**Some Statistics:** In the chart opposite each column represents a whole year’s operation with the number of different clients attending. The darker shaded area represents the total numbers of rough sleepers that attended that year. During our last financial year we had 344 different clients come over our threshold, of these, 85 were rough sleepers. We were visited 2754 times by clients during that year. The number of nights we were open were 88 nights, making an average of 31 clients each night. It is interesting that we still have clients coming to us that visited during the very first year of opening. For example, the first 100 clients who stepped over the threshold from February 2009 onwards, 20 of these clients came at some point to us over the course of the last twelve months.

**The needs of our clients:** We find that many of our clients have complex needs which are not solved unless the root of their problems is reached and this does take a lot of time and professional help is needed, at some point or other. We try and do what we can and our ethos of being accepting and making no judgements helps alongside being kind and compassionate. It’s just staying with the person no matter what. This is not easy but we try and encourage our clients to believe in themselves.

**With thanks:** We are thankful that we have so many supporters, like yourselves, that make it easy for us to run the Night Shelter. Each client is so individual and it seems that just being there is enough, and providing for all their physical needs like food, clothing, toiletries, shoes and just everyday needs. A listening ear is helpful too and we are blessed with many volunteers who try and help as much as possible. The Leamington Night Shelter has recently been honoured by an award given by the Rotary Club of Leamington Spa to one of our founders. Thanks go to all at the Radford Road Methodist & United Reformed Church for offering their premises as without their help there would not be the Leamington Night Shelter.

Thank you all for your support, and may God Bless you all.

*Margaret and Chris*