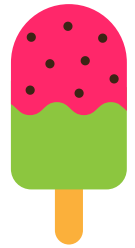


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NIGHTSTOP NEWS



A warm hello from Nightstop!

Well, it's been a cold and wet summer so far but we're sending you a big warm and sunny "hello" from the Nightstop team, bringing the latest news on our work with young people at risk of homelessness in Worcestershire. In our Summer newsletter, you can read about our **Young Person's Panel**, the fabulous work of our **community fundraisers** and our celebration of a long-standing and much loved **volunteer host**. Our volunteer hosts are at the heart of our work. **Could you open your home to a young person in need?** We are currently recruiting volunteers! To find out more, go to Page 2.

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Thank you Dot!

Nightstop have said a huge "thank you" and "happy retirement" in July to long serving Kidderminster based host, Dot. Dot has been volunteering with Nightstop for fifteen years. In that time, she has ensured that numerous young people at risk of homelessness have had a safe place to sleep.

We had a small celebration of Dot's contribution at our young person's centre. We couldn't let such a significant occasion pass by without having a tea party! Dot was presented with a cake and gifts including a beautiful rose named "Warm Welcome". An aptly named gift for a lady who has given so many warm welcomes over the years. Thank you Dot!



Could you volunteer?

Are you warm and welcoming? Could you empathise with a young person in need? Do you have a spare room where you could accommodate a young person in crisis? **You could become a Nightstop volunteer host!**

We are currently recruiting for new volunteer hosts based across Wyre Forest and South Worcestershire. We're particularly keen to hear from potential new hosts in the Pershore and Evesham areas. Full training and support is provided.

For further details call us on **01562 743111** or email **info@wfnightstop.org**

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Fabulous fundraisers!



Year 4 pupils at St.Oswald's Primary School in Kidderminster wore Nightstop colours as they ran **179 laps** around their playground to raise money for us! The fundraiser formed part of the pupils' homelessness project.

We are so grateful to all the pupils and staff involved. They raised a staggering **£240** to support young people at risk of homelessness! Well done everyone - a tremendous effort!

Volunteer hosts David and Veronica are hosting an open garden event on **7th and 8th August in Bewdley** (details below) to raise funds for Nightstop. It is £3 per person to attend all three gardens (cash payments only). The nearest parking for the event is at Blackstone Picnic Area or Bewdley Town Centre.

SATURDAY 7TH AND SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST

12 NOON - 4PM

21 STOURPORT ROAD- COTTAGE STYLE PLANTING
71 STOURPORT ROAD- WILDLIFE GARDEN
121 STOURPORT ROAD- INFORMAL
GARDEN WITH HISTORY

£3 ENTRANCE PER PERSON FOR ALL 3 GARDENS

TEA, COFFEE AND CAKE FOR SALE

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Young People in the lead at Nightstop

Our Young Person's Panel has been thriving this summer! Young people who have experienced homelessness or have been in crisis are "experts by experience" and their voices are vital to the coproduction of our services. We hear the views and ideas of young people through the Panel and these ensure that our work remains tailored to their needs. All young people who have used or are using our services are welcome to join. For details, contact our operations coordinator, Laura, on **01562 743111**.



Mediation makes the difference



Our mediation service works with young people aged 11-25. We have been working with Joshua who was struggling to make friends when moving into a new school year. His isolation was making him stressed and unhappy. Joshua was referred to mediation which gave him a safe place to talk about his worries. He's learned how he can communicate better with others and find coping strategies when feeling stressed.

Now Joshua has made friends who help him with school life. He feels much happier and has strategies to help keep him calm such as breathing exercises and remembering his happy place. Joshua said that the tips from our mediators really helped to make a difference.

For more information about mediation, email us at **info@wfnightstop.org**