



Dear reader,

Opening at last!

We are pleased to let you know that after a couple of false starts with premises for The Bridge we have been able to rent a house in Eastbourne which meets and even exceeds our requirements in many ways. The house has been rented to us by a Christian family, sympathetic to our work. We will be able to accommodate 5 residents although our plan is to

phase people in until we have full occupancy over a period of 6 months. Although we are renting the house, this will provide us with a great opportunity to gain first hand experience before we commit to buying a property if this is the way we decide to go.

We will be able to take possession of the house on 14th June, and we'll take the first week to set up the house and office. We have a team of volunteers who have already said they will help with the initial setup, cleaning and tidying the garden before residents arrive. Thank you - we'll be in touch with you very soon with more details.

Volunteers

Thank you to all of you who attended our volunteers' meeting in March to hear how our plans are progressing for the start up of The Bridge Supported Accommodation. From the teams perspective we all felt the meeting was very positive and we are grateful that so many of you indicated your willingness to be involved. We also know that many people were unable to be there but have indicated a desire to be kept informed of developments with a view to volunteering.

In the near future we'll be looking for volunteers for the following specific roles:

- Admin assistance;
- Budgeting training;
- Teaching cooking skills;
- Job application and CV writing;
- Accompanying residents to appointments;
- Driving (own vehicle with suitable insurance required at the moment);
- Gardening training;
- Art/music/drama classes;
- Mentoring and building confidence and self esteem.

At our March meeting we briefly explained the application process for volunteers and that we will provide suitable training as necessary. If you would like to be involved in some way please get in touch with us. Let us know, if possible, the area of volunteering that would best suit you and we will add you to our list of prospective volunteers. Depending on the response we receive, we may decide that it would be useful to invite new volunteers to another meeting so we can explain in more detail how the house is run.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you!

Thank you for the many expressions of support we have received over the past months as we've continued to work towards opening The Bridge and fulfilling the vision we believe God has placed on our hearts. It has not always been easy, with significant set-backs along the way and times of stress, but we are thankful we are not in this alone! We are so grateful for your prayers and support.

With our kind regards and every blessing,

The Bridge team, Kingdom Way Trust.

p.s. If you're in Eastbourne...

David Hiley, one of our Winter Night Shelter coordinators, has asked us to circulate the following message:

I am helping a friend organise a trip to the "Life of Christ" at Wintershall, near Guildford, and I would be grateful if you could arrange this email to be sent to all Winter Night Shelter volunteers as I am sure some would like to see this wonderful production portrayed by a cast of over 200 actors.

The details are as follows:

Coach departs from Our Lady of Ransom car park @ 11am on Saturday 14th June, cost £27 includes coach & entrance. Arrive approx. 12.30/12.45pm, bring your own picnic to enjoy in the beautiful grounds, then enjoy the 3 hour production from 2pm, arrive back in Eastbourne approx. 7.30pm.

Places are limited so please book asap: contact Mick on E/B 654468

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