



# HOUSE of GRACE

## WITHAM

### SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION

for homeless people

### House of Grace supporters update – January 2026

As we look back over 2025 and forward into 2026 we thank God for the many blessings he has poured on the charity and we thank you for your faithful support and prayers. We pray that in this new year, you will experience a closer walk with God and be blessed with his joy and peace.

As many of you are aware, each Thursday evening some of the trustees/support workers and guests meet at the House of Grace to enjoy a communal meal with the residents. It is always a happy/fun time together and gives a sense of 'family'. (If you would like to be involved in this anytime, please let Emmelia know). On the Thursday before Christmas some of us met to share a Christmas meal. The food was provided by one of the trustees and mainly cooked by one of the residents. There was much laughter (and groans at the corny Christmas cracker jokes) and the food and atmosphere was amazing. Presents were exchanged & the residents placed theirs under their beautifully decorated tree in the lounge. We were touched by the thoughtfulness of the cards & gifts given to us by the residents. All three residents had plans to spend time with their families, so we didn't meet on Christmas day this year.

It is incredible to look back on 2025 and see how, as a group - trustees, workers, residents - we have grown together, all of us learning new insights and skills and benefitting from being part of this special family. We are so aware that what has been achieved owes much to the support you have given us and the grace of God.

Recently we have been blessed with new people joining us as support worker/volunteer. If you would like to be part of this work, please speak to Emmelia or one of the trustees.

We are looking forward to the challenges of 2026. Please pray for:

- a) Employment for our resident currently seeking full time work
- b) Suitable accommodation for those residents who will be ready to move on to independent living
- c) New residents to replace those who move on
- d) More opportunities for our residents to obtain casual paid work
- e) Successful future fund raising events

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