



## Macclesfield Winter Nightshelter (WHAM)

WHAM (Winter Homeless Assistance in Macclesfield) provides accommodation and refreshment over winter weekends, for men who would otherwise be sleeping rough in our town. **“Night-shelters are to stop people dying; hostels are to prepare people for living on their own”.**

Macclesfield churches work together to:

- Provide cover over Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, providing basic meals on Friday and Sunday evenings and breakfast each day. (Saturday evening meal is available at Treehouse)
- The location moves around six or seven town centre churches, who provide shelter for a weekend at a time.
- Provide beds for six – eight adult men. Statutory support should be available for females and young people.
- We work closely with Citizens Advice, Cheshire Police, Street Angels to support guests.

While this is only an initial approach to the problem the Shelter covers the worst of the winter weather and the times when least assistance is readily available elsewhere and therefore the danger of serious illness or death is the greatest. Our ongoing objective is to “Begin the end of the homeless experience.”

### We need YOU!!!

Could YOU volunteer? Teams of volunteers cover three shifts each night (7.30-10.30pm, 10.30pm-6.30am; 6.30-8am), each shift under the guidance of a trained and experienced shift leader. Training is offered for all volunteers.

What does it involve? Welcome our guests, help with meals and drinks, and above all, be company and listen to their stories. Depending on the time of your shift you may be helping to set up or clear away.

**This year training for new volunteers will be held on:**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018      6.30-8.30pm**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018    10.00-12.00pm**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019   10.00-12.00pm** *all sessions at URC (Townley St entrance)*

If you are an experienced volunteer and a member of a HOPE church – have you considered training to be a Shift Leader?

Shift Leader training will be for 1 hour following the above training sessions (please come to the volunteer session in addition to the Shift Leader training)

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Deborah Bennett on 07874 852762

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or the WHAM coordinator for your church

**And Jesus concluded, “In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbour toward the man attacked by the robbers?” The teacher of the Law answered, “The one who was kind to him.” Jesus replied, “You go, then, and do the same.” [Luke 10:36,37]**