

Christ Church Night Shelter

This season we opened on 2nd November and run until 26th March. Firstly we'd like to say a huge **THANKYOU** for your kind, generous and continued donations that we've received. Without the on-going support from the local community we would simply not be able to continue.

We were very fortunate to receive some funding last year thanks to some hard work by a team of boys from LRGS who scooped an enterprise award through a National Enterprise Competition run by Ernst and Young. This allowed us to purchase a number of camp beds, kitchen equipment, new tables and first aid kits. We also ran training for our volunteers in Emergency first Aid.

This season has been busy so far. We currently have 10 - 12 people regularly sleeping over plus a couple of regular visitors who came nightly for a hot snack and to shelter somewhere warm. For some of our guests the shelter is a life line as they struggle through the winter months. They are very grateful for all our help.

Our volunteers host in teams each evening from 9pm when they prepare the kitchen and hall ready to open the door to guests at 9.30pm. Hot drinks and snacks are then served and guests bed down on our camp beds and we close up for the night at 10.30pm. A volunteer then sleeps over in the vestry and a coordinator is always on-call throughout the night. Tea and toast is then offered in the morning before guests leave at 7.30am promptly.

This season we have recruited a number of new people to join our existing team of wonderful experienced volunteers. We have a fantastic mix of lovely people who bring a wealth of enthusiasm, experience and dedication without which the night shelter would not exist.

Volunteers must be over 18 years. If you'd like to find out more please send an email to

coordinator.nightshelter@gmail.com

Many thanks,
Jan, Gill and Vanessa,
Night shelter coordination team.