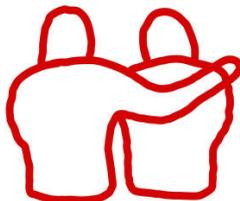


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**HELP LINK**

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## Newsletter

Autumn 2008



The long summer evenings which we all dream of passed us by this year, and instead we had more rain than normal which made more people homeless through flooding. Fortunately for most this experience will be short lived, but for those who live in the open this has truly been a disastrous Summer. At our Annual General Meeting in July it was mentioned by one man,

who is used to sleeping rough, that it was bad enough that the weather ruins blankets and sleeping bags, but often the local authorities destroy these items when they find a "shelter".



The work of encouraging our clients to join in community activities by Brian and John continues with many attending church services and worship groups, as well as helping to keep the bus clean.

Another brother has been Baptised.



Thanks again to all who have donated goods and money on a regular basis, together with our sponsors Sainsbury's of Washington, Barclays at Doxford Park and our Baker friends of Chester-le-Street this has made it possible to help so many in need.

Another Praise Night was held in Greatham IM Church and a "Bag Pack" was allowed at Sainsbury's Washington which raised over £200.00. A Craft Fayre took place at Cleadon Methodist Church where the cost of a stall was donated for the second year running by Susan Holgate (as was) who



attends this church along with her husband John and children Charlotte and Morgan. There was a variety of goods on sale and we managed to raise almost £90.00.

Another Praise Night will be held at Bankhead Church on Friday the 21st November and a Coffee Morning and Bric a Brac sale will be held at Ryhope Church on Saturday 29th November. Sainbury's of Washington are allowing another Bag Pack which will take place on Friday 12th December 2008, between 1.00pm and 8.00pm. If anyone can spare one hour or more please contact Carl. Work is in progress to make up Christmas Presents and donations of toiletries and tooth brushes would be gratefully received, not to forget that blankets and sleeping bags are now needed to replace those lost this summer.



### Some Late News.



An offer has been received from a source who wishes to remain anonymous, to replace our bus which continues to be unreliable. It is hoped that this vehicle would cost less to operate and give a better service . More information later.

Everyone connected with the running of the "Help Link" would like to say a big THANK YOU once again to everyone who has donated anything to ensure our work continues.

We would be interested to learn of any fundraising events. Please contact me on 0191 5211217. Alternatively send us an e-mail to :- [events@nehl-trust.org.uk](mailto:events@nehl-trust.org.uk). Please note that the cost of producing and posting this newsletter and the upkeep of the website are sponsored.

## **Contact Details**

To donate tinned food, clothing, or blankets, contact Carl Heron  
(Executive Officer)

☎ (0191) 5368637 to arrange collection

To make a donation of money, contact Eric Southwick  
(Treasurer)

☎ (0191) 5812233

📞 (0191) 5813999

To let us know of any fundraising events etc, please contact  
Jean Cansfield (Secretary)

☎ 07788 983746

## **Fund-Raising Activities**

*(Contact Jean Cansfield for further information on any item)*

- Anne Chisholm will attempt to produce watercolour paintings of buildings, landscapes, flowers (NO people or animals!) from photographs or pictures.
- Pauline Blyth is willing to try to sell unwanted items on e-Bay.
- Hand knitted fashion scarves are available.
- Lawn cutting (Sunderland Area)  
Please contact George Carlyon  
☎ (0191) 5211217