

Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter 18/19

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Start Phase: The project got off to a tremendous start with the guests sleeping 6 consecutive nights in one venue. This was such a fantastic offer which really helped to introduce our guests to the project and prepare them for Phase 1.

Phase 1: The transition to Phase 1 went very smoothly with the guests moving around to different venues each night of the week. We are currently halfway through Phase 1 and driving the guests in the minibus to some of the further out venues has proven to be a real blessing to our guests. As well as this we have the support of the van team transporting the mattresses between venues each day. We are blown away by their commitment and faithfulness to serving in this way.

Phase 2: Our Phase 2 churches are currently preparing to take up the mantle from February 18th onwards. We look forward to working with some of our new venues in this Phase and welcome them to our project.

Training: We have trained 475 volunteers so far through 12 training sessions held during Nov, Dec and Jan. We have no more training sessions planned as registration for the project this year has closed. However, if you are interested in getting involved next year then we would love to hear from you. Please express your interest at <http://bcwns.org> and we will be in contact with you.

Volunteers: It has been great to see the community, love and compassion shown by our amazing teams of volunteers so far. Our guests have been so blessed by love in action – many remarking on how safe and cared for they feel.

Guests: We have a core group of guests who have been with us since the first week. The average attendance is 10-11 guests so we are very pleased with how many are accessing our shelter. St. Mungo's are doing a fantastic job at referring guests to us whenever a space comes up.

Prayer Updates: Please sign up [here](#)

Finances: To date 31% of the funds needed to run this project have been received; many thanks for the contributions so far. Could we ask you to consider a contribution from your church funds, and/or a special offering, to help make this shelter viable? Expenditure to date is in line with expectations. Contributions towards the BCWNS can be forwarded directly to the following account:

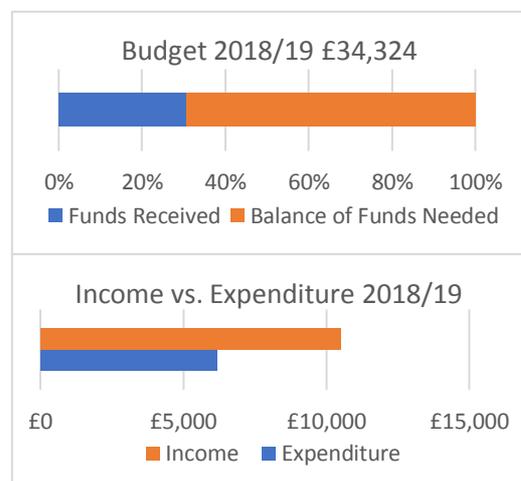
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Account Number: 01408518

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Crisis Centre Ministries will hold all money for the project in a restricted fund meaning that they will not be used for any other purpose.



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