

LEAMINGTON NIGHT SHELTER

Registered Charity No. 1153583

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NEWSLETTER

Our Thanks

Thank you all for your continued support. Over the Christmas period the help has been amazing with many gifts, donations and financial help. Thank you all so very much. We have printed a photo taken at the Shelter just before Christmas (shown overleaf), which shows some of the amount of donations given. Most of these items were given away to our clients just before Christmas and it meant that many people had a better Christmas than they would have had.

Our Trustees

It seems time to write and update you all on what has been happening since our previous newsletter which was published in February 2018. First of all we have had a change of trustees, and we thank Julie Wareing who has given us much good advice and help over the past three years. Julie has decided to step down but is still a regular volunteer. We now have two new trustees, Emma Woods and Jim Murphy. Emma and her husband have been supporters for our shelter for a while, and Jim has been a volunteer with us for many years. We welcome them both to our team. Thanks too to Sidney Syson who has been a trustee for some time and also Phil Moore who has been Chairman since we came a Company Limited by Guarantee.

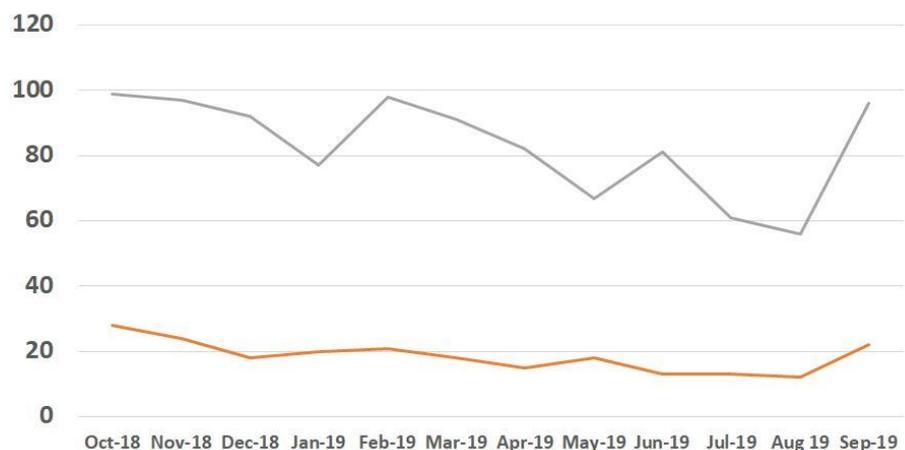
Our Volunteers

Some of our volunteers have been with us for a long time and some have just joined us. We also have an organisational team too who are taking more responsibility for the smooth running of the Shelter. We are pleased to say that we have a strong team of experienced volunteers.

Our Clients

We are still very much needed as a night shelter, although there is now more help in Leamington for the homeless. This is reflected in our numbers being down from last year when we had 86 rough sleepers - this year's total is

68 rough sleepers. The top (blue) line on the chart opposite shows the total number of different clients visiting us each month for company and food. The bottom (red) line shows the numbers of those who we believe to be rough sleepers. The total number of different clients who attended the shelter over



the whole of our last financial year was 306, which is down compared to 390 from the previous year.

The number of meals given out for the time period above is a total of 2266 meals.

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However, we are still very much needed, in fact we are more like a community of giving hospitality than anything else. This is also reflected in the fact, that we still have clients coming to us who visited us first from February 2009 to September 2010, – 53 people in fact - of whom 4 are still rough sleeping. We have seen these people many times at our Shelter over the last year. For this newsletter we asked some clients if they would like to make a comment and here are their quotes.

Some comments from our clients

“Whilst I’ve been here it’s been nice to have support and help to get me back on my feet.”

“Some of us wouldn’t eat because we don’t have a proper address. The food here is very important to us.”

“We may not say this often but the volunteers give up their time to be with us.”

“I get the best night’s sleep here, it’s nice and cosy.” From a woman who has been homeless for a long time.

And finally a comment which was said during a conversation: “I’ve been terrible (in the past) – but at least I’m kind about it” - said with a twinkle in his eye!

And a note from our Founders – Margaret and Chris

“We are pleased with the way the Shelter has developed over the past 12 years. When we began we would never have believed just how far we would have progressed”.

Finally thanks to the Radford Road Church

We could not operate without the help and support of the Radford Road Church, and we would like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to all at the Radford Road Church for their generosity.

Thank you so much for all the help and support given to us. We are all extremely grateful for your kindness.

From All at the Leamington Night Shelter



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