

News #1 November 23



Guests: BCS has been running for 1 month, having opened on 2nd October, and has so far been able to welcome 10 guests into the safety of the guesthouse. One guest has already moved into secure accommodation and three guests have been referred for rooms in supported housing run by churches in Bristol (Hope into Action). Several guests are attending regular viewings for private rental properties but it's very competitive for accommodation in Bristol so it's proving difficult. A team from the council gave the guests laptops so they could improve their chances of searching and finding properties. Please pray that God will provide a way for them!



I love it here – it's really brilliant. I like feeling clean! (Guest)



Volunteering: BCS are looking for volunteers who can commit to helping for some lunches (12pm – 2pm) or evenings (6:30pm – 10pm) during December and January. We are also looking for volunteers to cook evening meals for our guests. For more information contact Amanda.

This is the first hot meal I've eaten in months! (Guest)

Winter 23/24: This winter, BCS has block booked a centrally located guesthouse from the beginning of Oct 2023 to the end of March 2024 to accommodate guests with low support needs. BCS has been recognised by Bristol City Council for its integral and effective role in reducing rough sleeping in the city. They awarded funding for 6 months to cover the significant costs of the guesthouse this winter. This does not however cover the full costs of providing the shelter. This church project **remains in need of approximately £5,000** to cover the costs of this year's shelter.

If your church are able to support BCS, contributions can be made directly to the account below:

Account Name: inHope **Account Number:** 01408518 **Sort Code:** 40-14-13
Payment reference: BCS or Church Shelter

Future of BCS: Thinking and planning for the future of BCS continues. We will share an update on potential options in due course.

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

Thank you: For your continued partnership in the Gospel.

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