

DASH NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016

Hi everyone.

What a rollercoaster the past few months have been!

The summer was brilliant with 26 trips to places like the National Mining Museum, the Jungle Experience in Halifax and an indoor ski-ing event. Many thanks to Volunteering Kirklees and One17design for providing £1100 in funding so these could go ahead. In all we have had 65 trips this year and they provide opportunities for our clients to have new experiences and decide whether or not they enjoy them.

Our big news is that we have moved:

Our new address is:

**SALVATION ARMY
NEW HEY ROAD
HUDDERSFIELD
HD3 4BZ**

Our new home is just after the second roundabout on the road that leads from town past Greenhead Park towards the hospital, after the Esso garage. We are very grateful to Captain Adrian Lee and Captain Christine Lee for offering us their space and look forward to a long and fruitful partnership.

Another piece of big news is that, after months when we were reliant solely on private donations which – amazingly – never failed to come in, we have now secured substantial funding for three years from the Brelms Trust and the Tudor Trust. This funding will pay for more staff, better office systems and much much more and is fantastic news. We also have a substantial amount from Lush for volunteer expenses, given personally by Mark Constantidine so that it can be gift-aided.

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a big big thank you to all those people who supported us this year because after June we had no funding for destitution support, yet have managed to continue this throughout, suspending it for only one week when our funds were perilously low. We could not have done this without you.

Hosting has not been required as much recently, mainly, we think, because we are able to offer destitution support so clients are more able to rely on staying with friends which is of course much better for them.

Perhaps the best news is that this year so far 41 people have been granted leave to remain. This is the largest number of people we have given substantial support to in any one year who have leave. Many of them were on initial claims and we believe that being able to direct them to reliable solicitors has a lot to do with this success.

Thank you so much for your support.

Many people think they can offer little but you would be surprised: from lifts to writing letters and cards, from clearing out the attic to coming to the drop in and chatting with someone, there is no volunteer we can't find a job for, so do come forward and offer. It could be the most rewarding experience you have ever had.

With very best wishes

Lucy Lucy
Chair
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