

Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter 19/20

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Winter 18/19:

Last winter, the Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter (BCWNS) was in its third year of operation. 15 churches in Bristol opened their doors and significantly contributed to the provision of beds offered to the homeless from January through to March. A significant achievement for the project was being recognised for 'Excellent' practice through the Housing Justice Quality Mark accreditation. The impact report for last year is available [here](#)

Winter 19/20:

The intention is to open on 1st Jan and run through to the beginning of April 2020. We are also exploring options to extend the provision by starting in December 2019. **We are looking for a building close to the City Centre with shower facilities that could be used to host the shelter from December 2nd – 22nd.** Please get in touch with Amanda, Project Coordinator, if you can help with this.

Finances: Despite generous financial contributions from churches and individuals we completed last year's project with a deficit of £2522. The income was lower than hoped but expenditure within budget. **The provisional budget for 2019/20 is £36,940** allowing for running costs and investment in the long-term sustainability of the project. We pray that this year's income will meet the shortfall and planned expenditure and we are looking at potential grants that could help meet the target. The Steering Group will meet early November to determine the viability of the project based on the funds available at that time. **Could we ask you to consider making a contribution from your church funds, and/or a special offering before the end of October?**

Project Coordination:

Amanda Munday will continue as **Project Coordinator** and is the main point of contact for the project (see foot of page). Support and supervision continues via Jonathan Lee at Crisis Centre Ministries (CCM) and the Steering Group. Please also connect with the project on [Facebook](#). Natalie Patillas won't be continuing as deputy project coordinator but we thank her for the outstanding contribution she has made. **We are now advertising for a Deputy Project Coordinator**; please contact Amanda for details.

Venues:

Some new churches have expressed an interest to be involved this year which allows some churches who have run the shelter for 3 years now to take a sabbatical.

Volunteers:

This year we will be launching a new volunteer management system in October and training sessions for new volunteers in November (more details to follow). Training will not be mandatory for volunteers who trained with us last year.

Financial Contributions:

Contributions towards BCWNS can be forwarded directly to the following account:

Account Name: Crisis Centre Limited

Account Number: 01408518

Sort Code: 40-14-13

Payment reference: BCWNS

CCM will hold all money for the project as a restricted fund meaning that it will not be used for any other purpose.

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