

Our Impact 2025/26

Working to end rough sleeping in London



SPEAR
ENDING HOMELESSNESS

About us



SPEAR is a lifeline to hundreds of people each year who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness in London. We were founded almost 40 years ago by Penny Wade, a Richmond resident, who was spurred into action by the deaths of two men who were sleeping rough on the banks of the River Thames.

Today, we play a vital role to help end homelessness, finding individuals sleeping rough and providing holistic support to help them create lasting independence. We support people across six London boroughs; Richmond, Kingston, Wandsworth, Merton, Sutton and Tower Hamlets.

Our services include rough sleeper outreach, a variety of accommodation options, support for maintaining a tenancy and building life skills, and programmes to promote access to health and wellbeing services, including mental health support.

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A message from Tim Fallon



As we reflect on the past year, the need for SPEAR's work has never been clearer. Between October and December 2025, 4,841 people were recorded sleeping rough in London – a 5% increase on the previous year. Behind these numbers are individuals in urgent need of safety, support and stability.

In response, SPEAR has continued to grow and adapt. We expanded our Housing First provision into Tower Hamlets, extending our person-centred approach to help more people with complex needs sustain secure homes.

Another major milestone was completing the purchase of Penny Wade House in Richmond. This acquisition secures the future of this vital 24-hour service and reflects our long-term commitment to providing stable accommodation for those who need it most.

I was also pleased to welcome our local MP, Munira Wilson, to one of our Health & Wellbeing Days in October – a chance to showcase our holistic support and the importance of partnership and community in tackling homelessness.

Sadly, we also marked the end of our 13-year partnership with St George, whose generosity over that time has raised over £700,000 – we're incredibly grateful for their support which helped us transform lives and create pathways out of homelessness.

My heartfelt thanks go to our dedicated staff, Trustees, volunteers, partners and supporters for their continued compassion, professionalism and belief in our mission. Together, we are making lasting change possible.

Tim Fallon, Chief Executive

Our highlights 2025/26

Stadium Sleepout



In 2025/26, we helped:



750 people experiencing homelessness, including:



464 people found rough sleeping and given support



254 people through our accommodation-based and floating support



342 people supported to improve their health through our Health Link Service



38 young people aged **17-25**



8 Health and Wellbeing Days supporting an average of **53** people at each event

Stadium Sleepout

In November, we were proud to be the official charity partner of Fulham FC Foundation's Stadium Sleepout for the second year running. More than 40 supporters, including SPEAR's Chair and three members of staff, spent the night sleeping in the stands to raise awareness of rough sleeping and funds for vital services. Together, participants raised over **£35,000**, shared between SPEAR and the Fulham FC Foundation.

Celebrating Shane's outstanding contribution

Shane, who rebuilt his life with SPEAR's support after experiencing homelessness, was recognised with the 'Outstanding Volunteer' award at Richmond's Community Heroes Awards. As a dedicated volunteer, Shane shared his lived experience to inspire and support others on their journey out of homelessness. He has since joined SPEAR's staff team as a Peer Advocate Worker, using his insight and compassion to help others live independently.

Working in a new London borough

We expanded into Tower Hamlets after being awarded a new three-year council contract to deliver Housing First support for 28 people, building on our established services in South West London. Housing First is an approach to ending homelessness that prioritises rapid access to permanent housing, alongside tailored, person-centered, trauma-informed support to people with complex needs, helping them to sustain tenancies and rebuild their lives.



Tenancy support and accommodation

A safe place to call home

A safe place to call home is the foundation for finding a pathway to independence. We support people to move off the streets and into accommodation that meets their needs, from shared housing to independent tenancies. Alongside a stable home, we provide tailored, ongoing support to help people rebuild confidence, improve their wellbeing and move towards long-term independence.

We were pleased to secure the purchase of Penny Wade House, our flagship hostel in Richmond. Owning the building gives us long-term stability and protects this vital service for years to come.

We supported:



118 people off the streets into accommodation



83 clients through Housing First



Billy's story:

A father's determination to build a better future

When Billy was supported into housing by SPEAR in November 2024, he had spent around seven years living in his car. Despite this, he remained determined to rebuild his life for himself and his children.

Moving into one of SPEAR's shared houses, Billy quickly became a positive role model. With support, he addressed his cannabis use, engaging with local services and successfully completing a treatment programme.

Family is central to Billy's journey. A devoted father, he was motivated by a desire to be present for his children, including his youngest son, Roco, aged six. Over time, Billy made steady progress, and after 10 months, he was ready to move on.

With SPEAR's support, Billy secured a one-bedroom flat and moved in just before Christmas 2025. For the first time in years, he was able to celebrate the holidays in a home of his own, surrounded by his family.



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Having a home means I can finally be there for my children and give them the stability they deserve.

SPEAR client, Billy

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Life changing outreach



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Our outreach teams worked with **464** people seen rough sleeping

This year, we expanded our outreach services into Sutton and Merton, reaching more people sleeping rough across South West London with vital, face-to-face support.

In Richmond and Wandsworth, new ways of working have strengthened this support. Through our partnership with both councils and the launch of their Wandsworth Assessment Centre,

people can now move more quickly from the streets into safe accommodation.

Our Richmond and Wandsworth outreach teams now work across both street outreach and the Assessment Centre, delivering more joined-up, trauma-informed support and ensuring people can move more quickly off the streets and into safe accommodation.



We maintained our commitment to early morning and late-night outreach shifts, ensuring timely support for those sleeping rough.

“ We provided 24 nights of Severe Weather Emergency Protocol provision during November, December and January when temperatures fell below freezing, and in early August as temperatures reached almost 35 degrees, ensuring people were safe, sheltered and had emergency supplies. ”

Homeless Health Link Service



Improving access & engagement with healthcare services

Our Homeless Health Link services works to empower people who are experiencing homelessness to improve their health and wellbeing.

Our staff helped **82** clients book appointments with healthcare professionals

We attended **215** appointments with clients enabling our support workers to fully understand medical diagnoses and discuss treatment options

This year, we strengthened this support through our new Mental Health Access Project in Richmond and Wandsworth. The project offers one-to-one support, therapeutic groups and drop-in sessions, ensuring people experiencing homelessness can access consistent, compassionate mental health care.

Our Mental Health Access team organised 11 wellbeing days out, giving clients the opportunity to build confidence, reduce isolation and improve their mental wellbeing.

For people like Steve, this support can be life-changing. After experiencing homelessness and complex health challenges, Steve was supported to reconnect with services and begin improving his health.

“ They helped me get back on track and start looking after myself again. ”
SPEAR client, Steve

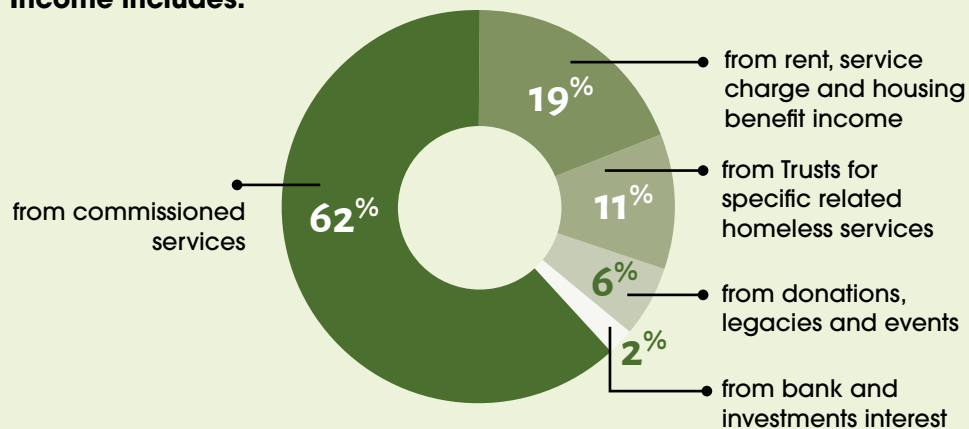
Our HHLS staff attended **163** drop-in sessions, providing a consistent presence at community venues which encourage clients to engage with SPEAR and their health

How we raise & spend money



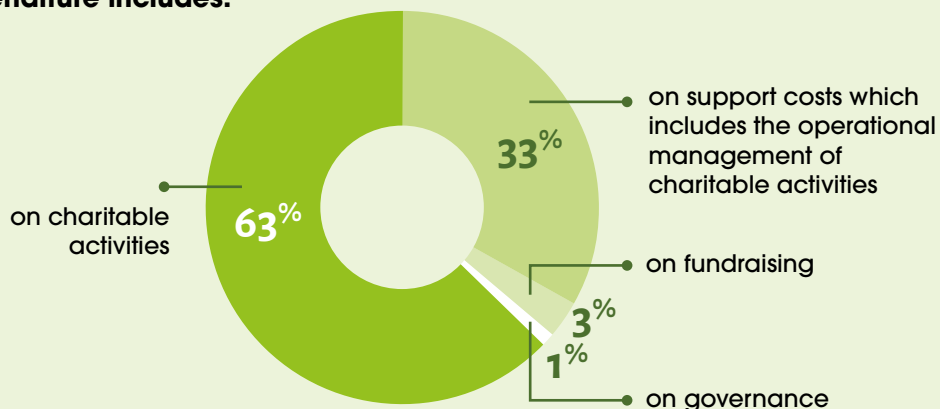
Total income 2024/25: £4,627,799

Income includes:



Expenditure 2024/25: £4,337,485

Expenditure includes:



Income and expenditure figures are for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Working together to end homelessness

We are deeply grateful to all our supporters whose generosity makes our work possible. Ending homelessness is complex and requires collective action, and we are proud to work with a diverse network of partners committed to lasting change.

Our corporate partners, individual donors, Trusts and Foundations, and the National Lottery provide vital support to sustain, grow and innovate our services.

Local fundraising efforts also reflect a strong shared commitment within our communities.

We thank everyone for their continued support.

“ Our long-standing support for SPEAR since 2018 reflects our commitment to tackling homelessness at a local level. Through donations and volunteering, QSIX is proud to support SPEAR’s life changing work with people experiencing homelessness.”

Leslye Jourdan
Head of ESG at QSIX and SPEAR Trustee

“ Following an early retirement from a long corporate career, I set up my own non-for-profit coaching consultancy and was looking for a local charity in South West London where I could get involved and see the impact of my support. SPEAR provided the perfect opportunity. In addition to making donations, I have attended some of their events and am coaching members of the organisation. They are a fantastic team - passionate, professional and committed - and I am truly inspired by our cooperation.

Julia Gough
Individual supporter

How to support SPEAR



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As a charity, SPEAR relies on your donations to continue our vital work to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Please donate today if you can.

“ Your support will help us end homelessness. ”

And heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers and staff who continue to work tirelessly to support individuals experiencing homelessness.



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