

AUTUMN NEWS 2026

WYCOMBE
HOMELESS
CONNECTION



SLEEP OUT.
VOLUNTEER.
GIVE.

GIVE UP YOUR BED FOR A NIGHT SO
SOMEONE ELSE CAN KEEP THEIRS

TOGETHER THIS WINTER

NO ONE SHOULD FACE HOMELESSNESS ALONE

PLEASE GIVE TODAY



Gifts are used where the need is greatest:

- £24** can help keep our Support Centre open.
- £48** can help provide a safe place to sleep in our Winter Night Shelter.
- £96** can help our Outreach Team connect people sleeping rough.
- £240** can help provide expert homelessness advice, helping someone avoid losing their home.



SCAN TO GIVE



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Mon to Fri: 9am to 4pm



Post a cheque:

Wycombe Homeless Connection
Oakley Hall, 8 Castle Street,
High Wycombe HP13 6RF

PLEASE *pray*

FOR PEOPLE FACING HOMELESSNESS

Pray for people across South Buckinghamshire sleeping on the streets, in cars, on sofas or in other unsafe places. Pray they will know dignity, compassion and hope, and that together we would help more people find the safety and security of a place to call home.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Give thanks for our volunteers, supporters, churches and partners who come together each winter to support people sleeping rough. Pray as we prepare for another Winter Night Shelter season so together we can offer warmth, welcome and hope to everyone we meet.

FOR COMPASSION IN ACTION

Pray that God would unite our community in responding to homelessness with love and compassion. May everyone we encounter know they are valued, loved and never alone. Pray that together we would challenge stigma, grow understanding and inspire others to stand alongside people facing homelessness.



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to protect the privacy of our clients.

HOPE STARTS HERE THIS WINTER, WITH YOU...

Dear friend

As days grow shorter and colder, winter brings uncertainty and fear for people without a safe place to call home. While many people look forward to time with family, others are wondering where they will sleep, whether they can keep a roof over their head, or who they can turn to for help.



Every day, I see the difference that kindness, compassion and community make. A warm welcome. Volunteers in our Support Centre listening without judgement. Our outreach team extending their hands to someone on the street. A supporter who tells someone about us so they know help exists. These moments remind people that they matter and do not have to face homelessness alone.

This winter, we're inviting our whole community to stand together.

Whether you volunteer at our Winter Night Shelter, take part in the Big Sleepout, attend the Together Festival, support a fundraiser or make a donation, every action is a shared response to homelessness across South Buckinghamshire.

Together, we will save lives during the coldest months, prevent people from losing their homes and walk alongside those rebuilding their lives.

As you read this newsletter, I hope you'll discover a way you can part of our community's response this winter.

Together we help ensure nobody faces homelessness alone.

With blessings



Tara Roberts, Services Manager



HOWEVER YOU CHOOSE TO HELP, YOU'LL BE CHANGING LIVES

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER 2027

A COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER



Our Winter Night Shelter brings our community together to ensure that nobody has to face the coldest months alone.

From January to March, we provide a warm, safe place for people who would otherwise be forced to sleep on the streets of south Buckinghamshire. More than just a bed for the night, the shelter offers hot meals, conversation, practical support and the opportunity to begin rebuilding lives.

Once again, local churches are opening their doors, each hosting the shelter one night a week. Their generosity, alongside the presence of hundreds of volunteers, creates a place of warmth, dignity and hope for people at one of the most difficult times in their lives.

Whatever your gifts, ability and passion, there's a place for you in this community response. Together, we can ensure that nobody faces homelessness alone this winter.



SERVING A HOME COOKED MEAL

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE SHELTER

THE EVENING TEAM



The evening volunteer team unload the van, get the venue ready, make beds, set tables and welcome our guests.

A WARM WELCOME



Guests are warmly greeted, offered a hot drink and biscuits, and shown their bed for the night.

SHARING A MEAL



Everyone sits together to enjoy a home cooked meal, prepared by our volunteer cooks.

TIME TO UNWIND



Whether it's a conversation over a cuppa, taking a hot shower, or getting an early night, guests enjoy the comfort and dignity of a safe place indoors.

OVERNIGHT SUPPORT



Overnight volunteers stay with our guests ensuring they can sleep knowing they are safe and supported. Volunteers take turns to sleep.

A NEW DAY BEGINS



The morning team set out breakfast before guests leave with provisions for the day ahead. Volunteers pack and load the van ready to move to the next venue.

ALL THE TRAINING YOU NEED...ALL THE SUPPORT WE CAN GIVE



JOIN OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS



It takes a team of 300+ volunteers for the winter night shelter to happen.

There are lots of ways to get involved, with opportunities at the shelter, in the office and from home and not just at night!



The first three roles are consistently the hardest to fill. Could you help?

Volunteering in those roles just once a month would make a big difference.



SHIFT LEADERS

Help shifts run smoothly and safely. Organise the volunteer team, deliver briefings, allocate roles and ensure information is recorded in the shelter logbook. Would particularly suit volunteers who have served as hosts previously and feel ready to step up to a leadership role. Extra training provided.



NIGHT TEAM

A crucial role to help our guests feel safe overnight, but one of the hardest to fill. The team take turns staying awake, ready to assist guests if needed and get the chance for a few hours' sleep. Bring a book or your laptop and enjoy the quiet. You help our guests sleep soundly knowing they are safe.



MORNING TEAM

One for early risers. The morning team set out breakfast for our guests, give out packed lunches, pack and load the van ready for the evening. You'll be done by 8am so there's still time to get to work!

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COOKS

Prepare and serve a delicious two-course evening meal for up to 22 guests and volunteers, including a vegetarian option. You'll plan the menu, shop for ingredients, cook and serve. (Reasonable expenses are reimbursed.) We provide free food hygiene and safety training.



HOSTS

In a team, you'll set up the venue and support the smooth running of the shelter. Welcome guests, serve hot drinks, sit down for a home cooked meal with our guests, chat and spend time with people staying with us.



DRIVERS

Drive our shelter van to transport beds, equipment and supplies between venues. You'll help load and unload the van and make sure essential items arrive safely where they're needed. Evening and morning shifts. 25+ years old, full UK licence.

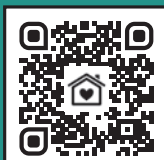


LAUNDRY

Help keep bedding and towels fresh and ready for each night of the shelter. Washing and drying them at home or using a local launderette. Collect and return to our support centre. Daytime role.



FIND OUT MORE AND
SIGN UP!



www.wyhoc.org.uk/night-shelter



FRIDAY
13 NOVEMBER
2026

 **THE WALLED GARDEN,
WEST WYCOMBE**



WHY SLEEP OUT?

The Big Sleepout isn't about pretending to experience homelessness. It's about standing alongside people facing it, bringing our community together in solidarity and raising the funds that help prevent homelessness, provide emergency support and keep our Winter Night Shelter open throughout the coldest months.

When told about the sleepout, our winter night shelter guests have said:

"It hurts emotionally to be homeless. It makes you feel like a dog. I hope the Big Sleepout helps people to think 'how would I feel if that was me?'"

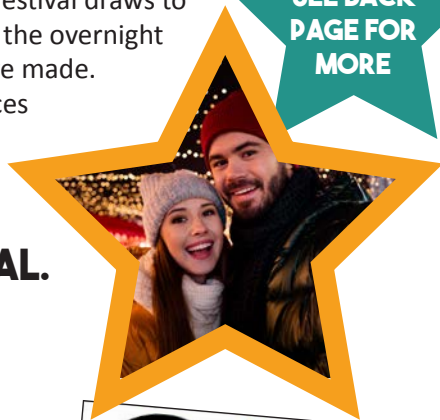
"It's amazing that people would do that"



This November our new campaign Together This Winter comes to life as our community gathers for one unforgettable evening of challenge, connection and hope.

The Together Festival welcomes people of all ages to celebrate community alongside the Big Sleepout. As the festival draws to a close, scores of people will stay on to take on the overnight challenge, sleeping out under shelters they have made. All raising vital funds to help ensure nobody faces homelessness alone.

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- ★ **TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE.**
- ★ **JOIN THE TOGETHER FESTIVAL.**
- ★ **SLEEP OUT TO SAVE LIVES.**

Find out more, download our factsheet and sign up today on our website:



BOOK YOUR PLACE
TODAY!



wyhoc.org.uk/bigsleepout2026

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT CHALLENGER?

Whether it's your first 5K, a sponsored walk with friends, a marathon or an epic endurance challenge, there's something for everyone. Whatever your age, fitness or ambition, we'll help you choose a challenge that's right for you and support you every step of the way.

MEET SOME OF OUR AMAZING CHALLENGERS

Dane, our Volunteering Coordinator, completed the gruelling 100km Race to the Stones, raising more than £1,500 to help people facing homelessness. He said:



"It was by far the hardest challenge I've done but it was worth every painful step. Thank you to everyone who donated!"

Caroline (pictured below) took on the Chiltern Ridge half marathon and crossed the finish line with a smile raising vital funds!

WHATEVER YOUR CHALLENGE, WE'LL HELP YOU SUCCEED

Whether you want to walk, run, cycle, swim, climb, push or create your own fundraising challenge, we'll help you make it happen.

When you join Team WHC, we can offer:

- Help choosing the right challenge
- Free or discounted places in hundreds of events
- Fundraising advice and support
- A WHC technical top with your name

Ready to take on your challenge? Sign up today!



FIND YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE

wyhoc.org.uk/challenge-events

EVERY ACT OF KINDNESS COUNTS

Incredible people across our community continue to find their own way to support Wycombe Homeless Connection. Thank you!

SABINE SUTHERLAND
CHARITABLE TRUST

Cherith
Christian Fellowship



*Forget-me-not club,
Prestwood*



MEALS FROM MARLOW

Could you join them?

Whether you're organising something simple or ambitious, our team is here to help. We'll provide ideas, resources and support to help make your fundraiser a success.

We can help with:

- Fundraising ideas and planning
- Promoting your fundraiser
- Posters, sponsorship forms and fundraising materials
- Setting up online fundraising pages

Need some inspiration?

- Hold a collection at your workplace, school or faith group.
- Ask for donations instead of gifts at your celebration.
- Organise a quiz night, coffee morning or bake sale.
- Create your own fundraising challenge.

Whatever your idea, we'd love to help make it happen.

Get in touch to get started.

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6PM-10PM



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**AN EVENING OF MUSIC, FOOD,
CREATIVITY AND CONVERSATION,
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER
TO STAND AGAINST HOMELESSNESS.**

ENJOY

- A beautiful evening in the historic Walled Garden
- Games and activities • Fundraising stalls
- Food and drink • And more!

FOR
ALL

A family-friendly festival
alongside the Big Sleepout

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