

So spread it around:

So please do help to bring more good news to the residents while they are here by helping to upgrade the facilities and making the place a little bit more homely. We have all sorts of good ideas for helping you raise money and you may well have some of your own as well.

If you want to give your time we have plenty of volunteer opportunities all year round. So contact us today with your ideas and contributions. Ring 01206 549 885 and speak with Pernille Petersen the Co-ordinator.



*Thank you and
Happy Christmas*

Night Shelter News

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The Good News: About our people

Yes, this is indeed a time of year when Good News is at the forefront of many people's mind. Trying to find the right gift to express our feelings towards loved ones, coming together for family celebration meals, and contacting friends we have lost touch with over the past year.

Here at the Shelter our homeless residents find this a difficult time when loss and separation is felt especially sharply. What Good News can we bring them?

Well, what they are looking for may not be gifts as much as the prospect of a place to live which they can call home and where they can re-establish contact with family and friends.

Among our current residents some have had their wish. Two brothers with mild learning difficulties have been able to secure a flat for 6- 12 months.

A long term drug user with mental health problems has finally been offered a place with a supported housing project where his progress in reducing his drug use can continue.

A young apprentice who fell out with his previous employer will now be spending Christmas at his new placement which includes accommodation.

Two men in their middle years are very close to being housed in private rented accommodation provided by the Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme. They are looking forward to spending the New Year in their new homes.

This is what the Night Shelter is here to help people to achieve. You can help too by helping us.



Good News: Property development

The kitchen refurbishment is now complete and despite a few teething problems, the new facilities are working well and are of course fully in line with modern food safety requirements.

We have now started to plan for the first three bedrooms to be given a major overhaul. A time frame has not yet been established but we have already got £ 6,500. We have selected the materials and we shall need an additional £2,000 to complete this first phase of our rolling programme to refurbish all the bedrooms.

We are also looking for £ 6,000 for new washing machines and driers. The current machines have been in use since 1995 and are running up increasing repair bills.

