

Kingdom Way Trust

enabling mercy and compassion



Eastbourne Winter Night Shelter

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

Spring 2018 Newsletter

Dear friends,

In this issue you can read about...

- The latest news from the Eastbourne Winter Night Shelter
- Two new job vacancies at Hope Woodwork (paid positions)
- Life at The Bridge
- The Hope into Action project, with news of some exciting progress
- Our Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 12th May - please save the date
- Some boring but important legal stuff to do with Data Protection!

So get yourself a cuppa!

We hope you enjoy reading it.



As we enter the last few weeks of the **Winter Night Shelter** for this

From one of our guests:

"Now the rhythm and benediction of the night shelter have become familiar, it is quite evident that its effect is predominantly to soothe,

Are you a Winter Night Shelter Volunteer?

We send out occasional updates about our other projects. If you are a Winter Night Shelter volunteer and don't

receive these already, but

season, we are grateful that, to date, there has been a very calm and friendly atmosphere amongst the guests. There have been very few disruptive incidents. It has been good to see a number of guests moving on to more stable accommodation.

As temperatures remain low and the snow has fallen recently we are still receiving referrals and are pleased to be able to offer warmth to a few more guests.

It is sad to see the number of people around Eastbourne sleeping rough, who for one reason or another don't use the night shelter. As Kingdom Way Trust we will continue to evaluate whether there are ways to engage more effectively with them.

and rehabilitate the subjects who have been necessarily coarsened by their time on the streets. Faces that were hardened into masks of uniform anonymity have each revealed a humanity unique to each of these subjects. Responding to warmth, the various recipients of the milk of human kindness have laughed and spoken at ease. Differences of race, religion and gender have failed to impact upon the effect of the scheme, and the promise of shelter at the end of the day has made a bitter December tolerable. If one is able to move on from such charity to a more fulfilling and pro-active existence, then the effect of the programme and the volunteers who staff it reach beyond the end of winter to change the world for better."

receive these already but would like to, [please sign up here](#), or email info@kingdomwaytrust.org and we'd be happy to add you to the list.

Reminder

If you are a current volunteer please remember our end of season 'thank-you' party on 9th March, 7.30 at Holy Trinity Church hall.

New 'Brochure' coming soon

Many of you will have seen our Annual Reviews in the last couple of years. We are in the process of putting together an updated 'brochure' with many of the same features as the Annual Review. It'll be available in hard copy and on our website so please look out for it in the next few weeks.



We are in a time of transition at **Hope Woodwork**. Our former workshop manager, Christian, is no longer with us and we wish him well. There continues to be a good variety of people on placement in the workshop. Some who start with little technical ability, after learning new skills, guided by our volunteer supervisors, grow in confidence and are now turning bowls on a lathe or making pieces of furniture. Others come with past experience and enjoy making new products or working on a variety of customer orders.

Recently we've made shop fittings, log stores, door signs, crosses from old pews and refurbished rocking horses!! If there's something you need made of wood, give us a try.

We have identified the need to re-focus in certain areas. We want to improve our support for those with us on placement and help them in a more intentional way to move through to employment. We also plan to develop a more defined range of products and will look for more opportunities for sales.

Hope Woodwork

Job Vacancies:

With this in mind and having received a specific donation for this purpose, we are looking to employ new staff to help fulfil the vision. [Please see here for more details](#) or forward this to anyone you know that may be interested in joining this exciting venture.

We are also always happy to hear from anyone who has practical skills who might be interested in volunteering at the workshop to work alongside those on placement.

The Bridge

It is always a challenge working with people with complex lives and struggles with past addictions. Some are progressing, others still stumble. Our desire is that these setbacks are not seen as failures but an opportunity for both residents and staff to learn about the difficulties they need to overcome and how we can best support them and enable them to move forward.

It is good to see many of the residents participating in different activities; volunteering, leisure and for some a bit of paid work.



It has been good to see **Hope into Action** being recognised for the work it is doing nationally to provide housing and support. ([Click here for details of a recent award received](#)).

If you'd like to find out more and be inspired we would highly recommend the **Hope into Action Annual Conference** on 16th March. [Click here for full details.](#)



One of the residents is gaining great experience gardening at a local church, volunteering at an allotment and doing forestry with Natural England. A number have benefited from going to Hope Woodwork.

We currently have space for two new residents so are in the process of selecting suitable people.

Here in Eastbourne we are grateful to the churches who provide support to the Hope into Action residents. This has been both a challenging and rewarding experience for us all over the last few months as we learn together.

We are looking forward to having a **new house** available in the Spring. Gateway Church in Hampden Park are partnering with us to provide practical support in getting the house ready and befrienders for future residents. There will be a training session on 24th February for anyone thinking of being involved.

Thanksgiving Service

We are very aware of all that God has done over recent years in and through Kingdom Way Trust: transformation of peoples lives; the provision of people, volunteers, skilled workers, pray-ers, befrienders, investors, grants, gifts, supplies; church support and involvement etc. We want to take an opportunity to give thanks for so much, for you to be encouraged by what God is doing and hear about the opportunities ahead of us.

You are invited to join us on Saturday 12th May 2018.

Refreshments from 6.30pm. Thanksgiving service at 7.30pm.

Elim Family Church - 1a Hartfield Rd, Eastbourne, BN21 2ET

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For anyone interested in praying with others for the work of Kingdom Way Trust a group meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month, 9.30am at the Speak Life Centre, 13 Lismore Rd., Eastbourne, BN21 3AY. For more details email [info@kingdomwaytrust.org](mailto:info@kingdomwaytrust.org)

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