

LEAMINGTON
NIGHT SHELTER

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Dear Supporter

First of all may we take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We continue to operate on a Wednesday and Sunday night at the Radford Road Methodist and United Reformed Church in Leamington Spa. We will be open for four nights over the Christmas period this year, and we have had many offers of help from volunteers who would just like to do Christmas. This works out quite well as our volunteers who help us continuously throughout the year deserve a well earned rest.

As you can see we are now a Registered Charity, our registration number is above, this happened on 29th August 2013, and we are very pleased to have this status. We are still operating in exactly the same way as before though.

We are still continuing to have new clients, in fact the new clients we have had during October and November 2013 totalled 22, this is significantly more compared to last year which was 13 new clients over October and November 2012. The total of different clients over the threshold in October was 82. Over the last six times of opening we have had an average of 9 clients staying overnight with a further 23 coming for company and food making a total average of 32 clients each night. To give you a flavour of the atmosphere at the Night Shelter rather than facts and figures, when one of our new clients was leaving in the morning after staying overnight for the first time he said "I feel as if I've been overdosed on kindness".

One of the things we have found since the beginning of the Night Shelter is that it seems to bring out the best in people. We have found this in terms of the help and support that has been given. This comes from many sources, Churches, organisations and individuals. In fact, one boy of 12 has saved up his pocket money and donated £26 to the Night Shelter plus a large tin of chocolate biscuits to give to the clients to share between them. We are so thankful to all of you who give so much in many different ways.

May we also take this opportunity of thanking the Radford Road Methodist and United Reformed Church for allowing us to use their premises throughout the year.

We again, wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, and we hope that the year 2014 brings much peace, love and goodwill.

Margaret

Chris

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