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Dear Trustees,

I am writing to thank the Trustees of the Beer Harris Memorial Trust for the grant of £1,000 given so generously to Lighthouse for summer day trips in 2025, and to report on how we have spent the money.

Lighthouse is a Christian charity which has worked with those battered and bruised by the storms of life since 2015. Our members are impacted by multiple complex needs, including homelessness, substance abuse, criminal offending, mental health conditions, and poverty. As part of our day centre provision, we like to take our members on day trips to allow them to experience the things those of us with less chaotic lives take for granted.

Because of the support offered by the Beer Harris Memorial Trust, we were able to take our Lighthouse participants on a day trip to Filey beach, which gave them experiences they might not otherwise have been able to access. A total of 40 individuals benefited from this trip. Attendees enjoyed chips, ice cream, rounders, paddling, and chatting while sitting on the beach, with some experiencing the seaside for the first time. As a result of the time we've spent with our members this year, including the time we spent at Filey beach, bonding and building strong relationships, our members have reported significant improvement in a number of areas of mental health, from confidence to feelings of isolation, in our latest survey.

Our summer trips are a great way to spend time together as a Lighthouse family, strengthening healthy friendships and making happy & often healing memories. They are also times where many of our Lighthouse brothers and sisters encounter experiences for the first time - experiences like jumping the waves in the sea - which most of us have enjoyed during our childhoods and that we so often take for granted. These experiences contribute to the betterment of mental health for our members in a hugely significant way. Here are some reflections and quotes from those who came:

"The Lighthouse is fantastic at helping people on trips, I very much appreciated it."

"This is the best day of my life. I'm so happy!"

"It has been a wonderful day. I haven't been to the beach before and today I paddled and jumped in the water. Amazing!"

I have attached a selection of photos from our day trip to show you the impact that your funding has had on some of the most vulnerable, chaotic and highly marginalised people in Leeds. Thank you so much for playing your part in making this happen!

Yours sincerely,

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