

Dear reader,

Welcome to our Autumn update!

First of all, a big thank you to those who took the time to complete our little online survey recently. Of those who responded:

- 85% said they read these newsletters within a day or two and over 80% read all of it, with the remainder reading about the projects they are most interested in.
- 95% said the letters are about the right length and most find it easy to read.
- 100% preferred a newsletter with short sections on each project, rather than letters about a single project, and the 4 areas of our work each commanded a similar level of interest.
- 93% said the frequency of us sending the letters is about right, with the remainder wanting them more often!

And a big thank you to those who offered to volunteer in various capacities and gave us encouraging comments. If you ever have any feedback you think we should hear, whether it be positive, or constructive criticism, then please feel free to email us at any time either replying to this address or through our [website contact page](#).

## Winter Night Shelter

We're moving rapidly into the Night Shelter season again, opening on 1st December until the morning of the 1st March 2017. If you would like to volunteer we have **training evenings** coming up:

- **Monday 17th October** for those interested in becoming a volunteer, 7:30pm at the All Saints Centre, Grange Road, Eastbourne.
- Refresher training session on **Thursday 24th November**, again at 7:30pm at the All Saints Centre, Grange Road, Eastbourne.

All new and existing volunteers are welcome at both events.

We have another new church hosting this year bringing the number up to 9, so Thursday nights will alternate between the Salvation Army and Holy Trinity, and Saturday nights



alternate between Elim Family Church and Community Church at St. Anthony's (opposite Lidl). You can find a full list of [host churches and coordinators here](#).

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## The Bridge

Overall things have been going really well at The Bridge lately. There is a very positive feel about the place. Sue and Aggi, our House Leaders, have been finding their feet and are relating really well to the residents. We have seen some great progress in some of their lives. We have also welcomed 3 new residents since we last wrote, who are settling in well. Several residents are now engaging with local churches in various ways which is encouraging. We have had one resident leave us in difficult circumstances, so if you pray, please do pray for him as he faces a very uncertain future.



We are seeking an experienced key worker who could provide some cover for our staff on a voluntary or possibly on an ad-hoc paid hours (self-employed) basis. If you know anyone with experience of working with vulnerable adults in a key working role who may be interested please put them in touch with us. Thanks.

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## Hope Woodwork

Since we last wrote Hope Woodwork has moved to much larger premises. We took on Unit A (the former auction house), 7-9 Finmere Road, Eastbourne, BN22 8QG in September and moved over from our old workshop in Green Street. This gives us scope for working with more people in a safer environment, and will also provide extra storage space and a meeting room for other KWT projects such as The Bridge. We are thankful for a sympathetic landlord and some generous funding which has allowed us to make this jump in scale.



It has been really encouraging to see how people working with us are gaining confidence and skills. People spend a variable amount of time at Hope Woodwork, some doing just 1 day a week, others 3 or 4 days, some staying just a few weeks before they move on to paid work or other things, and some staying 6 months. The commitment of 2 of the guys particularly has been outstanding, putting in many extra hours both with the move to new premises and helping to man a stand we had at the recent Bentley Wood Fair for 3 days. This proved good experience for them in selling products and talking to people about the project, rather than just in the production of items.

You can find [our website here](#), or find us [on facebook here](#).



## Hope into Action

Many of you came to the evening we held on 1st September with Ed Walker, the founder of [Hope into Action](#) nationally. It was an inspiring and information-packed evening. Thank you for coming. As a result we have churches we are in conversation with about supporting residents in a Hope into Action house, and we are also actively looking for our first house. If anyone knows of a 3 bedroom house coming on to

the market in Eastbourne for up to around £200,000 please let us know as, depending on location, we may be interested!

[You can find out more here.](#)

In August, after many months of discussions, we were extremely privileged to be given a block of 8 flats which was owned and managed by another local Christian Trust who are starting to reduce their activities here in Eastbourne. This is an amazing generous gift and we feel very honoured to be chosen as the recipients. The flats are all currently occupied and will remain so. We will manage them and provide some support to residents. But over time as flats become vacant these will become part of the Hope into Action project with all that entails in terms of referrals and support.

This summer has felt like a period of real blessing to us in KWT. We have so much to give thanks for. It's not been without some set-backs of course, but overall as we look back we can see God's hand in what has happened and the people he has brought across our paths. We have a deep sense of being part of the great co-mission with Him. We're so glad we're not doing this on our own! And we want to thank each of you for being part of this work too - for your interest, prayers, volunteering time, friendship and support in so many ways. We couldn't do it without you either!

And now as winter draws near we will meet men and women during the Winter Night Shelter who are going through very tough times. We know these are just a small proportion of those who have inadequate stable or secure places to live. We ask you to remember them, and all the volunteers who will engage with them, and all those we won't meet who are vulnerable and needing safe shelter in your prayers over these next few months.

Every blessing,

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