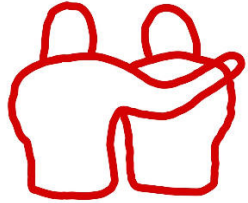


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Newsletter

Winter 2010

2010 was another eventful year which has seen many positive changes at NEHL. The heavy snow and severe weather conditions caused havoc among motorists and commuters, with many seeking overnight refuge in cars, lorries, railway stations, airports etc. This has highlighted the problems which the homeless face every day on our streets.

The Christmas meals/parties were held in the week beginning 19th December 2010. A great deal of preparation went into meals of turkey, vegetables and Yorkshire puddings which was followed by Christmas Pudding and custard. During the preceding months, donations of hats, gloves, scarves, socks, toiletries,



books and sweets were collected on a regular basis. These were centrally stored and then groups of willing workers, at two venues, left their own Christmas shopping to wrap a total of 180 individual gifts which,

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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along with a handwritten greetings card, were given to each of our clients after their festive meal.

Barclay's Contact Centre, business groups, Churches and many individuals were very generous in their contributions to the Christmas gifts for which NEHL is



extremely grateful.

Through the efforts and experience of our workers, trustees and volunteers, we are constantly increasing our capacity to help our clients with their many everyday problems. Knowledge of housing groups and providers of services and links with similar charities are instrumental in this.

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)
Please contact George Carlyon
(0191) 5211217

After a review of the very good provision of food and shelter in Newcastle on Thursdays and the dwindling number of clients who required a hot meal at our particular kitchen, it was decided that the NEHL Thursday afternoon kitchen at St Andrew's Church be discontinued and an extra kitchen in the Teesside area, where there is a great need, take its place. This was a hard decision for NEHL, since this was one of the first kitchens run by Walter and Anne Wilkinson. However, we feel that this is the right decision and best use of the resources which are so generously provided by our supporters. The distribution and timing of our Teesside kitchens is also under review so that we can be sure that the stewardship of our resources is most efficient and effective.

To mark the 20th Anniversary of Walter Wilkinson's inspiration for working with the homeless which took place on 22nd February 1991, the Trustees, members and friends of North East Help Link Trust are to hold a Service of Celebration. This will take place in Mount Pleasant I M Church, Half Moon Lane, Spennymoor, DL16 6HQ at 3 pm on Saturday 19th February 2011. We would be delighted to welcome supporters in joining us in giving thanks for those who have been helped as a result of Walter's vision and for the love and care with which he and his family and an ever widening circle of friends have carried out his mission.

Contact Details

To donate tinned food, clothing, or blankets, contact Carl Heron (Chairman)
☎ (0191) 5368637 to arrange collection

To make a donation of money, contact Moira Cansfield (Treasurer)
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