



The Covid pandemic hit in April 2020

Befriending became telephone befriending to keep people safe. Our volunteers continued to support our clients via telephone - currently our list of befriending clients stands at:



61

Home from Hospital & Shopping Service

The Home from Hospital received **83** referrals during the year.



The shopping service provided on average 10 shops per day.

Social Prescribing

Our GP Link Workers continued to support people referred to them by local GP's. They also made wellness calls and helped with booking of local vaccine sessions.

130 people were supported through telephone contact.

Buddy Scheme & Volunteering

The volunteer buddy project provides a short term support to individuals who have not left their home for some time due to the pandemic and have lost confidence to go out. This was set up with a donation from Long Eaton Asda of:

£500



From March 2020 to December 2021 we received **820** request for support. Support was delivered through our staff team and our lovely volunteers. We also saw an increase of 100 new volunteers who wanted to support their local community.

57

↪ of these volunteers have continued to volunteer since the pandemic.

Mutual Aid Groups

EVA set up a network to support the work of these groups. Some of the groups are reshaping as demand for support has changed significantly.



Networks

We hosted **28** networks and they all moved onto a digital platform known as Zoom. These networks bring people together to discuss ideas and projects. Groups have been supported on a wide range of topics from funding to opening up a group safely.

Through our funding pots we distributed **33** awards totalling:

£39,261.66

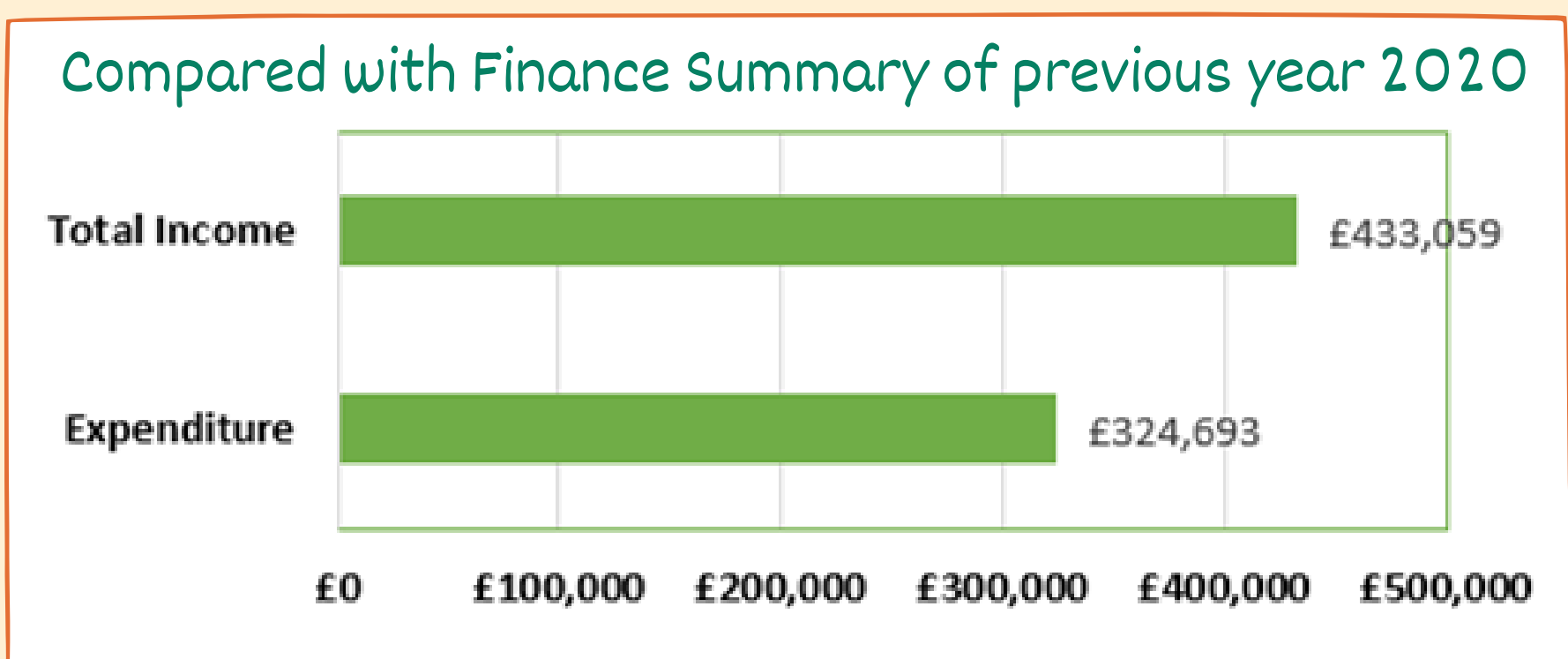
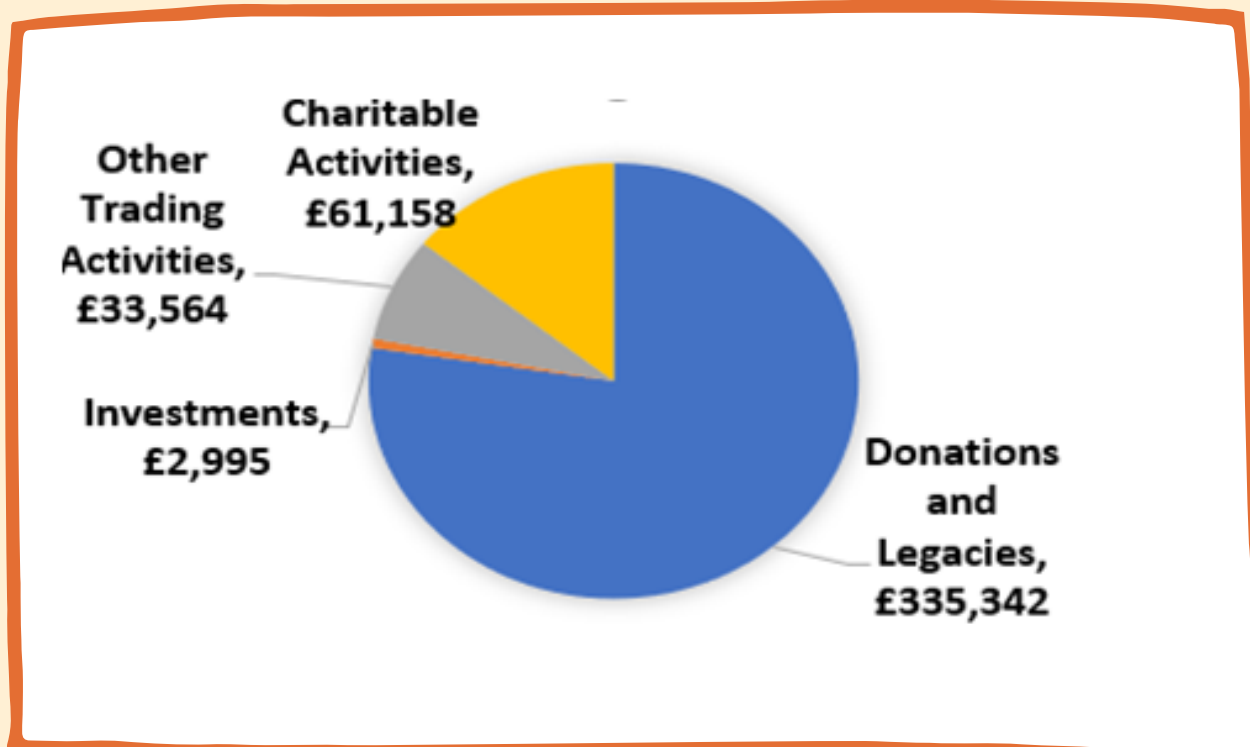
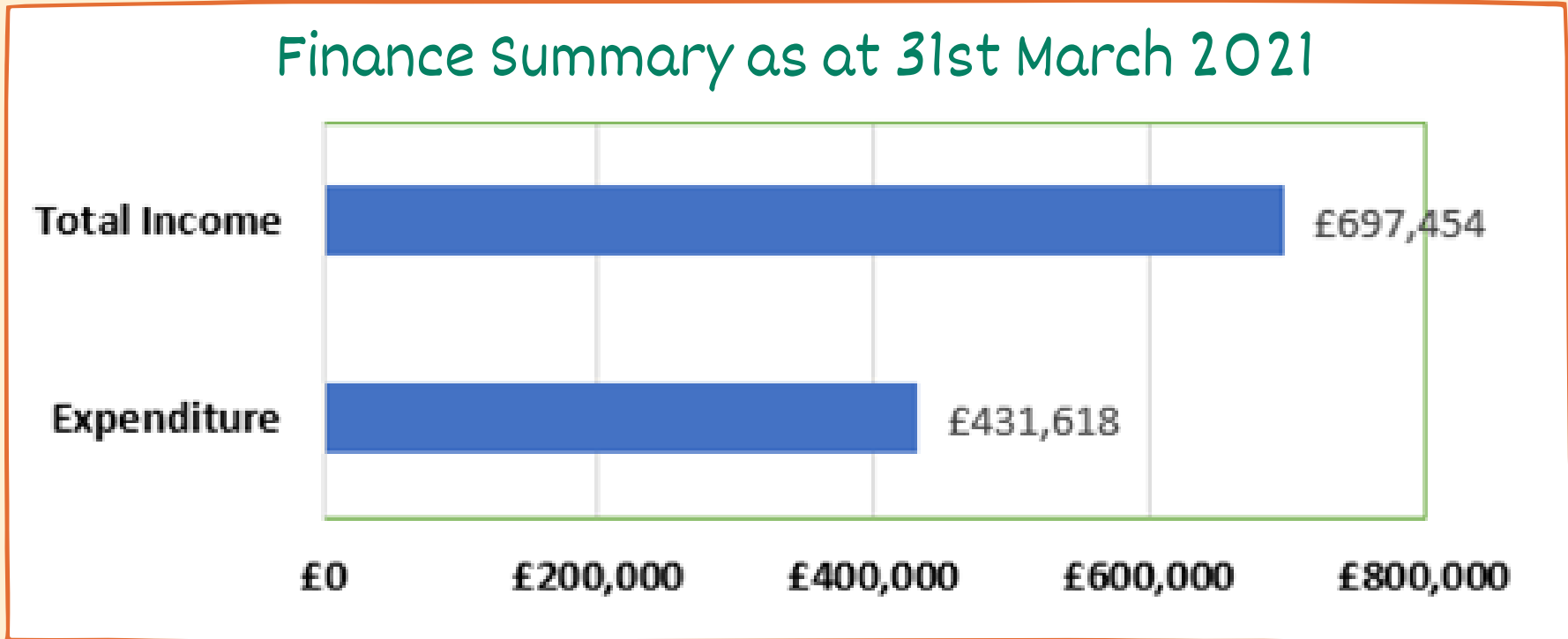
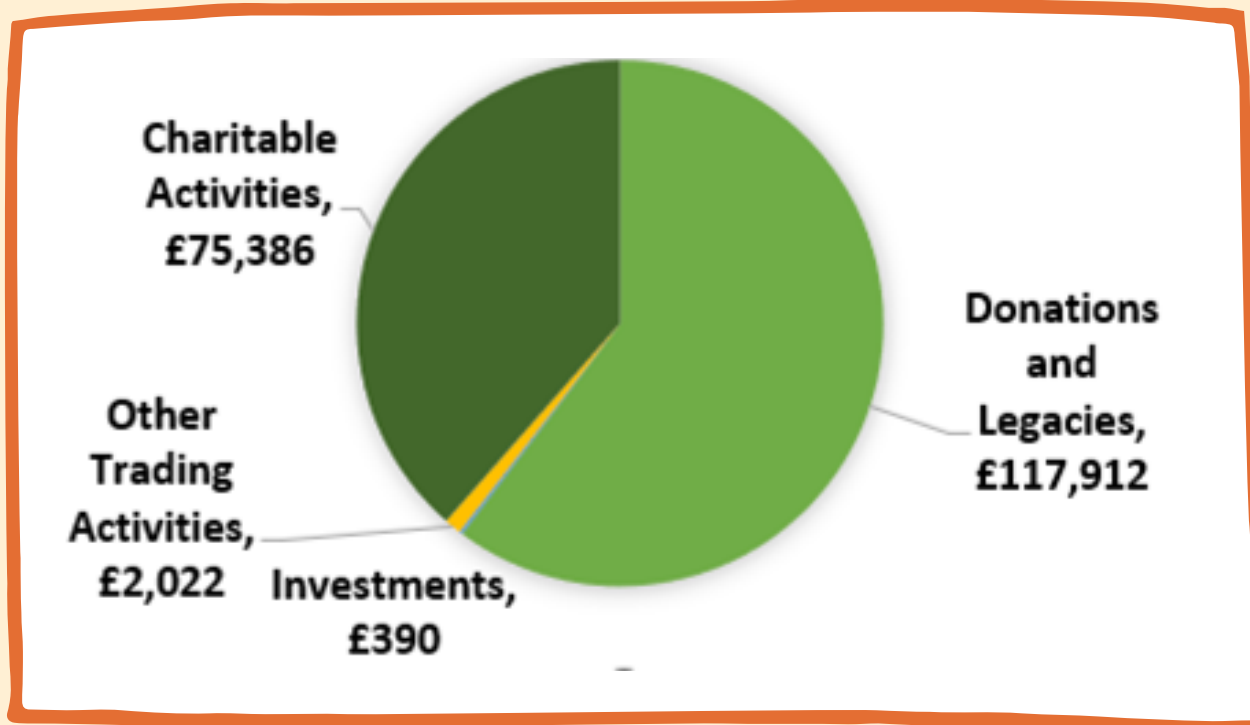


Derbyshire Mental Health Forum

The forum held **6** forum meetings. The Mental Health and Suicide Awareness project was on hold for **6** months.



A YEAR IN THE LIFE CONTINUED...



- Our website got a new look.
- Volunteers gave over 4996 hours of their time. Equates to £44,514.36 in kind.
- Our new staffing structure began on 1st April 2021
- A recruitment drive in 2021 has seen staffing levels increase from 16 to 18 staff with a further 3 posts to fill.

"The Mutual Aid Group meetings have really helped during the pandemic and the information shared has been a lifeline to communities."

"We wish to to pass on our grateful thanks to you and all at the volunteer centre and especially the shoppers. We are so appreciate of all you do."

"Thank you so much for all of your hard work and be assured so many are grateful for your fantastic work in the community." - Cllr Carol Hart

"My GP Link Worker listened to what I really needed and took time to understand my needs to get myself well again."

Erewash Voluntary Action CVS works towards a caring and more inclusive society by developing and supporting individual and group voluntary action that responds to local community needs and wishes.

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