

# Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter 19/20

## News #3 (Dec, 19)



**Shelter Dates:** There will be four phases of operation for this year's church shelter

- Start Phase: Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020 – Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020
- Phase 1: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 – Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020
- Mid-Phase: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 – Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020
- Phase 2: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 – Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 2020

**Shelter Venues:** There are 16 churches hosting the shelter in total. One church is operating for a period of 5 consecutive days during the start phase and another for a whole week during the mid-phase. The other churches are working on the familiar rolling church model where one church hosts the same night of the week for 6 weeks in either phase 1 or 2.

**Training:** We have trained 128 volunteers so far during November/Dec and we have a couple more training sessions planned in January aimed at volunteering in the mid-phase or Phase 2. Please go to <http://bcwns.org> and create an account with us if you would like to attend.

**Further Training:** We have specific training for our shift leaders to help prepare them for the operational running of the shelter. There have also been a variety of optional training sessions in First Aid, Mental Health Awareness, Drugs/Alcohol Awareness and Conflict Resolution for all our volunteers. The uptake of this training has been good and the feedback very positive. We have more of these sessions planned for January so please sign up through your account if you would like to attend further training.

**Registration:** So far we have 356 volunteers registered for a shift at a specific venue. This is an amazing response to serving the poor in our City. Venues are working on their rotas for the Start Phase and Phase 1.

**Referral Agency:** St. Mungo's will be our referral agency again this year. We have met with them to discuss the referral process and they are beginning to highlight low risk guests that may be suitable for our project.

**Prayer Updates:** Please sign up [here](#) to go on our mailing list for prayer updates. So far we have 415 people signed up.

**Finances:** We are delighted and humbled by the response from churches and individuals to our request for donations. The target that we set has been exceeded with the total that has been received (or pledged) to date being £37,726. Many thanks to all those who have contributed – your donations mean that we have the funding to deliver the whole project for this winter. For this reason, we are not requesting further contributions to BCWNS but would ask instead that you consider donating to other projects in need within the city.

If you still need to pay into our account, contributions towards BCWNS can be made directly to the account below or via: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bristolchurcheswinternightshelter>

**Account Name:** Crisis Centre Limited

**Account Number:** 01408518

**Sort Code:** 40-14-13

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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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