



**WYCOMBE
HOMELESS
CONNECTION**

**FRIDAY
13th NOVEMBER
2026**



**AT
THE WALLED
GARDEN,
WEST WYCOMBE**

**INFORMATION
PACK**



**YOU'RE SLEEPING OUT.
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW**





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 **THE WALLED GARDEN,**
CHORLEY ROAD, WEST WYCOMBE, HP14 3AP

On Friday 13 November, you'll join people from across our community at The Walled Garden in West Wycombe to spend one night outside, raise money and stand alongside people experiencing homelessness in our community.

It's going to be cold. It might be wet. You probably won't get your best night's sleep.

But you won't be doing it alone.

Before we settle down for the night, we'll come together for the Together Festival with food, stories, firepits, marshmallows, market stalls and plenty going on.

You're choosing to spend one night outside. For people experiencing homelessness, having somewhere safe and secure to sleep isn't always a choice. That's why this matters.

YOUR BIG SLEEPOUT AT A GLANCE >>>>

6:00 PM TOGETHER FESTIVAL OPENS AND SHELTERS ARE BUILT.
LAST ACCESS AT 8.30PM

10:00 PM FESTIVAL ENDS. SLEEPOUT BEGINS



10:30 PM SHELTER COMPETITION WINNER ANNOUNCED
AND BEDTIME STORY

11:15 PM LIGHTS OUT

6:00 AM LEAVE ANY TIME AFTER 6AM
EVERYONE MUST LEAVE BY 7.30AM





FIRST THINGS FIRST



THERE'S A FEW THINGS TO DO TO GET READY:

YOUR FUNDRAISING PACK

This has everything you need to raise money and awareness. You will have received it in an email, but you can also find it here:

DOWNLOAD THE FUNDRAISING PACK



ACCESSIBILITY

If you have any accessibility needs or concerns, get in touch ASAP:

✉ communications@wyhoc.org.uk

☎ 01494 447699.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR EMAILS

We'll be emailing you with more info before the event including:

- A form you need to complete with emergency contact and safety details
- A link to set up your fundraising page and hints, tips and encouragement
- Hints and tips to have a great night





THE TOGETHER FESTIVAL

NEW

THE TOGETHER FESTIVAL IS FOR EVERYONE

**YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
ARE WELCOME TO BE PART OF
THE NIGHT EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT
SLEEPING OUT.**

Bring them along for the Together Festival which runs alongside the evening section of the Sleepout.

They can eat, drink, listen, win something in the BIG Raffle, toast marshmallows around the fire and, most importantly, help you build your shelter.

When the Festival closes at 10pm, they head home while you get ready for the main event.

Bring your people. This is a night to share.

All are welcome. Booking is essential.



BOOK THE TOGETHER FESTIVAL



FESTIVAL ONLY

FREE FOR ALL AGES

DONATIONS ON THE NIGHT WELCOME!





TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

6PM – 8.30PM CHECK IN AND BUILD YOUR SHELTER

 Sleepouter check in is 6pm – 8.30pm.

 There is free parking at The Walled Garden.

- Check in at the Welcome Desk
- Take your materials to your pitch in the Sleepout Zone
- Build your shelter (more tips below)
- Enjoy the Together Festival

6PM TO 10PM ENJOY THE TOGETHER FESTIVAL

Once your shelter is up, enjoy the festival.

We'll have:

- Food trucks
- Story Zone
- Market stalls
- Firepits and marshmallows
- The BIG Raffle
- And more...

10PM GOODNIGHT FESTIVAL-GOERS!

If they're not sleeping out, it's time to go home.

10.30PM BEDTIME STORY AND SAFETY BRIEFING

Sleepouters meet in the Story Zone for a safety briefing, the Shelter competition winner announcement and bedtime story.

11.15PM GOODNIGHT, SLEEPOUTERS

At 11.15pm, everyone heads to their shelters for the night.

Between 11.30pm and 6am, we ask everyone to keep noise to a minimum so people can get some sleep. Stewards will be patrolling all night for safety and the Sleep Zone will be gently lit.

- Phones on silent 
- Keep unnecessary lights off
- Keep conversations quiet

6AM– 7.30AM WAKEY WAKEY!

You're welcome to leave after 6am. All sleepouters must be off site by 7.30am.

Before you go:

- Take as much of your shelter materials with you as possible to reuse/recycle
- Put rubbish, including wet cardboard, in the appropriate area
- Leave your pitch clean. We must leave The Walled Garden looking as lovely as we found it.

**DON'T FORGET
TO COLLECT
YOUR GOODY
BAG!**



YOUR SHELTER

IMPORTANT:
YOU CANNOT ATTACH ANYTHING TO THE
WALL AT THE WALLED GARDEN.

HOW TO BUILD YOUR SHELTER

Your challenge: make somewhere warm, dry and safe to sleep.

You'll build your own shelter for the night in a pitch we will assign to you.

The walled garden is hard and stony in places but the surface is even.



There is a wall all the way around the Sleep Zone BUT you cannot attach anything to it.

Shelter pitches are between 3x2m and 3x3m in size. Groups will be allocated more space.

You don't need fancy equipment. In fact, we encourage you to get creative with materials you already have and can reuse.

USEFUL SHELTER MATERIALS

- Cardboard boxes
- Waterproof sheeting or tarpaulin
- Groundsheet
- Foil blanket
- String
- Tape
- Scissors
- Pegs

TOP TIPS

- Think **warm, waterproof, secure.**
- Lilos aren't advised as they keep a cold layer of air beneath you.
- We strongly discourage tents unless it is for accessibility
- Cardboard is great insulation but **waterproofing is essential.**
- Ask friends and family to help build.
- **Practise!** Check that your shelter will work and you have everything to build it.



IMPORTANT: Absolutely no flames or heating devices*.

SHELTER COMPETITION

Decorate it. Name it. Put a flag on it.
Turn it into something special.

We'll be sharing photos so can you use your shelter to send a message about homelessness?

Shelter judging: **9pm.**
Winners announced: **10.30pm.**

Get your shelter looking its best because our judges will be picking their winners from **9pm.**

***PEOPLE FOUND CAUSING A FIRE RISK WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.**





KEEPING SAFE

FEELING COLD?



OUR WARM UP ZONE WILL BE OPEN THROUGH THE NIGHT.

There will be hot drinks, soup and snacks available if you need to warm up.

Always use a torch when moving around the site so you don't trip over uneven ground or someone sleeping!

Please take care when carrying hot drinks back to your sleeping pitch.

And if you're really cold, wet, unwell or simply realise that sleeping outside is absolutely not for you COME INSIDE.

The Medical and Welfare Zone is indoors and heated, and we have a medical professional ready to help.

The Big Sleepout is a challenge but your health and safety matters more to us than the money you raise.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE WEATHER IS AWFUL?

We're keeping a close eye on the forecast. The event may be cancelled if weather conditions create a high level of risk. If that happens, we'll contact you as soon as possible with what happens next. If it gets bad unexpectedly on the site, you'll be asked to move to a safe space and or go home.

Please don't take unnecessary risks to complete your Sleepout.



And remember: being cold is uncomfortable. Being dangerously cold can be lethal. If you're worried about your health or safety at any point, talk to a Steward or go to the Warm Up Zone and speak to a member of the medical and welfare team.

SLEEPOUT RULES

We want you to have a brilliant night, so please read this section carefully. The Sleepout area is outdoors, on uneven ground and with limited lighting.

Please remember:

- Everyone should remain onsite during the event unless instructed otherwise.
- If you absolutely need to leave site, you won't be allowed back in and must sign out.
- Absolutely no naked flames or heating devices allowed. Anyone using these will be asked to leave immediately.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult who remains responsible for them throughout the event.
- Sleepouters must be 12 or over. Anyone aged 12–17 must be accompanied by an adult at a ratio of 1:4.
- The event is alcohol and drug free.
- Smoking and vaping are only permitted inside the designated smoking area.
- Don't bring unnecessary valuables.
- Make sure any food you bring is nut-free.
- No anti-social behaviour will be tolerated and you may be asked to leave if your behaviour is unsafe or causing a disruption to others.





A FEW FINAL THINGS

DON'T FORGET YOUR FUNDRAISING!

The Sleepout itself is one night. Your fundraising helps us support people long after you've gone home.

Every donation helps Wycombe Homeless Connection be there when someone is facing homelessness or trying to find their way out of it.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PEOPLE

Your friends and family can join the Together Festival even if they're not sleeping out.

[Book their tickets now.](#)

And don't forget why you're doing this. You're choosing to spend one night outside. For someone experiencing homelessness, having nowhere safe to sleep isn't a choice.

That's why this matters. Thank you.

NEED HELP?

We're here for you.

If you've got a question about the Big Sleepout, your fundraising, accessibility, safety or anything else, get in touch.

✉ communications@wyhoc.org.uk

☎ 01494 447699.

See you at The Walled Garden on Friday 13 November.

Bring your people.

Build something brilliant.

Stay warm.

And let's spend one night together against homelessness.

