

Welcome,

A word from our Chief Executive

Dear friends

Welcome to the latest edition of our e-newsletter. At one level, it's been a really memorable month with our Down Not Out project receiving a major grant from the Big Lottery and the organisation being officially recognised as an Investor in People. Alongside this success however we are having to get to grips with the fact that Leicester currently has the worst rough sleeping figures of any city outside of London. Tackling this problem is now a major focus of our work going into the Christmas period. We have created additional emergency beds at Mayfield House and, in December, will be launching our winter appeal to help get rough sleepers off the streets. We are, as always, enormously grateful for your continuing support and will keep you informed of the work we're doing to tackle rough sleeping over the next few months.

With thanks and best wishes

Rob Parkinson, November 2011

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Chelsea Building Society

We would like to say a big thank you to the Chelsea Building Society in Leicester who donated £1000 to Action Homeless through the Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation.

News Update

Down Not Out

We are delighted to reveal that we have been awarded a £139,960 Big Lottery Fund grant allowing us to establish a new community news agency, Down Not Out, partnering with Citizens Eye.

Through use of a range of media outlets, Down Not Out will create a platform for people affected by homelessness to have a voice on issues that matter to them and the local community. As well as offering work placements to homeless people in Leicester, Down Not Out will recruit 100 volunteer community reporters. All Down Not Out staff and volunteers will receive certified media training allowing them to develop valuable skills and knowledge. By offering volunteering, training and work opportunities we hope that Down Not Out will help to break the cycle of repeat homelessness in Leicester.

Investors in People

We are pleased to announce that Action Homeless has recently been recognised as an organisation that meets the Investors in People Standard. After an assessment day in October, we were informed that we had achieved the award. Action Homeless was recognised as having a clear purpose and vision focusing on empowering homeless people to change their lives.



Leicester Marathon 2011

Congratulations to our 5 marathon runners who all completed the Leicester Half Marathon on Sunday 9th October in aid of Action Homeless.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 24th November - Join us for the Action Homeless AGM 2011 at 7pm in the Undercroft of St James the Greater Church with special guest speaker Jon Ashworth MP. For more details please email eilidhkennedy@actionhomeless.org.uk

Friday 25th November - Come along to our Christmas House Party at the newly restored Launde Abbey near Loddington. Join us in beautiful surroundings for a cocktail reception and dinner with live jazz music. Tickets are £35 each with special rates available for group bookings. To book tickets please email jonathancryer@actionhomeless.org.uk or phone 0116 221 1851.



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