

*It is certainly something we would want to do again. There is a wish for Saturday afternoons to be accessible and we should try seriously to look in to this.*

*While it is not always easy to find the right accommodation for residents we are still running at a good rate of resettlement success.*

*This means that we are still able in the main to find supported housing for the most vulnerable.*

*We hope in the near future to start working out a better protocol for some of the statutory services to help provide better support for the residents.*



### New Website



*Our new website is now on line with up to date information about all our activities, staff and trustees personnel and lots of other stuff to take your pick from. If it does not seem to be completely overhauled we have been warned that this could be because "old bits" sometimes get stuck in Google search engine (Now how that works, do not ask me. I have just been informed by our website designer.) If you have any ideas or want to help us, please ring 01206 549885 or email me at*

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**Do Not forget our open day!**



## Night Shelter News: Summer 2009



### What is new at the Night Shelter

*We have had a very busy year since our last news letter.*

*The plans for our refurbishment have come a long way and we now have two really nice new bedrooms. They have been fitted with new bedside cabinets, bed lights wardrobe and new beds. The flooring is also new and of course they have been painted. As you can see the result is great.*

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*Next we are going on to do the laundry room which is in dire need of new machines (as the ones we have date back from 1995 and the repair costs are increasing) as well as a better appointed facility. For this we have The Fowler Smith Trust and the Gannet Trust to thank and we are grateful for their continued support.*

*We aim to do another two bedrooms before the year is up so the programme is running to time.*

### *The Mayor's Charities:*

*On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May we were surprised and delighted to find out that The Night Shelter had been nominated as one of the new mayor, Henry Spivey's, charities. This will not just help raise much needed funds for our capital projects but it will raise our public profile.*

*We will also be able to forge links with other charities and organisations as well as take part in some very interesting events.*

*The first is a concert performance by the Essex Concert Band. It will take place at St. Botolph's Church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets are available from Mann's Music at £6.00 per ticket (£4.00 for concessions).*

*If you want to know more about the exciting programme for the coming mayoral year, please ring me on 01206 549 885 or email me at [pernille.petersen@colchesternightshelter.org.uk](mailto:pernille.petersen@colchesternightshelter.org.uk)*

### *New Projects for Residents:*

*At the moment we are piloting a project for resident to come into the Shelter during the day time and help with tasks and in return get some time on the computer and the telephones.*

*This month we had four residents coming in and they did a really good job sweeping the yard, clearing the drains of leaves and debris as well tidying up the recycling.*

*The laundry room got a thorough going over and the residents' tea kitchen had a good clean of microwave oven and the fridge.*

*They spent some time after that ringing round accommodation projects and checking their e-mails.*

