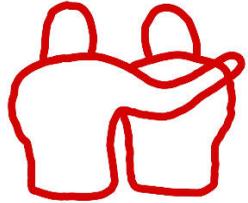


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Newsletter

Autumn 2011

If you were asked to summarise the summer weather some would say it was wet, others that it was dry, some that it was cold and some it was hot obviously depending on where you live in this island of ours. One thing for sure is the days are shortening which means colder nights and uncomfortable conditions for those on the streets. The need for hats and scarves, gloves and socks along with sleeping bags is now a must for all of our clients.



We are grateful to Birtley Bakery for their continued support and thanks to those who collect the food each Saturday. We also say a word of thanks to the many churches and organisations who donate the proceeds of their Harvest Festival

Services which is a tremendous help to us. We are all aware of the ever increasing price of food and especially tinned meat which is the most costly item which has risen over 50% in the past 18 months.

There are a number of Foundations which have made donations to the Help Link which we are thankful for. Some of them specify exactly what the money can be used for, and one such donation was received specifically for kitchen equipment and food transportation equipment for the Newcastle kitchen.

For many years on Teesside we have been allowed to use the kitchen at "Hope House" which was owned by a church. This was free of charge to the Help Link and has continued even though the premises are now owned by another group, and so it was decided to replace some kitchen equipment as a way of showing

To let us know of any fundraising events etc, please contact Jean Cansfield (Secretary) with details of date, time and venue.

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our gratitude. An oven with a five ringed hob has been, installed and with a little re-arranging has created more bench space which has improved the facilities for cooking up to 200 meals per week. The positive response from Brian and John for making this daily task a little bit easier was most pleasing for the Trustees.

Arrangements have been made to build fixtures in the back of the new vehicle to house the new



equipment for use at the Newcastle kitchen.

The work behind the scene gathers pace during the summer months as the Trustees get to grips with the ever changing rules and regulations of working practices and the Charity Commission. There are monthly meetings between Brian and John with a sub-committee of Trustees, and the same sub-committee meet at least once per month which addresses any issues raised.. On three or four occasions during the year all the Trustees meet to deal with items which require their approval.

We've held a Praise Night at Stanley Street IM Church which was led by Sheila Heron. Everyone was welcome to attend and quite a number did and enjoyed the singing and updates from Brian and a PowerPoint

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.
- Lawn cutting (Sunderland Area)
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presentation by our secretary. Our AGM was held at Ryhope IM Church but unfortunately not many attended. A number of our Trustees were present at the Independent Methodist Church AGM where Jewellery items were for sale, a power point on the up to date work was displayed and a video was running of events which had taken place this year.



The weekly street reports which are shown on the website have now resumed. Fundraising.

The latest fundraising event was a Craft Fair which was held at Cleadon Methodist Church where a supporter has funded a stall for the Help Link for a number of years. The stall was attended by three trustees and a supporter. Many items made by our secretary and members of Ryhope Church were on sale. Now we prepare for winter and Christmas. Many thanks to all our volunteers, supporters and Benefactors for making sure the work of the Help Link continues.

Contact Details

To donate tinned food, clothing, or blankets, contact Carl Heron (Chairman)
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To make a donation of money, contact Moira Cansfield (Treasurer)
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