

The Church of England's Social Impact Investment Programme, established in 2020 to direct capital towards new solutions to deep-rooted social challenges, has invested £5.7m in its first two years, according to its 2023 [Impact Report](#).

The programme aim is to support vulnerable people and communities, while generating sustainable returns that preserve the capital for future impact.

"It's a privilege to support the Church of England's wider mission through this innovative programme," **said Vanessa Morphet, Head of Social Impact Investment at the Archbishops' Council**. "We work with excellent investment managers who have deep knowledge of the UK charity and social enterprise sector, and we're confident our capital will have a real, lasting impact where it counts most."

The programme has so far made four investments.

One of the investments is in the [Women in Safe Homes](#) fund, which buys houses and leases them to grassroots organisations that provide refuge to vulnerable women and their children. The programme also made a £1.1m equity investment to take a 3.6% stake in [Charity Bank](#), which can unlock new loans to charities, social enterprises, and faith-based organisations.

In total, the Church Commissioners for England has allocated £25m to this programme through a grant to the Archbishops' Council, a charity that supports the work and mission of the Church of England.

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