

LEAMINGTON NIGHT SHELTER

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Big Thank You: First of all thank you for all your support. We have had quite an abundance of donated items from many different sources. This has been extremely welcome, especially, over the Christmas period and beyond. In fact over the last few months we have received more donations than ever before. So thank you all. On the last two times of opening before Christmas, all of the goods went on display for our clients to help themselves. One comment was "You've really made my Christmas" and "it's an Aladdin's Café in here". We have tried to capture what it was like by the photo alongside and also some more photos overleaf which were taken on 23rd December 2018. . We have also received many hats, gloves, scarves, socks and sleeping bags, as well as toiletries and many other items. All of this has only been achieved by the help of so many churches, organisations and individuals and we cannot thank you all enough. So thank you everyone for all of your help.



Our Volunteers: Of course we could not do any of this without the help of our volunteers and we are blessed with having teams of evening volunteers, overnight volunteers and morning volunteers. Some have been with us for many years and some are quite new. We also have an Organisational Team which began a couple of years ago and is still going strong.

Our Co Founder Chris Johnson: Since our newsletter last year, Chris has taken retirement. We would like to thank Chris for all that he has given to the starting up of the shelter which began in February. We had a retirement party which was held for him at the night shelter in July last year. On our 10th Anniversary on 15th February 2019 we were very pleased to honour Chris by designating him The Ambassador for the Leamington Night Shelter.

The homeless problem: This last year homelessness seemed to be more visible. Thankfully there was more help if you were homeless last winter. A direct access hostel began in September 2018 which is for rough sleepers and they are open 7 days a week, throughout whole the year. The other night shelter still operates on a Friday and Saturday too. Although we have noticed a slight drop in the number of clients visiting us there is still very much a need for our Leamington Night Shelter. In fact it is more than a Night Shelter as we offer help to vulnerable and needy people who have somewhere to live. Poverty is not just about homelessness it covers many aspects and being in debt is one of the most hardest things to get out of once you start. The fact that we give food away is welcomed by our clients.

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