



Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

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Winter Warmth Night Shelter 2014

For the first time, Aylesbury has had its winter night shelter in a permanent venue. We have been working in close partnership with AVDC, Bucks County Council, Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust, Thames Valley Police and with many committed volunteers from the Aylesbury community.

An unpromising looking space was transformed within 10 days thanks to Keepmoat who painted and laid flooring at no charge. Furniture and carpet tiles were supplied by Vineyard Storehouse and we have had much of the food donated by local supermarkets including Waitrose, Tesco, Asda, M&S and Morrisons together with the Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital. The shelter is run by two paid managers and we have had such an outstanding response from the community that we have had to set up a waiting list for volunteers.

Within 5 weeks of the project starting we have had 13 clients accepted into the shelter, 4 of whom we have been successful in re-housing.

Staffing

The charity's increased need for expansion has required the appointment of several new members of staff. We have 2 duty managers to look after the night shelter in addition to a new Hub Manager and a part-time case worker. We are currently advertising for another case worker. For further details, contact us.

The Hub

We have a new Hub Manager starting from 3rd February

9 clients were assisted into housing in the last 3 months of 2013

We saw 33 clients at the Hub in January of whom 6 were new clients.

We are continuing to provide health services in liaison with outside agencies.

Tenancy Training

We are currently delivering a 4 week pilot course in conjunction with AVDC, CAB & Credit Union to develop skills in budgeting, saving, bank accounts and sustaining tenancies.



Before and after refurbishment —The Night Shelter

Future plans include: the installation of a washer and dryer at Rickfords Hill, the acquisition of funding for a shower at Rickfords Hill, the set up and equipping of an IT training room for clients.

If you would like further information about the work of Aylesbury Homeless Action Group you can contact us on 01296 435026 or email us at : enquiries.ahag@yahoo.co.uk