

## **SCORE update November 2025**

At the November meeting grants totalling £11,180 were distributed to 4 applicants as follows:

### **Radio Odstock: A grant of £3,509 was approved.**

Radio Odstock broadcasts to patients in Salisbury District Hospital and Salisbury Hospice. It can be accessed by anyone, especially patients receiving care at home or in residential homes. It engages in a Christian mission by supporting pastors at the hospital and by advertising how patients can make contact with pastors. Broadcasting non denominational services is also part of the mission.

The grant will be used to replace the mixer desk in one of the two studios. It is clapped out and cannot be repaired. A smaller sum will be spent on replacing a CD player connected to the mixer desk. This is vital for playing requests made by patients, especially those in the Hospice.

### **CRESS - Christian relief and education for South Sudanese: A grant of £3,000 was approved.**

CRESS is based in Broad Chalke and its work is with refugees from South Sudan living in camps in Northern Uganda. It provides education, skills training, spiritual support, health information and so on - all useful in community building when the refugees finally return home.

Healthcare in the area is poor and services are stretched. Funding cuts by outside agencies such as UNHCR have not helped.

The healthcare projects and clinics provided by CRESS are now even more important. The area has a very high incidence of malaria and typhoid. The grant from SCORE will be used to supply vital medicines which will go towards treating 1,000 patients a month.

CRESS reports:

**"Your generosity has made a vital difference to ensuring the health and wellbeing of refugees who have escaped war in South Sudan. As a small charity, we really appreciate the support and prayers of our grant partners."**

One patient says of the clinic:

**"If I was not brought here, and treated very fast, I would have died and left my baby boy of 1 month as an orphan".**

**Alabaré: ‘Somewhere to go’ service: A grant of £2,000 was approved.**

This grant will be match funded by ‘Big Give Champion’ - effectively donating £4,000 to Alabaré. Over the course of a year the ‘Somewhere safe to go’ service costs more than £65,000 to keep open. It provides a safe warm space for vulnerable people by offering hot meals, showers, laundry, internet, housing advice and emotional support to those sleeping rough or in crisis. Vital, especially in winter months.

Alabaré writes:

**“On behalf of Alabaré and all those we support thank you so much for the speed in which you were able to give me a decision on The Big Give and for completing the pledge form. We really are most grateful and this will enable us to apply for champion match funding. Thank you”.**

**The Hope Exchange, Cape Town: A grant of £2,671 was approved.**

The Hope Exchange is a charity working with homeless people in Cape Town, South Africa. Here, homelessness is a massive problem. At Christmas time many organisations take a break. This impacts on the working homeless whose access to a daily meal is removed. This year Hope Exchange will partner with ‘Ladies of love’ to fill this gap between mid December and mid January, to provide a daily meal to 350 people. Last year 14,000 meals were provided and 784 were served a meal on Christmas Day. The cost of food for Christmas 2025 will be £2671 - and this is the amount SCORE has donated.

**“Thank you for your contributions to SCORE”.**

Local, or home projects, can be anywhere within the St. Edith’s Deanery -  
Salisbury, Warminster, Tisbury, Amesbury.

Overseas projects can be anywhere in the world.

All must share our Christian values and be accredited charities.

The committee scrutinises applications on your behalf and awards grants as fairly as possible.

Only possible through your generosity.