

The Christian Community in Forest Row

Activity and
Finances 2022

What we did in 2022

- Celebrated the sacraments and other services
- Prepared children for Confirmation
- Started activities with young people
- Offered pastoral care, with home and hospital visits as needed.
- Opened the church for quiet prayer.
- Held talks and lectures
- Held weekly conversation groups and other workshops
- Put on festival celebrations and plays with children and adults
- Opened the church for the Michaelmas Fair
- Hosted concerts and exhibitions
- Hosted the national Annual Conference and priests' orientation event
- Hosted the Appletree Children's groups
- Fundraised for Ukraine
- Maintained our beautiful church space and grounds with major works to trees and repairs to the church.
- Contributed our share of central and international expenses

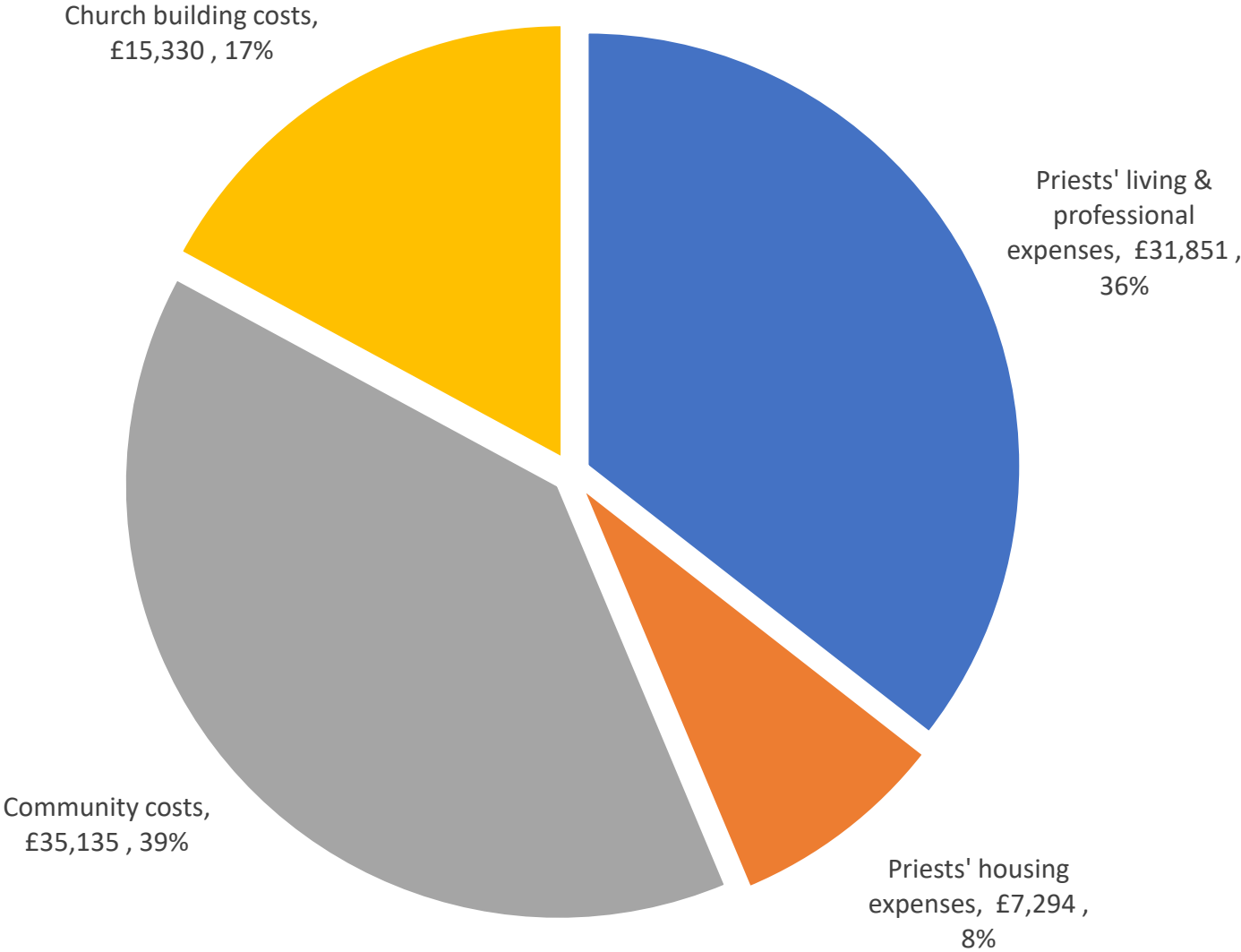
How was that made possible?

- The fundamental gesture of the economic life: we are doing something of value and those who recognise this respond by supporting us.
- The Finance Group are the stewards of the resources that come towards us.
- The members of the group are Inger Gordon and Mike Small together with the priests.
- Today's meeting is to let you know how we met the needs that arose as a result of our activity last, and how we imagine the need will be this year.

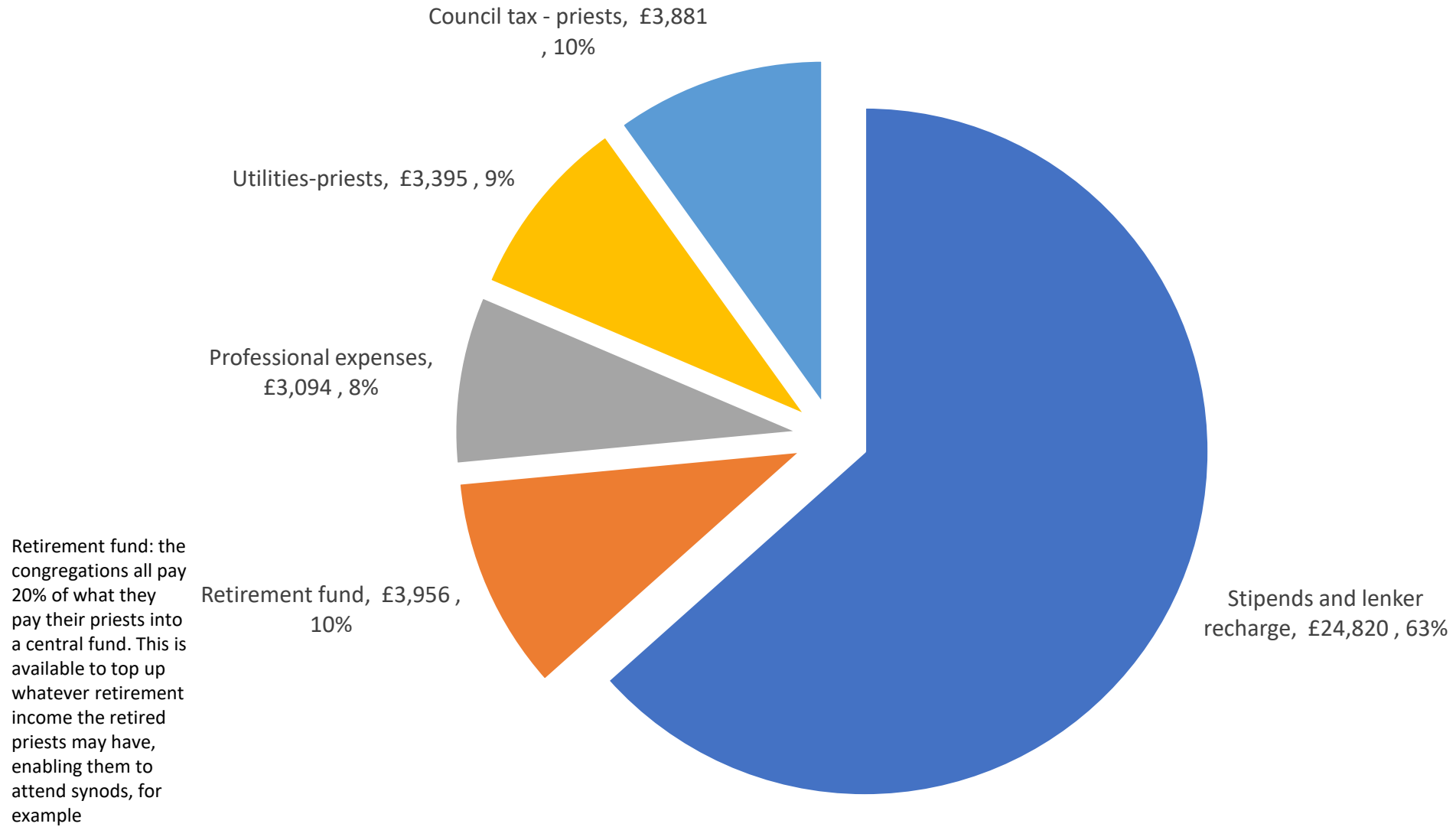
Breakdown of the needs

- Priests costs (44%)
 - Stipends and retirement support
 - Housing costs
 - Professional expenses
- Community costs (40%)
 - Paying for bookkeeping, cleaning and community helper
 - Transport: petrol and train and bus fares
 - Office and housekeeping costs
 - Vestry expenses: candles, incense, grape juice
 - Support for the central charity
- Church building costs (16%)
 - Utilities: heating, lighting, water
 - Repairs and renewals
- Total needed to sustain our activities in 2022: £88,800

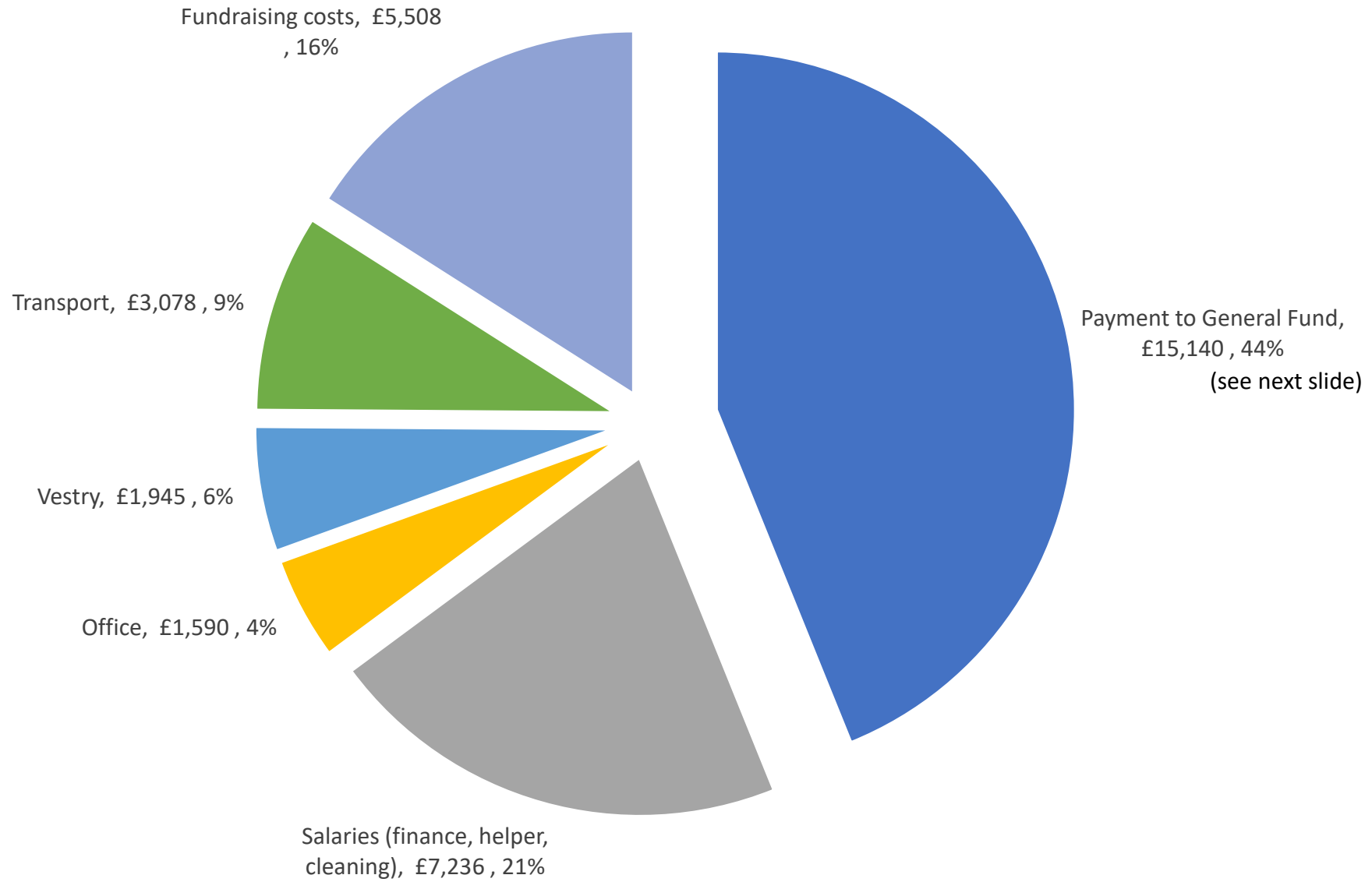
Total regular spending: £88,800



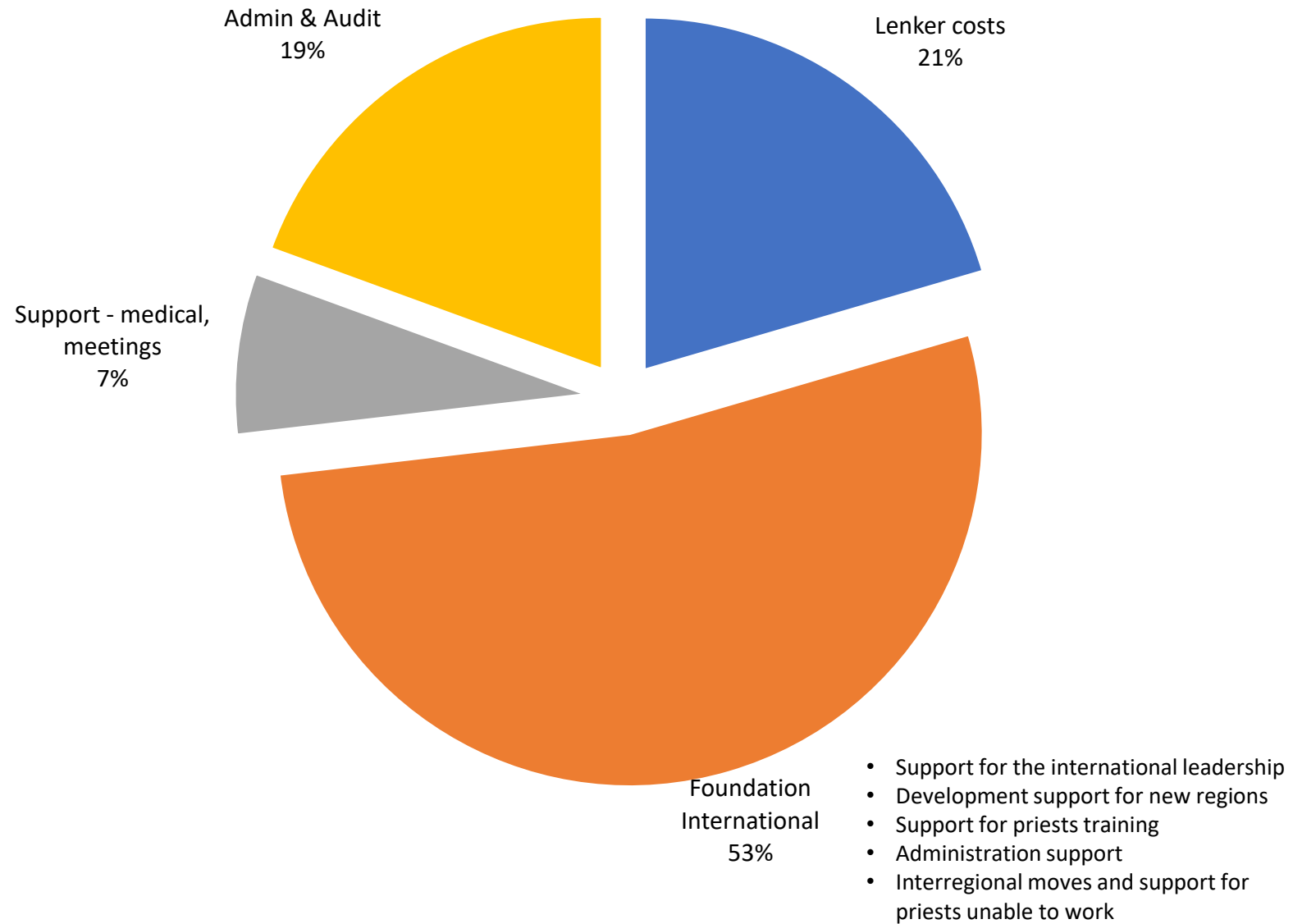
Priests costs: £39,145



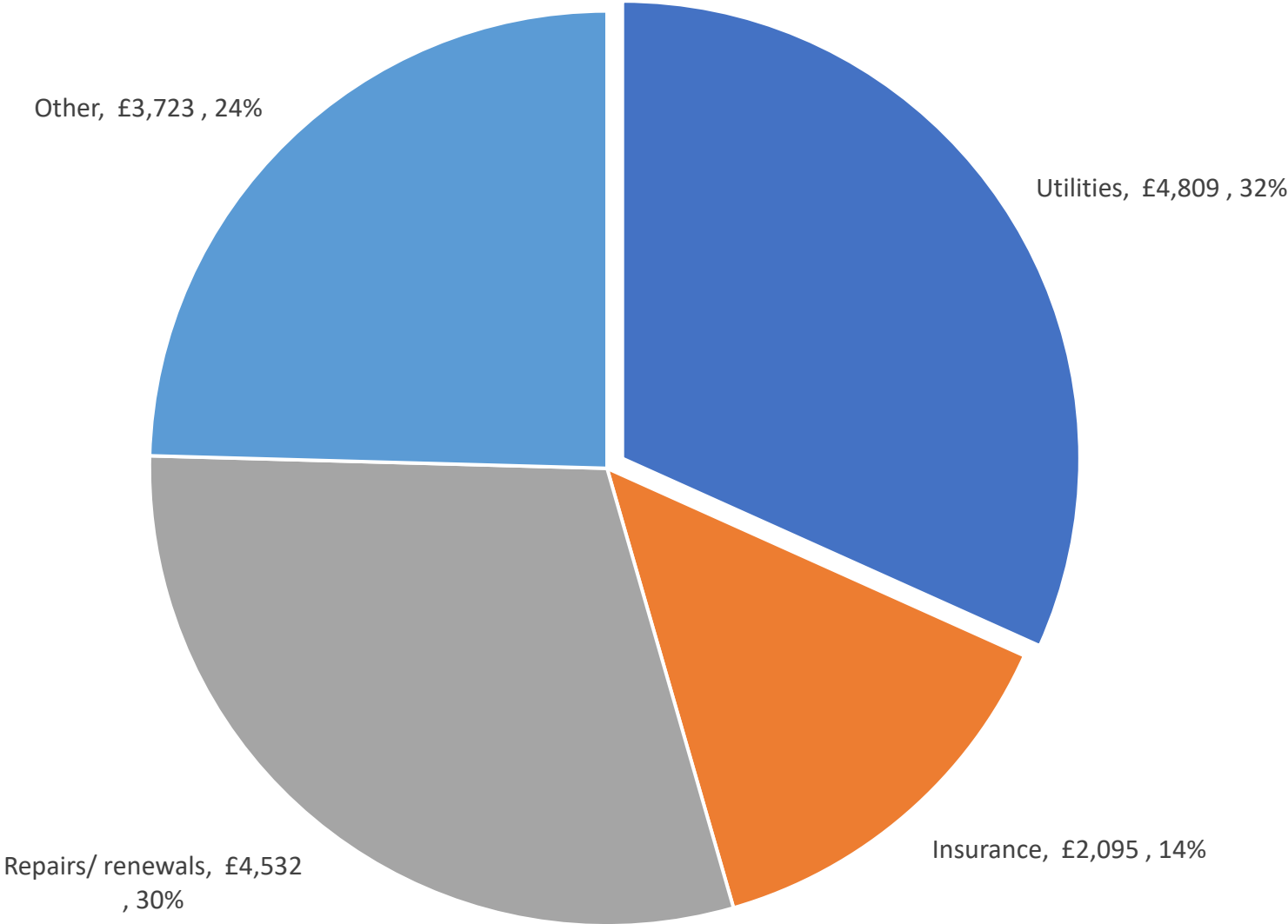
Community Costs: £35,135



General Fund – how is our contribution used?



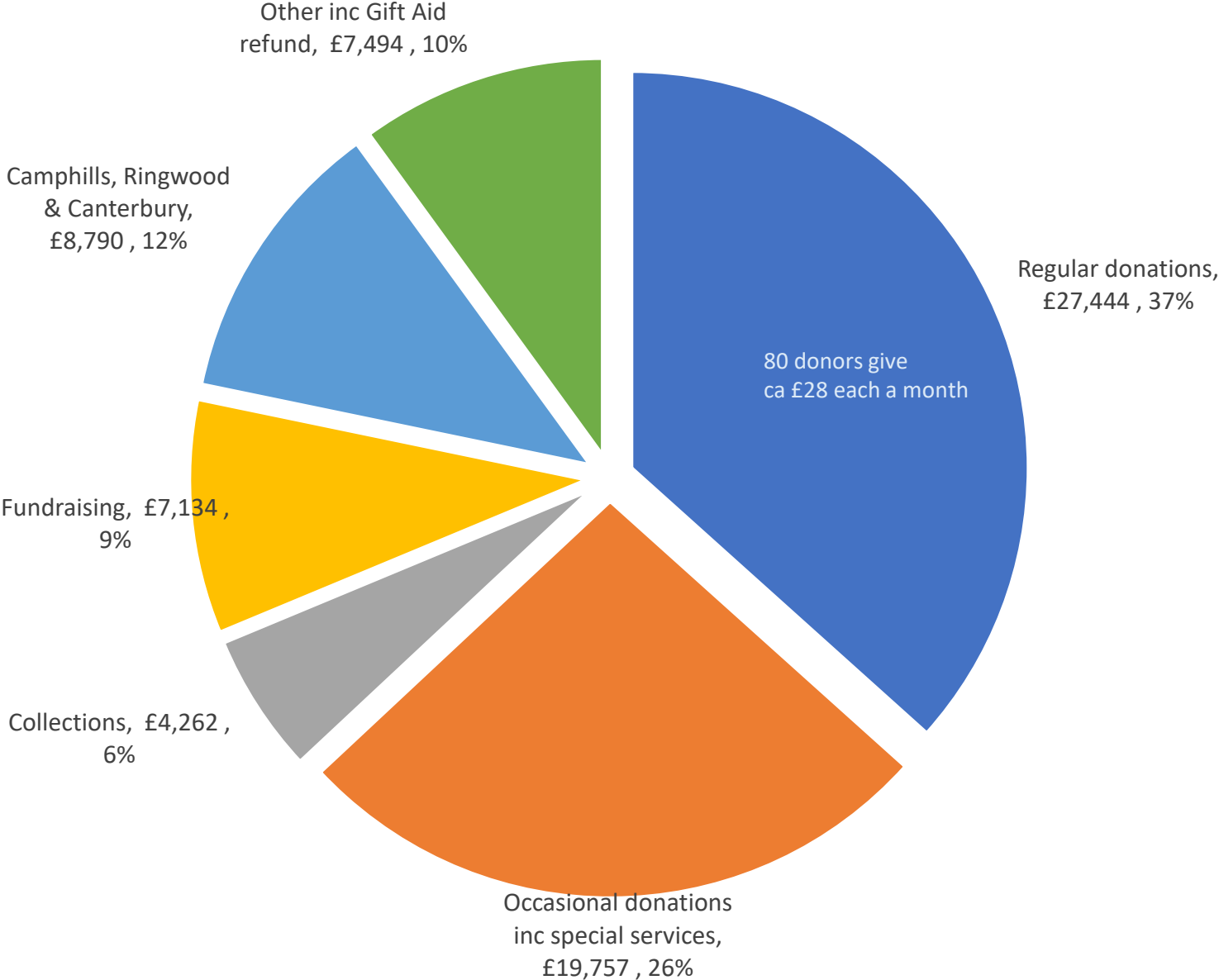
Church costs: £14,520



Where did the resources come from to enable all these activities?

- Regular donations: around 80 people give on average £28/month (37%)
- Occasional donations, including donations following funerals and other special services (26%)
- All UK taxpayers can fill out a Gift Aid Declaration, which means we can claim 25p on every £1 that they donate.
- Fundraising and collections (15%)
- Support from Canterbury, The Mount, Nutley Hall, the Lantern Community and Sturts Farm (both in Ringwood) (12%)
- Some people contribute who rarely or never attend, because they want The Christian Community to continue, even if they don't come.
- Everything that we do is a free offering; if people respond, they are not 'paying for' but 'paying forward'.

Regular income: £74,881



Ordinary and extraordinary budgets

- We are now working with the idea of an ordinary budget and an extraordinary budget.
- Extraordinary income is 'one-off', not everyday money. It wants to fund the future.
- Legacies were received in 2022 from the estates of Roberta Taylor, Joan Thomson and Krista Braun.
- We used legacy income
 - to purchase two mantles and a chasuble
 - to partly pay off the loan that we owe on Selina's car
 - to undertake some major repairs arising from the recent Quinquennial Survey
 - to fund the deficit in our Ordinary Budget (£14,000)

Extraordinary income and expenditure

Legacies	£	25,988
Car loan repayment	-£	2,400
Vestry - extraordinary	-£	2,873
Repairs/ renewals - extraordinary	-£	3,423
Balance	£	17,292

Summary

Income

Ordinary income	£	74,881
Extraordinary income	£	25,988
Total income	£	100,869

Expenditure

Ordinary expenditure	£	89,610
Extraordinary expenditure	£	7,887
Total expenditure	£	97,497

Results

Result: ordinary	-£	13,920
Result: extraordinary	£	17,292

Total surplus / deficit	£	3,372
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Assets		01/01/2022		31/12/2022
Santander Bank		11,113		7,823
Lloyds current account		8,375		16,022
Lloyds savings account		7,297		5,965
Cash		11		358
Total		26,796		30,168
Liabilities				
Development fund		9,000		12,372
Bookstall		5,192		5,342
Tynehome Loan		4,000		1,600
Training Fund		2,050		2,050
Total		20,242		21,364
Balance		6,554		8,804

Assets and Liabilities

- The liabilities represent commitments that we have made.
- Development Fund is made up of legacies from prior years.
- The bookstall fund represents the accumulated profit of the bookstall over the years
- The Training Fund is made up of targeted donations from a few years ago.
- The Tynehome Trust is a separate charity whose purpose is to make interest free loans to Christian Community congregations

Budget 2023

- We have not budgeted for any legacy income.
- Ordinary spending is reduced, despite utility increases
- We are committed to using Krista's legacy for the new garden design.
- We have the reserves to absorb this year's projected deficit, but we could not do this for another year.
- If all 80 regular donors put their standing order up by an average £5 per month, and we found 15 new families to donate the average of £28, we would not have a deficit in our 'ordinary budget'.

INCOME	2022	2023
ORDINARY INCOME	£ 74,881	£ 73,640
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME	£ 25,988	£ -
TOTAL INCOME	£ 100,869	£ 73,640
EXPENDITURE		
ORDINARY EXPENDITURE	£ 88,801	£ 84,155
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE	£ 8,696	£ 6,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 97,497	£ 90,755
RESULTS		
RESULT: ORDINARY	-£ 13,920	-£ 10,515
RESULT: EXTRAORDINARY	£ 17,292	-£ 6,600
TOTAL SURPLUS / DEFICIT	£ 3,372	-£ 17,115

To finish

- Thank you for your attention and your support!
- Please consider whether you could become a regular donor, or increase your existing donation. Please fill out a Gift Aid form if you're a UK taxpayer.
- Please think of us when you make your will.
- Please help us to find the right people to join the Finance Group.
- Please help us to think who might help us with bookkeeping.