

# Enabling young people to build bright futures

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

THE  
KIPPER  
PROJECT



# Chair's report 2015-16

**This is the last full year Kipper annual report. It celebrates 39 years of a charity that has helped thousands of young people in the East End to survive the crisis of homelessness and "build brighter futures". This has been achieved by accessing housing, influencing strategy, providing advice and most of all by building 1 to 1 relationships.**

We recognise the potential in young people however difficult their lives have been and however challenging their current circumstances may be. And this belief in their capacity to overcome difficulties and move forward as valuable members of their communities been rewarded. Our young people are living legacies to the work of Kipper and we are very proud of their achievements.

Kipper is due to close in 2016 and transfer its business to its' parent body, Providence Row Housing Association. Over the past 8 years PRHA has provided much needed support for our charity to continue its work despite an increasingly difficult operating environment for small charities. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to PRHA for this support. We cannot however as a small organisation compete for business effectively and therefore wish to close in an orderly manner while we still have sufficient reserves to do so.

This is not to say that young people no longer need organisations like Kipper. Far from it. The challenges to be faced by young people in finding accommodation and getting much needed support in London are immense. We urge Government and Local Authorities to recognise the terrible waste of human potential caused by youth homelessness and look for solutions that will enable young people to thrive.

We would like to thank all of the staff, volunteers and Committee members of Kipper for their sterling work and most of all wish all of our young people bright futures.

**Kevin Ireland**  
Chair  
The Kipper Project



# The Kipper Project: A brief history

## 1977

Kipper was incorporated on 23rd September 1977.

Its Charitable objects were: the relief of single homeless persons in Greater London and in particular the London Borough of Tower Hamlets who are in need and require assistance in achieving a settled way of life and are unable to obtain any or suitable housing accommodation.

## 1996

In 1996 it became a registered company and started to focus its work on young people in particular.

## 1998

In July 1998 East End Focus was set up as a partnership project with Providence Row Housing Association to work with homeless young people in 6 East London boroughs. East End Focus prevented young people becoming homeless by providing advice support and mediation at an early stage. This project ran successfully until 2009, working with hundreds of young people every year.

## 2007

In July 2007 the Kipper project became a wholly owned subsidiary of Providence Row Housing Association and continued to work specifically with young homeless people in Tower Hamlets.



**"Kipper services are very helpful, all the staff are motivating and push residents to make positive changes in life"**



## 2015-16

**The Drapers Young Persons support service has been providing accommodation and intensive support to young people in Tower Hamlets for the past 20 years. Originally it was a “Foyer” scheme for 45 young people focussed on employment training options for its occupants. Subsequently it has been a high support service. Many of the young people had had disrupted early years and were referred from Leaving Care or the Probation service.**

The service no longer fits in the boroughs young persons’ accommodation strategy and therefore the past year has focussed primarily on moving the young people on to suitable alternative accommodation. This has been very successful with 41 young people making positive moves during the year. Of these 32% moved on to independent accommodation and 68% moved “sideways” into lower supported accommodation in the borough.

### During the year:

Kipper worked with 119 young people

**87%**

of our young people were satisfied with the service overall

**87%**

were satisfied with their support plan

**84%**

felt that Kipper understands their needs

**82.8%**

that there is enough information on training and personal development

**77.4%**

satisfied with support around gaining valuable life-skills

**94%**

satisfied that Kipper staff were sensitive to their cultural and religious needs



“During my stay with Drapers I have developed new life skills”

“Kipper Project really helped me to mature and do things for myself”

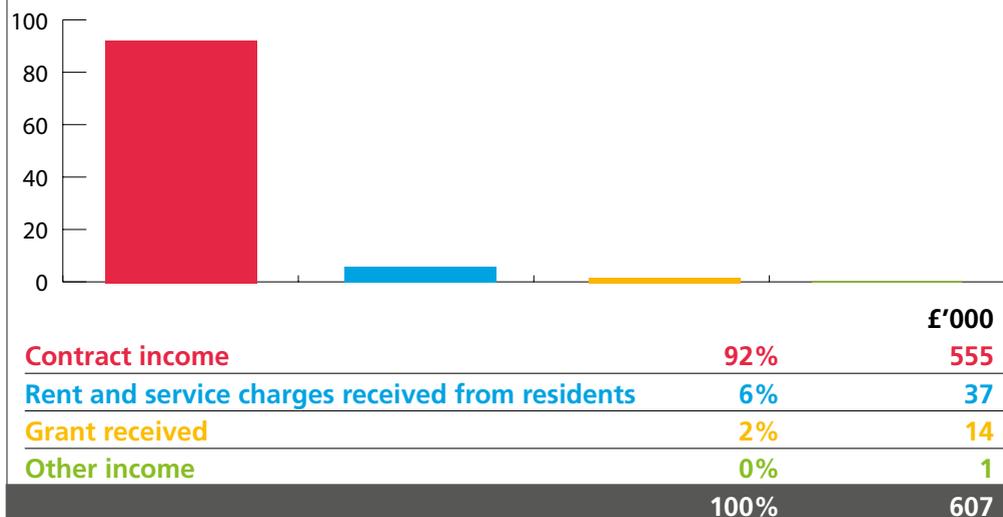
“Kipper staff helped me change my lifestyle to be able to adapt to motherhood”

“Kipper project has helped me in terms of my anger and they know how to help me calm down”

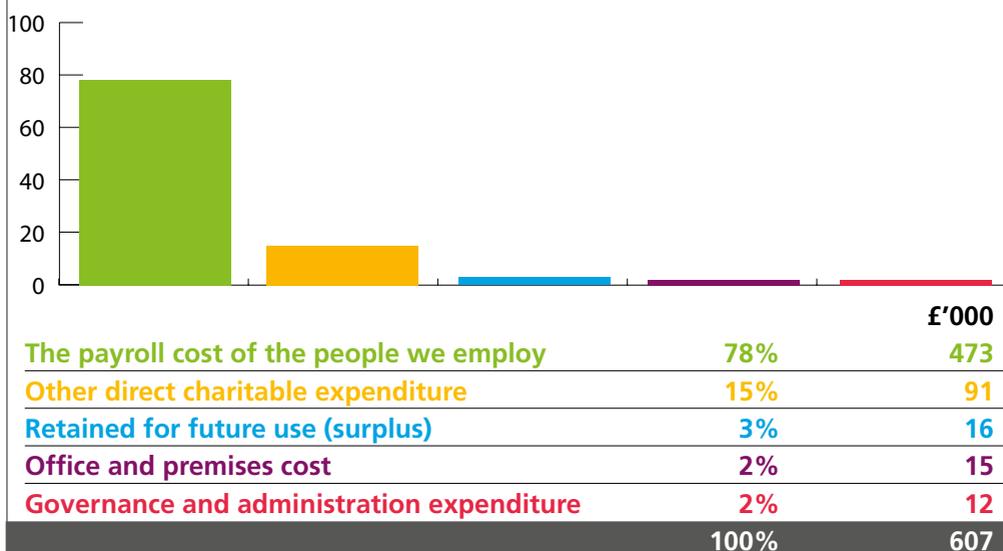
# Kipper Financial Performance

1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016

## WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



## WHAT THE MONEY WAS SPENT ON



## BALANCE SHEET

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
<b>Net cost of fixed assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Amount owed to us	5	8
What we had in the bank or invested	484	518
Amount owed by us to others	(77)	(130)
<b>Funds available for future use</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>396</b>

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S STATEMENT TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF THE KIPPER PROJECT

We have examined the summarised financial statements of The Kipper Project. This statement is made solely to the charitable company's trustees and members, as a body. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees and members those matters we have agreed to state to them in this statement and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company's trustees and members as a body, for our work, for this statement, or for the opinions we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statements. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full financial statements and trustees' report and its compliance with any relevant requirements. We also read the other information contained in the summarised annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements.

### Basis of Opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with our Bulletin 2008/3 "The auditor's statement on the summarised financial statements in the United Kingdom". Our report on the full annual financial statements describes the basis of our opinion on those financial statements.

### Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report of The Kipper Project for the year ended 31 March 2016.

We have not considered the effects of any events between the date on which we signed our report on the full annual financial statements (12 September 2016) and the date of this statement.

**BDO LLP**, statutory auditor  
London  
United Kingdom  
15 September 2016

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## Management Committee

Kevin Ireland (Chair)

Patricia Coulson

Steve Mendel

Rebecca Pritchard

Dr. Richard Smith

Fiona Mackay (Joined December 2015)

## Company Secretary

Fiona Humphrey

## Funders and Contributors

- London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- Foyer Federation

## Partners and Stakeholders

- Circle
- ELBA (East London Business Alliance)
- Gateway Housing Association
- Lifeline
- London Probation Service
- NAFAS
- One Housing Group
- LB Tower Hamlets:
  - Vulnerable Adults Commissioning team
  - HOST Housing Options Team
  - Leaving Care Services

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*All quotes and stories in this report were provided by Kipper's service users but have been anonymised.*

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