



Special Little Visitors

In July, we were paid a special visit by two little creatures who had been flushed out of their home by some heavy rain, and lost their mother. Two baby hedgehogs were found wandering round in our courtyard, so we rescued them, wrapped them up warmly, and got them relocated to a hedgehog sanctuary. We were told they were probably siblings (a boy and a girl) and only about 4 weeks old.



For many of our residents it was the first time they had even seen one of our iconic little garden animals, let alone the opportunity to get so close and hold one.

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Momentous Occasion goes by Unnoticed!

A very significant moment in the history of Link House slipped by almost unnoticed and with no big party, although it could be considered worthy of a massive celebration. In June, a cheque was written out and sent off to make the final payment on the loan which was taken out to pay for the building of The Lodge. A small act, but with very important implications!



All the houses are fully paid for! For over 30 years, staff, residents, trustees, donors, volunteers and supporters have all made their contributions in money or in kind to get us to this point, and we are extremely grateful. Our attention will now turn to future projects which may include renovations to the older Victorian house in Chesterton Road, improvements to the outside areas and gardens, and more creative use of our resources ... so watch this space if you want to continue supporting the work at Link House. Of course, we also recognise that there are many other worthy causes beyond Link House which we would not want you to miss out on supporting now that we are debt-free.

Introducing Sofie Crump – our new Assistant Warden



I was born and grew up in Gloucestershire, England. My parents are Christians and shared the Good News about Jesus with me as revealed in the Bible but it was during my later teenage years that I recognised the importance of God's Word, the Bible and made a heartfelt commitment to follow the Lord Jesus for myself.

At the age of 18 I left home to study at Capernwray Bible School, Lancashire for 1 year before starting university in Exeter. I studied French and Spanish and as part of my undergraduate degree course, spent 1 year living and working as an English language assistant in Castellón, Spain.

After graduating I went to live in Brittany, France where I taught English as a foreign language for two years before moving back to the UK.

In October 2016 I moved to Cambridge and began working for Friends International, a Christian organisation that supports international students and seeks to share the Good News of Jesus cross-culturally. After a few months in Cambridge, I moved into The Lodge at Link House as an assistant warden. It's been a huge blessing already to become a part of the Link House community and I am thankful for the opportunity to live here for this season of life.



Major Repairs and Maintenance

In July we saw a very large “cherry-picker” hoist arrive in the courtyard between the three houses. It spent the day elevating workmen to the heights of the rooves so that broken slate tiles could be replaced (as can be seen in the photo on the left). While this work was being done it was also an opportunity for the rooves to be inspected and the gutters to be cleaned, so all in all, an exciting and productive day!

Chesterton Road house is really the amalgamation of two Victorian houses and for many years has relied on a 40 year old boiler to provide heating, and a slightly “younger” boiler providing hot water, which they have reliably done for most of this time. However, the time came this summer to replace them with a new combination boiler (photo on left) before there was ever a crisis during winter. As I write, the final phases of the work are being undertaken to ensure that the house is receiving an adequate gas supply, before the new boiler is fired up and commissioned. And then, the old Victorian houses will enter a new era, with a modern and efficient heating system, just before the colder weather sets in.

Biljana completes her PhD.

On 29 September, (exactly 5 years to the day since arriving in Cambridge) Biljana Savikj submitted her PhD. to Cambridge University.

In 2012, Biljana together with her husband, Milijan, arrived from Macedonia so that Biljana could begin her Masters in Education at Cambridge University. From this date they have been residents in the house on East Hertford Street, and in time even agreed to become the volunteer assistant wardens.

Looking back, they have accomplished so much and are a true testimony of what can be accomplished with a little patience and lots of hard work. We at Link House are so proud of them and grateful that we could play a small part in their success.



Biljana outside East Hertford Street house with her PhD. thesis