

Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter 21/22

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Winter 21/22: Public Health and Housing Justice have advised that no dormitory/communal style shelters should run during winter 2021/22. BCWNS has therefore block booked 8 rooms at a centrally located B&B from Nov 21 to Mar 22 to house low support needs guests. This means that we have a 5-month shelter.

Guests: BCWNS has been running now for a month and there is a wonderful group of guests staying at the B&B with all the rooms full. The difference it makes to their lives is tangible.

'I've done more to sort out my life in the last week staying here than I have in the last 2 months of rough sleeping. I couldn't ask for anymore!'

Job Vacancies: There is an immediate need to recruit BCWNS NIGHT WORKERS (paid) to provide night concierge at the Bed & Breakfast. We are currently operating with night agency staff but hoping to fill the role from January. Click the link [here](#) to find out more and how to apply. Please share with your connections!

Prayer Updates: Please sign up [here](#) to go on our mailing list for prayer updates.

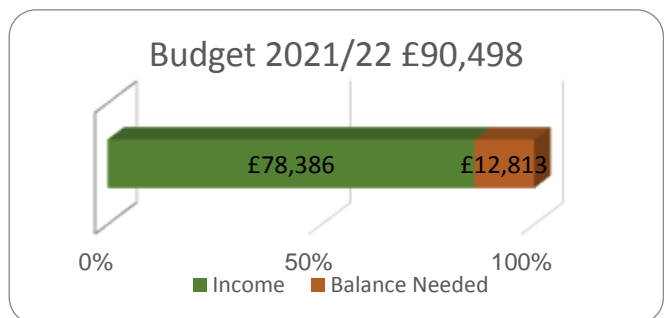
Referral Agencies: This year we will be operating a joint referral process between St. Mungo's and Borderlands. The agencies will work together to provide referrals for low support needs guests who find themselves at risk of rough sleeping.

Church teams: So far, we have 20 church teams involved in providing food and/or volunteer teams to support the running of BCWNS. **We currently need additional church teams to cook evening meals for Wednesdays in Jan-Mar as well as a team who can provide volunteers/meals on Saturdays Jan/Feb.** Please get in touch to find out more bristolchurcheswintershelter@gmail.com

Finances: The project has been awarded a Winter Transformation Fund grant (provided by DLUHC, 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 some of the overhead costs (Project Coordinator and Deputy, Housing Justice liaison, church expenses e.g. food).

However, there will remain a **gap in funding for the**

project of approximately £13k. Current expenditure is in line with expectations.



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

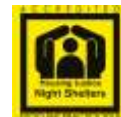
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