



Dear everyone at the Beer Harris Memorial trust

Firstly, can we once again say thank you for your kind donation. We really appreciate it. It has made a huge difference to our work and has helped a lot of our guests live more independently.

Last March we finally were able to open our shelter after a big refurbishment project. This was of course exciting for us and we initially opened as a night shelter with the plan to open 24/7. However, the process of ensuring we had enough people to run this has taken more time than we thought and we were only able to open as a 24/7 shelter in December. This means we haven't been able to run the Life Skills course we planned because the person who was going to be leading this has had to move on due to other events in her life. Instead, we used the money to go towards the cost of our shelter manager who has been running some cookery classes as well as teaching other life skills such as budgeting and even growing some herbs and vegetables in our back garden. Our guests have really benefitted from this including one guest who commented he wished his mum had taught him how to cook as it means he doesn't have to live on beans on toast in his new house!

The skills our guests learnt are being used to help them live more independently and also to maintain their new tenancies and help them to prevent being made homeless again.

Please see a photo overleaf of what our guests grew:

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If you were interested in learning more about our charity, you can access our website on [www.offthestreetsessex.org.uk/home](http://www.offthestreetsessex.org.uk/home).

Many thanks once again for your kindness on this occasion.

Handwritten signature of Del Thomas in black ink.

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On behalf of Off The Streets Charity

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