



**SHOCC** is a small charity working with trusted partners. We work with managers who have demonstrated need and have clear goals. We will then support a project financially and through tailored advice and encouragement. As a result, our projects illustrate reciprocal philanthropy where we have an ongoing relationship with our partners, treat them with respect and have a two-way, empathetic approach; aiming for projects quickly to become self-sustainable. We have very few administrative costs and 99% of every donated pound goes to our projects.

## SPEAR RICHMOND UPON THAMES UK [SDG 1,4,5]

**PROJECT STATUS: LIVE**

**Project brief:** In 2023, 20% of the UK’s population lives below the poverty line. In 2017, according to the End Child Poverty Coalition, nearly 6,000 children (15.9%) were living in poverty in Richmond upon Thames. Whilst this is the lowest level of any London borough and is well below the 53.4% for Tower Hamlets, it still remains a challenging figure. Whilst having the fifth lowest number of rough sleepers of any London Borough in 2021, there were still 61 individuals sleeping on the streets of the borough.

Date of entry: 01.03.2023  
Project type: Humanitarian  
Years of project: 2020-  
Awarded to date: £2,150

**Background:** SPEAR is a local charity started in 1989 by Penny Wade that provided an emergency accommodation scheme. Since then, it has grown to include a lodgings scheme, community support service, specialist substance -misuse service and the mental health accommodation service and a rough sleeping outreach service. This team works with people whilst they are rough sleeping, enabling them to move away from the street and also offering support for those who are reliant on drugs and alcohol. In 2007, a young people’s programme was established in Richmond for young men between the age of 16 and 19. This service offers housing support to three adolescents to engage in education in order to develop the skills to live independently. In 2009, a skills department service was formed. This was to support SPEAR clients and help them to engage in confidence-building activities, internal and external training and education and in turn help them progress towards secure employment. This service has also extended to involve service users as volunteers where possible, such as the Peer Mentoring Programme. Recently, there has been a notable increase of female rough sleepers. In response to this, SPEAR secured funding for two new supported housing projects for women. One of these were aimed at female rough sleepers who experienced domestic violence and the other was open for women with all backgrounds. In 2017 SPEAR’s outreach service expanded from Richmond, to run across five boroughs. Funding was granted for two years from the London Boroughs of Richmond, Kingston, Wandsworth, Sutton and Merton. The aim is to reach over 700 rough sleepers in two years across these five boroughs.

### INPUTS

What will SHOCC contribute? The financial, human and material resources used

### ACTIVITIES

How will the inputs be used?  
The actions taken or work performed

### OUTPUTS

What are the expected tangible results (deliverables) of the activities?

When SHOCC became a charity in 2007, it added another letter 'C' to its name. It did so to reflect its wish to help the disadvantaged in its local area of Richmond upon Thames.  
To this end, it has provided financial support for SPEAR and other local organisations that help the homeless and disadvantaged.

The funding provided will be unrestricted and SPEAR can use it in any way it wishes.  
It is most likely, in times of rising homelessness, to be sued to finance the running of its hostels.

The funding will go towards reducing disadvantage in the local borough.  
The university student body will be energised to contribute to the various fund-raising initiatives.

**OUTCOMES**  
What short-term changes (1-2 years) are expected from the activities?

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Homelessness and other aspects of disadvantage will be managed and, if possible, reduced over time.



**IMPACTS**  
What longer-term significant changes (3-5 years) will the beneficiaries experience?

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The numbers of young people suffering from homelessness will be reduced.

# SPEAR

*homelessness to independence*



