



**emmaus**  
Barnet  
working together to end homelessness

## June 2015 Newsletter

### The Barbie Installation. A story from the shop.

A customer bought a couple of Barbie dolls. She came back to the shop with various members of her Barbie collection all ready to volunteer their services in display.

She had made Emmaus aprons, Emmaus shoulder bags, even Emmaus cushions.



Valerie our manager was thrilled. In case you missed the window, here are some photos showing this unusual group of volunteers.



### New shops and locations.

We are working hard to locate suitable shops in new locations. We need a total of 5 shops to support a local Emmaus community. Locations have to fit in with our criteria and are of a sufficient size to house a furniture shop. Support of the local community is equally important in our choice, whilst price is another factor.

#### Discussions with organisations which support getting people back into work.

We recently met with a representative from Edgware community hospital and are looking to partner with as many organisations as possible

#### Publicity Manager

With great sadness we said goodbye to our publicity manager Rob Noble, we will miss him a lot, He worked tirelessly to promote Emmaus in our community. He enabled us to be part of the Christmas Street Fayre and at the same time singlehandedly organised the Christmas bazar at the Wesley Hall.

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## Becky's Story

A friend at Emmaus Hastings told us about Communities in Greenwich, Dover and St Albans. Only St Albans could offer help to a couple.

### What was it like at first?

I was given work in the shop, on the till and answering the phone. My boyfriend worked in the kitchen cooking for the Community.

I had worked in a shop for 4 years as an assistant manager. I was sacked because I needed medical attention and a operation. Then mum kicked me out because her partner returned. I became homeless.

### And now, what are you doing now?

I am a Trainee Retail Assistant. It's a two year course at Emmaus St Albans. I help across all 5 shops; stepping in to help with admin, accounts, holiday cover, shop procedures, team management and buying doughnuts.

### What would you want others to know about Emmaus?

Do not be scared, there are places out there to help you. I've been helped by regaining my confidence, learning new skills, by having people see the potential in me. I wasn't just homeless. I needed a chance to learn to rely on the knowledge I had before.

*Thank you, Becky.*

### How long have you been at the St Albans Community in Hill End?

I came about 8 months ago. I was homeless and had been living in a tent for 4 months with my boyfriend.

### How did you find out about Emmaus?

## John Lewis Brent Cross

## Christchurch Barnet .

We received a cheque from the Thursday Fellowship at Christchurch Barnet, who adopted us as their charity for the Spring term after Carol gave a talk about the work of Emmaus. **John Lewis Brent Cross** also included us in their **Community Matters** scheme during the Christmas period, and donated a cheque for £960.

**Waitrose Brent Cross** supported us through their **Community Matters** scheme, Emmaus Barnet received a cheque for to help us develop our project in North London further.

**Potters Bar Baptist Church** Wednesday group gave us a donation, after a talk about Emmaus, thank you to all who were there.

Amanda from John Lewis at the shop to present their Cheque to Carol and Ken Georgia at the Waitrose with their donation



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