



## **Eastbourne Winter Night Shelter**

I was a stranger and you invited me in... *MATTHEW 25:35*

Dear reader,

As we write this newsletter the sun is shining and the sky is blue but the temperatures belie the fact that the season is changing and we will soon be facing colder days again. Let this not stop our enjoyment of beautiful days like today though!

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### **Winter Night Shelter**

So as we begin to turn our thoughts and attention to Autumn and Winter we wanted to let you know about our plans for this season's winter night shelter programme.

We recently held our first Coordinators' meeting to discuss the planning process for this year and the changes we are introducing in our referrals process. You can see the full details of this on our website but essentially we are going to hold daily interviews at Christ Church, Seaside. Prospective guests will be assessed by a panel of 3 members of the WNS team before admission to the night shelter. We trust this will continue to ensure the safety and well being of all volunteers and guests using the night shelter.



### **Training Dates**

We would like to remind all existing and potential volunteers of the Training dates for this year.

The first one will be for all new volunteers and those just wishing to learn more information before deciding for themselves. This is to be on **Monday 19th October 7:30pm** at All Saints Centre, Grange Road, Eastbourne.

The second one will be more of a refresher for seasoned volunteers in order to keep up to date with any changes. This will be on **Thursday 19th November at the slightly later time of 8pm**, also at All Saints Centre, Grange Road, Eastbourne. We also welcome any new volunteers to this session.

## Coordinators

There have been a few changes in the Coordinators' team this year. Full details of coordinators for each venue, with contact details, are on the website:

<http://kingdomwaytrust.org/winter-night-shelter/host-churches/>

## Thank you to all Winter Night Shelter volunteers

We appreciate so much all of the tireless work of our volunteers and we do understand that sometimes people have to take a break or step down due to health reasons, moving away or other commitments etc. However, without the support of our volunteers we simply couldn't operate the WNS and we would like to encourage all who can to make at least one of the Training sessions. This also helps us to gauge the response of volunteers for this new year and is so helpful in having as many of us together to encourage each other, and learn from one another.

[www.winternightshelter.com](http://www.winternightshelter.com)

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## The Bridge

Many of you, we know, like to follow the events and life at The Bridge and this continues to be very fruitful for many of our residents, both current and past. It's a place where we do see many challenges and sometimes disappointments too, but also transformations and opportunities where God is working miracles in people's lives. Sometimes we see small step changes in people but then we know these are often giant step changes to our friends and we thank God for all he is doing.



At this time we have 4 residents with a queue of people to interview for the last space. When we move into our newly refurbished house we will have room for 6 residents.

Progress on the new property is going very well with an anticipated handover from the builders by the end of October. We are very excited that when completed the new house will offer exceptional facilities to all who live and work there. Although we expect the building work to be finished soon, we have taken the decision to delay our move into the new property until Feb/Mar 2016. Our staff and volunteers have quite a heavy workload during the next few months and we want to give our full attention to ensuring a smooth and orderly transition to the new house. We have to furnish the property and set up the office and also make provision to ensure we leave our current house in a good and orderly way. Taking all of this into consideration we believe this is the right decision so we can plan for everyone to fully benefit from the move when it happens.

If anyone has items of good quality furniture or kitchen accessories or would even be willing to consider sponsoring a resident's bedroom furniture for instance, we would be very

grateful. Unfortunately, we are running out of storage space so if you have items for donating it would be helpful if these could be identified to us with a view to keeping them for us until the new year.

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## Hope into Action

In our summer newsletter we wrote about this project, which aims to provide move-on housing for some of the residents of The Bridge, as well as homes for other vulnerable people who need a "light touch" support and supervision to help them live independently. The key to this project is the link with local churches, and we have started talking with church leaders around the town about how they might become involved in this exciting venture. Please take a moment to look at the project on our website, and get in touch if you'd like to become involved.

<http://kingdomwaytrust.org/hopeintoaction/>



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## Hope Woodwork

As you probably know, Hope Woodwork is part of Kingdom Way Trust and was established to help provide a non-threatening environment that equips people for work, teaches some new skills, and helps them rebuild confidence so that they can re-enter the workplace. We also recycle waste timber, making beautiful things from scrap! See our website for more information: <http://hopewoodwork.co.uk/>

We have a steady trickle of people coming through but often have space for more unemployed people who want to get back to work. We would also love to talk to any potential volunteers who could give up a day or two a week to work alongside our clients. You don't need to be a 'trained' carpenter, but practical experience in a related field, and the ability to work safely with people in an encouraging way are essential. Please email Stephen if you'd like to know more.



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Thank you for your support and engagement with KWT and for all you do. We value your prayer support as always.

To God be the Glory!

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