

Working with

Shared Space

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Faithful Locals

Shared Space is a growing network of Christian charity stores, a welcoming, radically inclusive community of over 100 volunteers and staff. We have taken the charity shop model and re-purposed it!

Each month, our teams raise money and give it away to support good causes across the area.

Through volunteering, holidays, shared activities and courses, our volunteers grow and flourish in all sorts of ways.

We are Faithful Locals:

- *we faithfully serve to make our world better;*
- *and a good number of us are local people with a faith in Jesus.*

Amy – volunteer shift leader



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**We're delighted you are
thinking about working with us.**



John says: *I was homeless and good local people helped me.*

I remember walking into Shared Space for the first time and thinking this is something I need to do. I want to do something to help others because I was helped.

Shared Space is my family of volunteers, if I have problems there is always someone there to sort it out. And working as a volunteer gave me a reason to get up in the morning and somewhere to go.

Each week I go to the 'Life and Faith Group' which meets at lunchtimes in the middle of the shop. It encourages me in my Christian faith – we talk, eat and pray together.



John R.I.P.

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How to apply for a job with us

We are passionate about our work, and we are delighted that you are considering applying.

These notes will help you give yourself the best possible chance of success. We want to find the right people to join us.

If you have any questions about the application process you can contact workwithus@charityshop.co

After submitting your application, please complete our anonymous diversity and monitoring form:
<https://forms.gle/JhAG8SN6NatuSGjf6> This is not linked to your application in any way.

Before you apply

Read the Job Description and the Person Specification and find out about who we are and what we do. And look at our values.

You are welcome to visit us to be shown around our work. To arrange this, email workwithus@charityshop.co

What to put in a Personal Statement

Explain how you meet our requirements, based on the Job Description and Person Specification and what you would bring to the role. Give specific examples that show how you meet these criteria.

You can draw on experiences from all areas of your life, including paid work, volunteering, study, church or charity involvement, community activities, or personal projects. Think about the transferable skills you have. For example, if we are seeking volunteer management experience and you have organised a large group of friends for a regular activity, tell us about it.

If you do not feel like you are an exact match

Please do not rule yourself out too quickly. If this role excites you and you feel drawn to our mission and work, we would like to hear from you.

Use of AI

For the strongest application, we encourage you to make sure your authentic voice comes through loud and clear, your own reflections, and your genuine experiences. It's fine to use AI to help you think about what to write.

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Our Vision



One of our early Boost Fund Grants

We are:

Run by Volunteers

Rooted in Community

Raising Hope

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Our 4 Values

and some links to where they come from...



Craft session led by one of our ex-volunteers

1. WE VALUE ALL PEOPLE

People were at the centre of Jesus' life.
He looked out for people who were less fortunate,
less cared about, marginalised, and forgotten.
So we stand with people who are the less lucky in life.

2. WE VALUE JESUS AT THE CENTRE

To Jesus generosity went beyond sharing time, resources, and abilities.
Jesus told life changing stories, and gave people space to tell theirs.
So we look to share Jesus and our time, resources and abilities
while giving people room to express themselves.

3. WE VALUE BUILDING COMMUNITY

Jesus was honest with people, even when the honesty
meant difficult conversations.
So we want to help and not harm people by being real with them.

4. WE VALUE LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL

To Jesus, transformation was about changing the way people thought
and acted and changing their circumstances for the better.
So we look to make a difference in people's individual lives
as well as change the world in which they live.



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"In this space, I wasn't seen as 'an asylum seeker'. I was seen as a person with an ability to support others."

"Volunteering helped me grow in confidence while contributing to something bigger than me."

Hear from

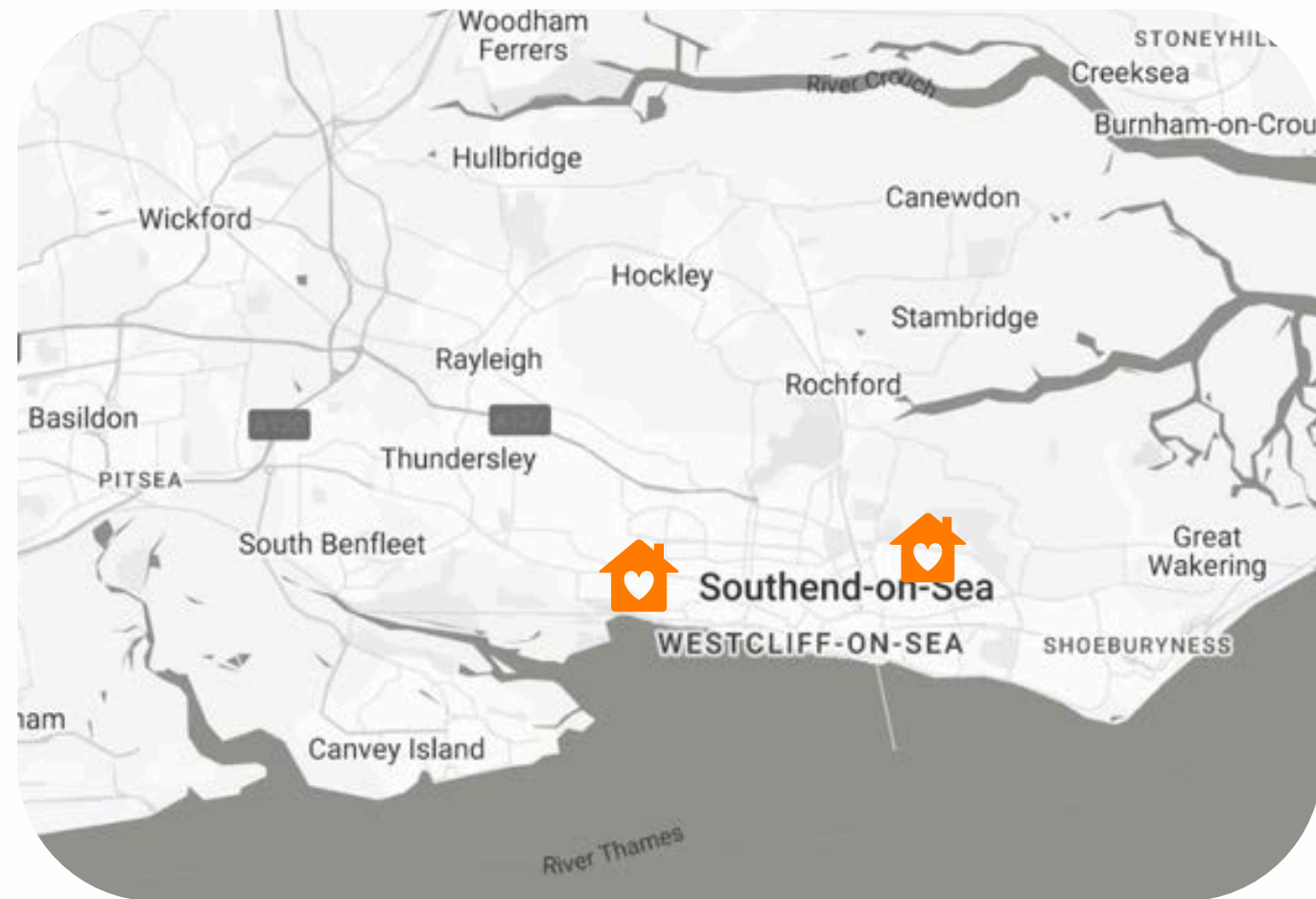
Our volunteer family

"I'd never really engaged with faith before, so the idea of church felt intimidating. But 'from scratch' really means that you're not expected to know anything or have it all figured out."

"I don't identify with faith, but I've never felt out of place here."

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Our Locations



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Westcliff

02

Southchurch

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Future Stores



Shared Space Southchurch



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Our faith and Church from Scratch

Church from Scratch is the church that started Shared Space in 2010. Five years later we became our own charity. But that wasn't the end of the story...

In recent years Church from Scratch and Shared Space have increasingly become part of the same story again. We share relationships, values, activities, holidays, leadership and, at times, staff.

Both are rooted in Southend, both intentionally include and empower people who are often pushed to the margins, both build radically inclusive communities in which people contribute rather than simply receive, and both seek transformation in people and neighbourhoods.

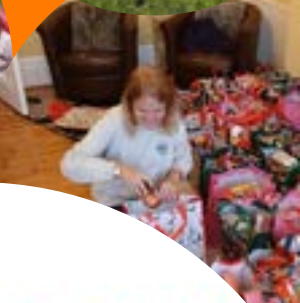
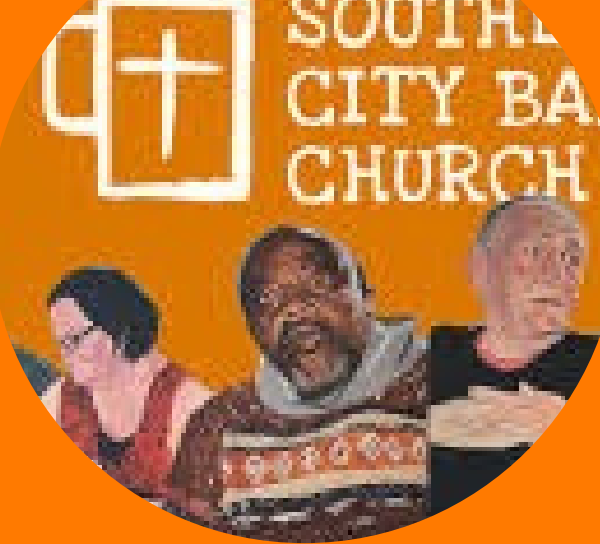
Rather than growing further apart after Shared Space became a charity, the two communities have become increasingly interconnected.

We work closely as complementary expressions of the same underlying mission and community ethos. And we collaborate together for greater impact, to involve more people, and to deepen community, transformation and faith

And to create new communities in neglected places where they are most needed.



A mix of Church from Scratch and Shared Space on the beach



Every month each store gives £600 to support local good causes

...our volunteers pick where these Boost Fund Grants go

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BOOST FUND GRANTS



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"I love working at Shared Space – it really does feel like one big family. Everyone looks out for each other, and there's always laughter and purpose in what we do. You're part of something that's changing lives in our community."



Sally
Southchurch
Store Manager



Peter
Vision and
Team Lead



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Westcliff Store
Manager



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Creative
Comms Role

Our Staff Team



Catherine
Operations
Manager



Julie
Finance
Lead



Daniel
Data Analyst
Lead



Emma
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Rob – one of our PAT testers



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