

# Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter 20/21

## News #1 (Dec, 20)



**Accommodation:** Over three months from January to March 2021, churches in Bristol will once again be providing a Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter (BCWNS) project.

**The arrangements are very different this winter with the project block booking 7 en-suite rooms in a centrally located bed and breakfast. This is to provide Covid-Secure accommodation over the harsh winter months for those who would otherwise rough sleep.**

**Dates:** There will be two phases of operation

- Phase 1: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021 – Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021
- Phase 2: Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 – Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2021

**Churches:** The churches are coming together to provide food and volunteer support to our guests. If you are new to the project and would like to volunteer then you can register with us using the link [here](#). Shifts will be breakfast (6:45am-9am), lunch (11:30-2pm) or evening (6-10pm).

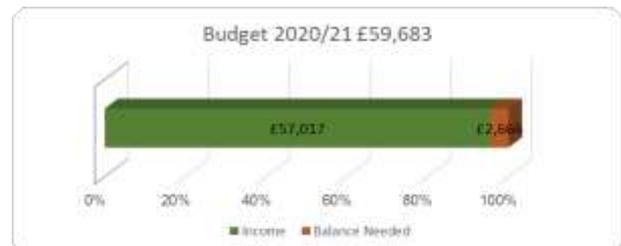
**Training:** Once you have registered with us then you can book a training session with us. These will be held on Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec and Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6-8pm for new volunteers.

**Induction:** There will be a short induction to the new way of working this year for all volunteers signed up for a shift except new volunteers (who will attend main training). The dates for this induction are Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec and Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 6-645pm. Amanda will send you a link to sign up for one of these dates once you have signed up for a shift.

**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.

**Finances:** The project has been awarded a Winter Transformation Fund grant of £35K (provided by MHCLG, managed by Homeless Link) to cover the extraordinary costs of the B&B for this winter. There are funds brought forward from last winter which will be used to cover most of the overhead costs (Project Coordinator and Deputy, Housing Justice liaison, church expenses e.g. food). There remains a small gap in funding.



If you, or your church, would like to support this winters BCWNS, contributions can be made directly to the account below or via: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bristolchurcheswinternightshelter>

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inHope. 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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