Sussex Homeless Support online fundraising auction

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The Sussex Homeless Support online auction has launched and runs until Thursday 14th March at 8pm.

Link to the auction site:

www.jumblebee.co.uk/sussexhomelesssupportfundraisingauction

This is our second year of running this highly successful auction, raising much needed funds for the charity and its work.

'Lots' have been donated by businesses and individuals throughout Sussex - there's something for everyone, from a signed copy of a book, to a hamper from Infinity Foods, tea for 2 in Somers of Lindfield, a piece of stained glass artwork, a family photo session, a beautiful patchwork blanket, Thai cookery lesson with 'get-started', an Italian cookery lesson with Kitchen Lingo, a haircut and blow-dry at Gorgeous of Hove, a Reiki session with Anita Kate, velvet cushions and a footstool from Carzana Interiors, a ticket for Legends Live at the Brighton Centre, a one day taster session with Latest TV to learn TV skills, to 2 camping event tickets to the Levellers 'Beautiful Days Festival' in Devon, with an amazing musical line up. Plus so many more.

One of our favourites, is the chance to bid for a touch of *immortality*. Nils Visser & Cair Going, authors of 'On Brighton Streets', the story of Sussex Homeless Support, are writing the sequel and the winning bid will guarantee that you or a character of your choice, are written into the book.

New 'lots' are being added daily, so please keep checking our auction page.

Every penny raised will go to support the work of Sussex Homeless Support.

About Sussex Homeless Support (SHS)

Based in Brighton but with links covering the UK, SHS is a homeless charity that works with and supports many others in the city to achieve its ambition of zero food poverty and 100 % support for all people in Brighton and Hove.

As well as collecting food and items of clothing and distributing them out daily, to people on the streets, SHS cooks for 60 + people for the Anti-Freeze Homeless Project (Mondays) and hosts the lively Street Kitchen at the Clock tower on Sundays, where it feeds in excess of 120 homeless and rough sleepers every week. The charity also provides supplies to people recently housed and prepares weekly food parcels for those on the poverty line.

The Mobile Night Shelter

Recently Sussex Homeless Support have acquired a second old double decker bus. These two buses run as mobile night shelters. Between them, the buses can sleep 20 people in bunk beds. Each bus is equipped with a kitchen, sitting area and changing room.

The new bus is up and running and our original bus is about to come back into use, having recently suffered a devastating fire. As soon as our second bus is useable, we will then operate a Men's bus and

a Women's bus.

Trained volunteers operate the bus, ensuring that it is a warm, safe and secure place to sleep for men, women and their pets. A hot meal is provided every evening for all of our guests.

To see a great video about the bus, follow this link:

https://www.facebook.com/thelatest.tv/videos/1851991628145457/

Sunday Street Kitchen

The lively Street Kitchen runs every Sunday at the Brighton Clock tower. It sets up at 12.45pm and finishes at 3pm and leaves little evidence it was there at all. During that time, volunteers serve hot food and drinks and provide supplies such as clothing, sleeping bags and toiletries, to over 120 people who have been unfortunate enough to have ended up on the streets.

The Street Vets are also present, giving food, toys and providing medical treatment for homeless dogs. Legal firm LAWSTOP join us to offer legal advice.

The Street Kitchen is very much what you see on the tin; you can donate an item on Sunday and two minutes later see someone on the streets wearing it. If you want to help out, just stand behind a stall and pitch in.

Military Links

SHS has several ex-service volunteers and links with ex-military bases such as Royal Artillery in Selsey, who provide much of the kit donated and given out to the homeless. Together with one of the UKs largest military surplus stores, the bases have provided many boxes of clothes, boots, sleeping bags and liners which have literally saved lives this winter. The charity has 20 regular ex-service homeless people and has assisted one person recently into secure tenancy and access to his children.

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Alternatively donate to the GoFundMe appeal: https://www.gofundme.com/homeless-xmas-appeal

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