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MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR EVER AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Salisbury Trust for the Homeless (STFH) has had its most successful year ever with 83% of clients who left our properties going on to independent living. Combined with a simultaneous fall in the number of vacant rooms and rent arrears, this means that 2016-17 represents an important milestone in the history of STFH as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of our foundation in 1987.

During the year STFH, which receives welcome support from Wiltshire Council but is still heavily dependent on the generosity of the public, helped 60 people, including some of those who were sleeping rough in a Salisbury car park, and worked with another charity on a Transformation Project aimed at helping clients to run their own lives successfully.

“In the past year more than four-fifths of our clients who have left us have gone on to live in their own homes, our highest success rate ever,” said Gordon Parry, Chairman of STFH. “This is due to the skill and dedication of our three professional support workers and the commitment of our board members who are passionate about the work we do.”

“In 2017 STFH celebrates the 30th anniversary of its formation, having helped hundreds of people turn their lives around. Founded in 1987, originally providing rough sleepers with a bed for the night, STFH now provides a long term solution by providing accommodation and support for single people over the age of eighteen who have become homeless. We help them regain confidence and self-esteem, learn life skills, find education, training and employment opportunities, and access permanent accommodation, so returning to independent living.”

Key points from STFH's year:

- Of 30 people who moved on from STFH properties, 25 were 'planned moves' to independent living – a record figure of 83.3%
- 29 people are currently living in STFH properties in the city and the number of 'voids' – gaps between rooms being occupied – has dropped due to improved re-let times.

- Rent arrears – clients pay rent from either their wages or their benefits – have been reduced during the year due to effective management and partnerships with other service providers.
- STFH worked with other homelessness charities to provide accommodation for rough sleepers who had been using the covered area of The Maltings car park.
- STFH worked with the Salisbury-based Trussell Trust, which runs food banks, on the Transformation Project to help clients be better prepared for independent living.

The future:

STFH is extremely grateful to Wiltshire Council for its continuing support – both financial and in selecting clients - at a time of cuts in Government funding. However STFH needs to raise £3,000 a year to replace funds lost through cuts. Because of this and rising inflation, STFH will need the generosity of the public in Salisbury and South Wiltshire more than ever before. A **Celebration Garden Party** marking STFH's 30th anniversary, will be held in The South Canonry in the Cathedral Close on **Friday 14 July** from 6-8pm. Tickets at £15 can be obtained from Phyllis Babb, 109B Exeter Street, Salisbury SP1 2SF by sending SAE and cheque payable to "STFH". Street collections and other fundraising events will also be held throughout the year.



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SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

on Friday 14th July from 6pm-8pm
at The South Canonry, Cathedral Close, Salisbury
by kind permission of the Bishop of Salisbury and Mrs Helen Holtam

Tickets £15 to include:
A drink and canapes
Music in the Drawing Room
Raffle

Cheques to Phyllis Babb, 109B Exeter Street, SP1 2SF,
payable to 'STFH'

"Rebuilding lives for 30 years"

NEWS



ST THOMAS'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2017

We are thrilled to report that STFH has been chosen as one of the two charities to benefit from the 2017 St Thomas's Christmas Tree Festival. Watch out for our splendid tree in the new glass church foyer!

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2017

Amateur photographers from the Salisbury area used their talent to raise funds for STFH. They raised about £300 and the winners of the competition were presented with their prizes at Salisbury Library by John Glen MP. The 2017 competition, judged by former press photographer Roger Elliott, attracted more entries than last year, and a higher standard. The categories change each year. This year they were Nature, Transport and Texture. The competition has sections for adult and junior, up to 16 years old. John Glen MP and Roger Elliott are photographed with this year's winners.



FUTURE EVENTS

Here are some of our forthcoming attractions:

FILM SHOW - 'A STREET CAT NAMED BOB' - MON 9TH OCTOBER

We are pleased to announce the screening of the acclaimed, heartwarming film *A Street Cat Named Bob* at St Paul's Church. More details to follow.

BARN DANCE - SAT 28TH OCTOBER

Talented local Ceilidh Band *Scrape the Barrel* are promising an evening of fun and frolic at St Paul's Church with a Ploughman's Supper in the middle. More details to follow.



PADWICK SHOWS WITH TEA AND CAKE



We are delighted to announce that Christine and Peter are continuing their popular shows in 2017, as follows:

Wed 27 Sep: The 1940s

Vera Lynn, evacuees, Churchill, sirens, the London Olympics, rationing, gas masks, bombsites, Lord Haw-Haw, shelters, doodlebugs & more

Wed 18 Oct: The Great Train Robbery

Ronnie Biggs, Leatherslade Farm, the gloved signal, the Monopoly board, Scotland Yard, the sentencing, escapes & captures, plastic surgery & more

Wed 29 Nov: All Things Banned & Censored

BBC, 'Psycho', George Formby, Jane Russell, adverts, tombstones, Eartha Kitt, cricket, Lionel Bart, DH Lawrence, 'Hair', the Crazy Gang & more

Wed 6 Dec: The 1950s

National Service, Doris Day, 'Housewives' Choice', ITV, Korea, Bill Haley, Suez, Elvis Presley, 'Under Milk Wood', Tom Lehrer, skiffle, Goons & more

Each show bristles with music, laughter, songs & facts.
2.45 for 3pm: The Salvation Army Church, 6-10 Salt Lane, SP1 1EE
£5 on entry – just turn up.
Every penny goes to Salisbury Trust for the Homeless