

## BCARS Winter Newsletter 2019

### Pierre's Story

#### SUPPORTING PIERRE TO GET HOME STATESIDE



Thank you everyone for helping this winter; Sleepsafe is changing lives. We want to share an amazing story of what happens when people work together to help someone in crisis. In this case how over 40 people helped Pierre from sleeping on a Bournemouth street to a veteran's hospital and accommodation in Atlanta, USA.

Pierre is a US citizen, a veteran serviceman, on crutches because he needs surgery. He ran out of money and so was living on the streets. The following team of people (many of whom had never been in contact before) worked tirelessly to ensure Pierre could safely find refuge and a place to settle...



### Buddies Training

TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY,

7PM - 9PM &

TUESDAY 9 APRIL, 7PM - 9PM

Training for volunteers who wish to support ex-rough sleepers keep their home and engage with community, society and church. The purpose is to

equip, train and envision folk to love and serve our guests. The training takes volunteers through their roles, support groups and a model of Hope. This is mandatory training for all those wishing to be a volunteer Buddy.

**Book your space for the 19 February on [Eventbrite](#)** - limited spaces, so don't delay to avoid disappointment! **Alternatively if you would like to come to the next**

**information session on 9 April email: [hello@faithworkswessex.org.uk](mailto:hello@faithworkswessex.org.uk) or phone**

Faithworks on: 01202 429037

# Sleepsafe Update

JANUARY 2019

10

Guests  
accessed  
Sleepsafe



Total: 39

8

Still in  
Sleepsafe



10

Supported  
in to  
accommodation



Total: 23

12

Waiting to be  
matched with a  
BCARS Buddy



Please don't forget our guests who have moved on - they need Buddies

## Lansdowne Church TELL THEIR STORY OF BEING A SLEEPSAFE VENUE

**Sleepsafe also changes us as people and organisations...** Doug from Lansdowne church told us:

***"Sleepsafe has broadened my horizons about how much more we can do with and for those sleeping rough. And working at Citygate church, alongside their team, has been brilliant - it's showed us what we could we when we work together."***



**Nicky, a first time volunteer at Sleepsafe said:**

***"In Nov/Dec, my husband and I joined the Sleepsafe team. We had married just a few weeks before and were keen to serve together on a project we both felt such a heart-pull toward. We are so glad we did! It was humbling to spend the evening/morning with people who had been, and in some cases were continuing, to battle experiences that could have been any of ours, but for the grace of God.***

***Where someone lives doesn't define who they are, or the level of their worth. As a team we celebrated together as guests moved on from Sleepsafe and felt collective sadness when guests didn't return. Working together with churches across Bournemouth is something that I'm sure delights God's heart."***

## 2nd-Half Carpentry Workshop

The Echo recently ran an article on the amazing carpentry workshop run by BCARS 2nd-Half and funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset.





## Investors Breakfast

### INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF ROUGH SLEEPERS

One of the barriers to helping people get off the street is the lack of move-on

housing: our national partners at [Hope Into](#)

[Action](#) have a brilliant model for helping churches and groups buy houses and training buddy teams to provide community support.

**So we are holding an "Investor's Breakfast" for anyone thinking about financially supporting such a plan here** - Thursday 28th at 7.45am at the Best Western Royale Hotel, Gervis Road, Bournemouth. Call the Faithworks office on: 01202 429037 for more information.



## Gifts that Change Lives!

### MOBILE TEXT GIVING

**It is now easier to donate to BCARS rough sleepers work than ever before!** To set up monthly giving, all you need to do is:

**1. Text BCARS and an amount you wish to donate to 70085.** For example, BCARS 10 will create a £10 monthly gift to BCARS.

**2. You will then be given the option to Gift Aid your donations.**

*\*You will be charged the amount donated, plus a standard network rate message. You will then be charged the donation amount to your mobile phone bill each month.*

*\*\*Should you not fill out an amount, the default donation will be set up at £5 per month.*

**It's a fast and simple way to set up monthly giving to bring Hope to those sleeping rough.** Should you have any questions about DonR text giving, you can contact their team on: 03334444111.

**Crisis relieved... life transformed**