

Summer 2025

Dear Friends,

Restoration is at the heart of our work and is rooted in our Christian faith. In our logo we state rather boldly the object of our charity 'bringing hope to broken lives.' In the Bible, this follows a true worship response of God's people that tends to the needs of the poor and oppressed. This is seen in an ancient prophecy in the book of Isaiah in the Old Testament which says:

¹²Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins
and will raise up the age-old foundations;
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. (*Isaiah 58:12, New International Version*)



One of our supported volunteers has been repairing paving around the green

Those we support have very entrenched broken lives for a variety of very complex reasons, often involving mental and physical ill health and sometimes caused by others, including family members at a very young age. We have had days when honestly, we have been ready to give up. This is especially the case when we have been working with someone for a long time and they relapse. However, we persevere in faith that our God is able to do more than we can possibly ask or imagine. And we do see glimpses of what life could be like for those we support, and sometimes more than glimpses, but steady, albeit very slow, progress. We can testify to this.

This month we see someone who has been with us for over a year now coming to the end of their counselling sessions with mental health services. Through our relationship with them, we both signposted the service and helped them to apply for this. The aim was that they might work through trauma inflicted by an abusive childhood and its consequences. Our hope was that they may achieve some degree of healing from these experiences. Through our supported volunteer programme, we also managed to help the same person to re-engage with debt support services. In this last period, they have become debt free. Today whilst they are not completely healed, they are in a better place than they were. As applies to all of us, they are not likely to be fully healed in this life, but the wounds can become more bearable. In addition, we have supported and encouraged them in their work and have chatted through some difficult situations and have stood with them through these. They have held down a part time job for more than a year now. We like to think that we have helped with this but also acknowledge the work of other individuals and organisations both in their recovery and achieving some life stability. This scenario is not always what we see, but sometimes it is, and for this reason we press on.

As we see some degree of restoration of the lives of those we work with, we also continue to see some restoration of the Former Bowls Club. This is not to how it was when first built, but a new, re-purposed form. This reflects our own journey of restoration which does not take us back to the way we were previously, but toward a new way of being. I am sure that not everybody approves of this, especially if you are a bowls player, but things have to change. We live in a changing world, and we

have to respond, re-purpose and adapt to the needs of others and the natural world around us. As we see on a global scale a climate crisis and global warming, we work towards sustainability that protects and nurtures. This is one of our values. Our newly installed solar panels are contributing significantly to our energy needs and also putting a lot of power back to the grid. So far this year, we have exported 820kWh. We also continue to involve our supported volunteers in the construction of raised beds, planting both flowers and vegetables using recycled and biodegradable materials. In addition to the raised beds we have made from pallets, we recently placed the first raised bed on the green, which had been made by timber kindly donated by Travis Perkins which was organised by one of our supporters! Thank you. We will be using an environmentally friendly 'no dig' approach to grow our veggies, which does not break down and damage the soil structure but preserves and builds upon it.



First raised bed goes on the green

Whilst we discuss and work through life recovery topics throughout our volunteering work on an informal basis, our next formal recovery course starts in August (see poster below). Any help that anyone can give to publicise this would be very much appreciated in order that we may seek out and connect with those struggling with addiction or life controlling issues and would like their life to be different.

One important notice is that we have postponed the blessing event involving Bishop Andrew, originally scheduled for 22nd June. This is to accommodate some specific people that we wanted to include and who could not make this date – we believe this work is a journey we take together and know we cannot do it on our own! We hope to hold it a bit later in the year.

Thank you all for your interest and support. We are grateful for you all and your contributions in various ways to help the lives of some of those who are struggling amidst the storms that life sometimes presents. We wish you a wonderful, peaceful and revitalising summer. Anyone is welcome to join fitness on the green by the way (see right) – let Emma know if you would like to do this – all ages and abilities welcome!!

With grace and peace,
Kerry and Mike Badger

MORNING STAR SALISBURY
Bringing hope to broken lives

Life Recovery Course

For those struggling with addiction or life controlling issues, who want their lives to be different

Twelve week course starts
Wednesday 6th August 2025
5.30pm-7.30pm

at the former Bowl's Club on Victoria Park, Salisbury SP1 3JH

find hope and support in a confidential, safe place

To join call Mike 07803167889 or Kerry 07927418360
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Join Our New Outdoor Fitness on the Green session Get yourself moving!

Tuesdays 10am
Former Bowling Green
Victoria Park Stratford Road
Salisbury SP1 3JH

Emma Powell
Fully qualified Personal Trainer and Fitness Instructor

All abilities welcome!
Fun, friendly and relaxed environment

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