

Corporate support



Left to right: Martyn Maund, Claire Watts, Lydia Chan

Barclays raise a glass – and cash – for the homeless

Mustard Tree is celebrating a welcome windfall after a fundraising event held by staff at Barclays Bank. Barclays Wealth Vice President Claire Watts organised a wine tasting evening, and the event was a huge success, raising £1250.00 which to support the homeless and needy in Manchester.

The fundraiser was also backed by Icon Search and Selection, who have chosen Mustard Tree as their nominated charity for the year.

A cheque was presented to Communications Officer Lydia Chan by Claire and Icon MD, Martyn Maund.

Prayer points

Please join us in prayer ...

- For positive outcomes for those we support seeking employment
- Give thanks for our good relationship with the city Council
- For food donations to replenish out food stores
- For more corporate placements for Freedom Project trainees
- For churches to work with us: i.e. as volunteers

Our newest staff member...

Introducing Mustard Tree's newest staff member, **Fiona Nelson**, who has just started work as our Retail Manager.

Fiona used to volunteer at Mustard Tree, and has already begun the task of revamping and improving our shop floor.



...and our congratulations!

Big congratulations go out to our Warehouse Assistant, **Ian Welch**, whose fiancée Deborah will be having a baby boy this December.



Best wishes from Mustard Tree to all of you.

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Faith at work, rebuilding lives

We Love Manchester

After the recent rioting, a surge of individuals and organisations responded with a 'We Love Manchester' banner.

At Mustard Tree we would definitely agree. It is a privilege to to serve those in this city who feel they have nothing left to give, who have hit hard times and just need someone to support and believe in them. It is also a privilege to work alongside others who are committed to seeing a peaceful and safe city

for all. We've recently been hosting 'Coffee with a Copper' evenings which aim to break down the barriers between communities and those assigned to their protection. We meet and work with Mancunians from all walks of life who share the desire to help their neighbours and communities. Recent events convince me that we need each other; we need to understand one another better and we need to learn how to love the people who make up Manchester. A good place to



start is 1 Corinthians 13 4-8. Thanks again for all your support, I hope you enjoy thisnewsletter. — Paul

Best foot forward

A big congratulations to 'Team Arcus' on completing the The BUPA Great Manchester Run to raise funds for Mustard Tree.



On a very typical wet Manchester day, a super fit team of Stephen Biggs, David Whiteley, Ashley Reynolds, Julie Reynolds, JoAnne Dalton, Rob Walton and Russell Carragher set off to pound the streets of Manchester.

The team sprinted their way across the finish line, and managed to raise over £600 in total. They've also been collecting food for our emergency food parcel provision. Mustard Tree was also supported by teams from the Bank of New York Mellon, Abode Hotel and staff from Northwards Housing, as well as our staff and volunteers – well done everyone and Thank you!

-----STOP PRESS----- **PEDAL POWER – CAN YOU HELP** -----STOP PRESS-----

Mustard Tree is launching a bike project to refurbish and provide cheap or free cycles. We are appealing for donations of bikes or cycling equipment to use for the project. If you have any old cycles or other items, please get in touch with our office.

Blooming lovely!

The Mustard Tree Garden has undergone a huge transformation, as you can see from these pictures.

In the space of just a few months it has changed from a derelict, overgrown patch of wasteland to a beautiful urban oasis - thanks to the hard work of dozens of volunteers.

If you would be interested in helping out in the garden, which is just around the corner from Mustard Tree in Ancoats, you would be more than welcome!

Please get in touch with Lydia on 0161 228 7331.



Have a Heart – don't miss out!

Time is running out to get your tickets for Mustard Tree's spectacular annual 'Have a Heart Dinner and Dance'. This year's event is taking place on Saturday 17th September, at the plush Malmaison Hotel in central Manchester.

Partygoers are guaranteed an evening to remember with entertainment, a charity auction, slap up buffet supper and of course, dancing!

Tickets are £15.00 each from Mustard Tree – contact Janet on 0161 228 7331.

Could you be our new kitchen chief?

Mustard Tree is on the lookout for a new volunteer Kitchen Manager to take charge of our catering.

The role involves providing a daily lunch for around 40 volunteers and staff, planning menus, and supervising kitchen helpers.

You will need to have a current Food Safety certificate – and a cool head!

Contact Janet Wong on 0161 228 7331 to apply.

Glad we could help!

We were delighted to receive this letter of thanks from the residents of Johnnie Johnson Housing in Clayton.



“Dear Mustard Tree, We would all like to say a big THANK YOU for the television you gave to us. We enjoyed getting together to watch the Royal Wedding, and we look forward to many more occasions where we can enjoy our favourite television programmes. Thank you for your kindness, it has made a real difference.”

From all the residents

Food appeal

One of the things we do at Mustard Tree is provide food to those who are literally living on the breadline.



We do this via our soup runs in the city centre, and also by giving out emergency food parcels to individuals and families in need from our base in Ancoats.

We rely on donated food, and our stocks are running very low, so we are appealing for donations of tinned food, rice, pasta or other dried goods. If you can help, please get in touch.

A response to the riots

These Words

These words cannot explain how I feel.

If I say I am grieving you'll think me bereaved.

If I write violated you'll consider me abused.

Distressed is close but I carry no anxiety; disturbed, yes, but not depressed.

Troubled not tormented; concerned not worried; astonished, yet not surprised; aghast, yes, but far from afraid.

You can break our windows but never our spirit; steal our trinkets, but nothing of value.

You can burn our cars but not our hopes; ravage our city, but never, never our glory.

by Jez Green,
Mustard Tree Freedom Co-ordinator