



Dear reader,

Firstly a warm welcome to those receiving this newsletter for the first time. A number of people have signed up in the last few weeks, so we hope you enjoy reading about the work of KWT. Please encourage your friends to sign up on [our website](#), or by [emailing us](#) and we will add their names to the list.



Our primary reason for emailing is to invite you all to an event on the evening of **Thursday 1st September**, one month from today! Many of you are aware of our latest project, **Hope into Action, Eastbourne**, which aims to provide homes for vulnerable people. This is done in partnership with local churches who provide befriending and mentoring for residents, and with investors who purchase properties which are leased to us. This is a well-proven model run nationally by Hope into Action in Peterborough. You can read about them here: <http://hopeintoaction.org.uk/> We are currently in the process of purchasing our first Hope into Action house in Eastbourne.

On the 1st September Ed Walker, the founder and Executive Director of Hope into Action, will be coming down to speak and share some inspiring stories of change that people have experienced through living in Hope into Action houses. He will also talk about the practicalities of being part of a church team offering friendship and mentoring to residents, and about investing in property through Hope into Action. If you want to read more details in advance you can also see our web pages here: <http://kingdomwaytrust.org/hopeintoaction/>

We do hope you can join us on 1st September, 7.30 refreshments for 8pm start, at the All Saints' Centre, 21a Grange Road, Eastbourne BN21 4HE. If you are able to confirm you're coming in advance that would be helpful so that we can make sure we buy enough cheese and biscuits! But please come even if you haven't been able to reply. [Click here to download further information.](#)

Now a quick update on our other projects:

The Bridge

The Bridge provides more intensive support than is offered through Hope into Action. We've now entered our 3rd year at The Bridge. The new House Leaders, Sue and Aggi Kasparis (former night shelter volunteers so known to some of you) have settled in well with good engagement with the residents. Glyn is adapting well in his new part time role of key working. We are actively interviewing potential new residents at the moment to bring the house up to full strength of 6 residents. We've been blessed by an unexpected grant that will allow us to invest in individual training and to build a strong team for the future.



We've seen mostly good outcomes for residents who have moved on from The Bridge, many of whom keep in touch with us. We're looking forward in due course to having Hope into Action houses as a possible route into more independent living for men at the end of their time in The Bridge.

Winter Night Shelter

Work continues behind the scenes preparing for this year's Winter Night Shelter, which starts 1st December. We expect the need to be just as acute this coming year.

If you are a Night Shelter volunteer, or would like to become one, please note that the **training evenings** this year are on Monday 17th October and Thursday 24th November, both commencing at 7.30pm. More info nearer the dates.



Hope Woodwork

Hope Woodwork is moving! We have just negotiated on new much larger premises and will be moving during September. Our current workshop has been 'home' for over 2 years now and we have outgrown the space. The new premises will allow us to take on more work placements / trainees, and to increase the quantity and quality of products. Our primary aim remains helping unemployed people back into work, and this move will enable us to do that more effectively for more people.



Our new address from 1st September will be **Hope Woodwork, Unit 'A' Former Auction House, 7-9 Finmere Road, Eastbourne. BN22 8QG**. We thank God for his blessing in helping us find the right place at the right time, and for generous people who have enabled us to make this step.

If you would like to **volunteer as a supervisor / trainer** with us we'd love to hear from you, **or if you or someone you know is currently unemployed** and would like to train with us, you are very welcome to get in touch. The Hope Woodwork phone number is 07546 256411, or email admin@hopewoodwork.co.uk

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

If there is anything you would like further information about please do get in touch. We hope to see some of you on 1st September for our Hope into Action evening.

God bless,

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