

# News #2 February 23



**Guests:** BCS has been running for 3 months and has so far been able to welcome 14 guests off the streets and into the safety of the guesthouse. Two guests have moved into secure accommodation and one guest has been reconnected to his home country. BCS was also able to host a pregnant couple temporarily during the emergency cold weather. Several guests are attending regular viewings for private rental properties but it's very competitive for accommodation in Bristol so it's proving difficult. Please pray that God will provide a way for them!



"I felt like a low-class person when I was rough sleeping, then when I came here it was amazing, the staff were so helpful. It was great to have a roof over my head, food, being able to make a cup of coffee and use the washing machine" (Guest)



**Volunteering:** BCS is looking for cooks on some Tuesday and Friday nights from now until the end of March. This means cooking 9 meals for guests/volunteers and delivering to the guesthouse by 6:30pm that day. For more information contact Amanda.

**Befriending:** This is an opportunity for guests to meet regularly with befrienders over a cup of coffee starting now and continuing after the end of the project.

**Funding:** As with last winter, BCS has block booked a centrally located guesthouse from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2022 to the end of March 2023 to accommodate guests with low support needs. The project was successful in its application to DLUHC's Night Shelter Transformation Fund to cover the extraordinary 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 £9,000** to cover the costs of this year's shelter.

If you, or 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, which is seen by Bristol City Council as an integral and effective part of Bristol's reducing rough sweeping work, continues. We have received some funding to assist with feasibility studies. 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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