



## CARITAS NATIONAL LOTTERY CRISIS FUND

The National Lottery gave a grant to Caritas Shrewsbury to establish a Crisis Fund and make small emergency one-off grants available for individuals and families in need where a relatively small amount of funding could make a big difference. It was clear many were facing immediate financial crises and for them, the grant was a lifesaver.

Our Crisis Fund was advertised through; collaborate agencies, schools, parishes, our own website, and by clients through word of mouth. Staff worked tirelessly to help the most vulnerable address practical and emotional needs - a difficult task as many other agencies were closed and foodbanks short of supplies.

The issues faced by our clients have been varied but all leading to poverty and financial chaos if not addressed. By making a crisis grant and a package of support available, we were able to help clients manage and avoid financial and health related breakdown.

The grants have maintained, changed or even improved lives of some of the most vulnerable in our community with many families managing to stay above the poverty line.

There lies real added value and impact for Caritas and the National Lottery Grant, so a BIG THANK YOU from Caritas to National Lottery!

Trish and all the Team at Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury