

## Prince William Takes Responsibility of Princess Diana's Beloved Charity, The Passage

This morning, Kensington Palace announced that Prince William would become Royal Patron of The Passage Charity and that he would visit them today. It's a sweetly touching move for William; His mom brought him and Prince Harry along to the charity as far back as 1993 to show her sons the importance of volunteer work and caring for others.

In 2016, William spoke about the visit to The Passage and everything it meant to him. "The visits I made as a child to this place left a deep and lasting impression on me—about how important it is to ensure that everyone in our society, especially the poorest, are treated with respect, dignity, and kindness, and are given the opportunities to fulfill their potential in life," he said at the time.

The Passage is the largest resource center for homeless individuals in the U.K. and they have reportedly worked with more than 130,000 in the nearly 30 years that they've been in existence.

Katherine J. Igoe, Marie Claire News, February 13, 2019

## Princess Kate Is Behind a New Initiative for a Cause That's Close to Her Heart

Princess Kate's newest initiative is supporting organizations that are making resources easily accessible to families across the United Kingdom.

This week, the Royal Foundation Centre for Early Childhood, a "hub" organization Kate founded in 2021, announced the launch of the Baby Bank Alliance, which will unite 300 baby banks in the U.K. and help them continue their work supporting children, parents, and caregivers.

The foundation shared the exciting news on Instagram, including photos of Kate's previous visits to various charities across the country. One snapshot shows Kate assembling gift bags with her daughter, Princess Charlotte, during a visit to a baby bank in Maidenhead, England, last December. (Kate's two other kids—Prince George and Prince Louis—also joined their mom in volunteering at the bank.)

"Over the past few years, the Princess of Wales has visited several baby banks to highlight their crucial work in supporting families with babies and young children," the caption read. "Organisations like baby banks play a vital role in helping to give parents and carers the capacity to provide the nurturing care which is so important to babies and young children." (...)

The alliance is the latest venture for Kate in the realm of early childhood development, a cause she has long held close to her heart. For the past decade, much of her work as a member of the royal family has involved researching the connection between children's social and environmental experiences at a young age and their mental and physical development as adults.

Chelsey Sanchez, *harpersbazaar.com*, 2024

## 'A real pioneer': King Charles seeks to embody green values in royal estate

News that King Charles is converting his chauffeur-driven luxury vehicles to run on biofuels was this week billed as a small step in a bigger plan to reduce emissions.

The announcement was swiftly followed by news of a deal between the crown estate, the monarchy's property arm, and Great British Energy, Labour's new publicly owned energy company, to build offshore windfarms to power 20m homes. The crown estate, which will receive a healthy share of any profits, owns most of the seabed up to 12 nautical miles from the coastline.

Both measures reinforced the image of Charles as the "green king". Tony Juniper, who has co-authored two books with Charles, said: "There is no doubt that our monarch, our head of state, is a very committed and very effective environmentalist."

Among other changes detailed in this week's **sovereign grant annual report** were the first solar panels to be fitted at Windsor Castle, with heat pumps to follow; and gas lanterns at Buckingham Palace being given new electrical fittings to "improve their energy efficiency while preserving their historic look and glow". (...)

Last year, Charles appointed a new head of sustainability to accelerate his net zero ambitions. "It is ever clearer that urgent action is needed for a zero-carbon, nature-positive future," the report said. "The royal household recognises the twin global challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss and its role in taking action, demonstrating leadership, and encouraging and inspiring others."

Harriet Sherwood, *The Guardian*, 2024