

Thank you all...

At every step in the transformation of these two once-dilapidated Victorian buildings, Kairos has received most generous help and support from Crash Charity patrons in the form of funding, building materials, expert advice, professional skills and time.



Our Maudsley Charity-funded support workers help to facilitate the transition of people from our complex-needs accommodation to independent living and to stay in touch with them.



The grant in 2020 from Homeless Link enabled the continuation of Kairos rehab services, so vital throughout this difficult time.



Welcome to the Recovery Hub



Today we celebrate the opening of our extended and refurbished building at 66 Nunhead Lane: home to the Garden Day Programme on the ground floor and, upstairs, home to six Kairos Move-on residents with complex needs. This new centre, together with our 26-bed Linden Grove Abstinence Support Hostel around the corner, provides Kairos with a powerful recovery hub in South London for delivering our services to men and women suffering from homelessness and addiction.

We thank our patrons and friends for their magnificent support. Crash Charity, Homeless Link, the National Lottery Community Fund and the Maudsley Charity have together enabled us to create a vibrant modern recovery hub fit for another 30 years.

– Mossie Lyons, Kairos Director. 22 July 2021

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LINDEN GROVE ABSTINENCE-SUPPORT HOSTEL

Number 22 Linden Grove is our starting point for visitors today because ever since Kairos relocated here in 1998 from 246 Stonhouse Street, Clapham, it has been at the heart of our South London services. More than 1,200 men and women have called it 'home'.

Now an impressive 26-bed hostel staffed 24/7, it is the starting point for clients whose individual recovery pathways can take them on to one or more of Kairos's other services: the Garden Day Programme, Bethwin Road Residential Rehab, Aftercare, and our 28 supported sober Move-on houses with more than 180 beds.



Kairos bought the four-storey Victorian building at 22 Linden Grove, Nunhead in 1998 from Southwark Council, which had used it as a hostel. Latterly, it had been squatted and was in very poor repair but an army of volunteers helped make it habitable. In 2001, we managed to buy St Antony's church hall to the rear of the building. In 2006-7 both buildings were refurbished with help of Crash Charity and physically connected to create the spacious and versatile centre you see today.

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66 NUNHEAD LANE: MOVE-ON HOUSE & THE GARDEN DAY PROGRAMME

The old corner shop and uppers at 66 Nunhead Lane dates from c1860s and has been a butcher's and grocer's (above, in 1935). Kairos rented the building in 1998, finally buying it in 2017.

Upstairs has always been a six-bed Move-on house, while the downstairs was used at first for healthy-living and therapy groups for Linden Grove residents and former clients. Today, thanks to grants from the National Lottery Community Fund, the complex-needs residents here have their own specialist support worker.

In 2008-9, a resident at '66'

transformed the large overgrown garden into an oasis which gave its name in January 2011 to the Garden Day Programme.

Since then, more than 400 clients have joined the GDP, with 300 graduating after 12 weeks. It is a non-residential 12-Step based 'dayhab'. Clients can attend while living at Linden Grove or in Kairos Move-on houses but recently there has been an increase in clients from the community.

The renovations and extension have doubled the space available to the GDP, which now comprises well-equipped,

comfortable group and individual therapy rooms, kitchen and bathrooms – all wheelchair accessible. The main entrance to the project is through the garden, which gives it a welcoming and peaceful atmosphere.

Links between the GDP and Linden Grove continue as ever over lunch in the communal dining-room (far left), a valuable time for informal recovery.

Our thanks go to Crash Charity, architects Jonathan Cross and Michael McMillan of p-ad, and to John Bailey of JMB Construction Ltd.

