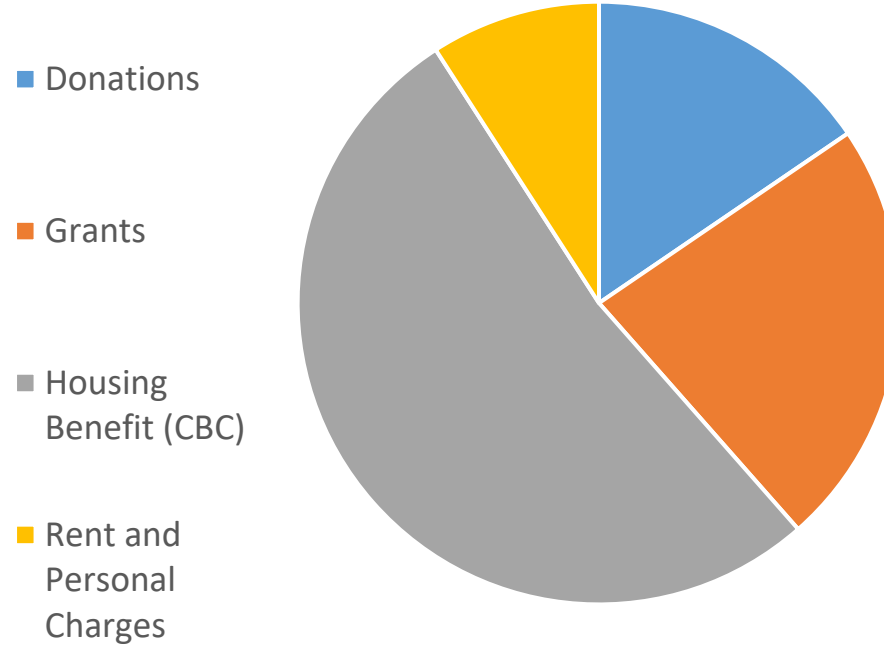


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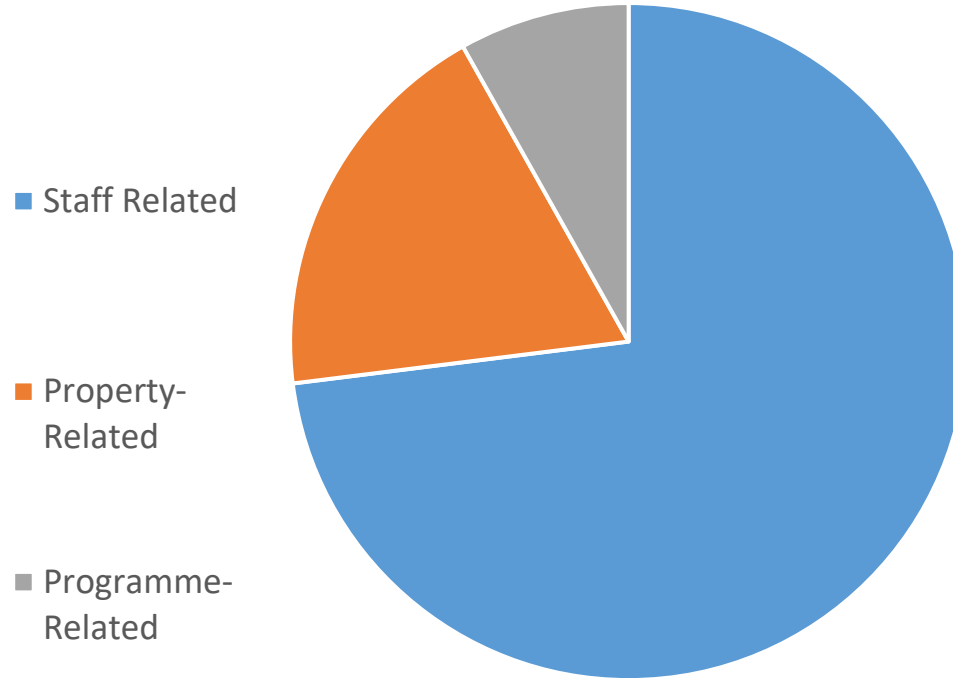
# Income 24/25 = £137k

- 61% from housing benefit (CBC) or rent-related payments
- 23% from grants
- 16% from donations



# Costs 24/25 = £138k

- 73% Staff-Related
- 19% Property-Related
- 8% Programme-Related





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**A Place to Call Home**



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DINE WITH ME



Want to get involved in what God is doing?



People, Pounds & Prayer!

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