

OFF THE STREETS

Monthly Email Newsletter

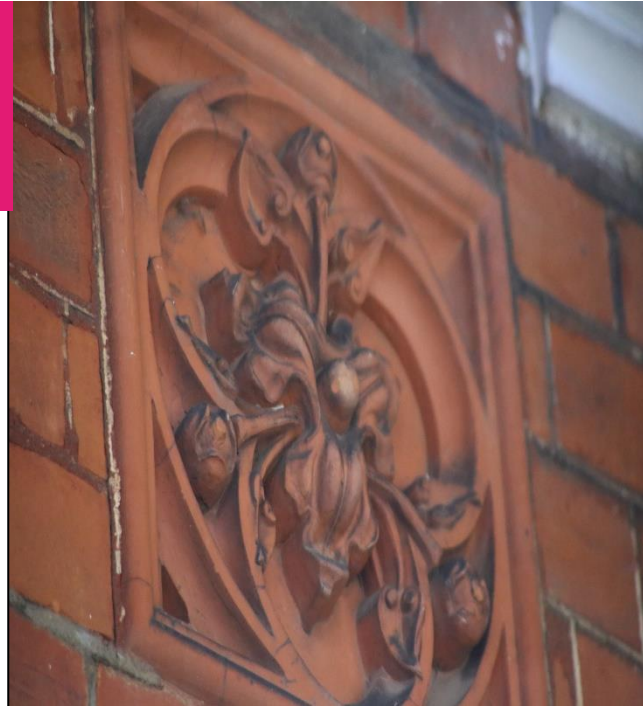


WELCOME!

Big welcome to everyone! This is the eighth edition of our monthly newsletter which will be emailed to all our stepping stones (monthly supporters). Each month there will be an update on what is happening

Building Update!

It has been a frustrating month as we had a visit from the HMO people from the Council as we need an HMO licence. They have asked us to improve the building in a couple of specific areas which will mean ripping out some of the work already completed and redoing it. We estimate that this will add 2 - 3 months onto the work and so we are now looking at an opening date in the winter. This is very bad news as you can understand but we have to make sure the shelter is compliant with the local authority rules and so we will make the improvements.



This month

We have been supporting a mum who baby has now been placed in full time foster care, the foster carer has now got parental guardianship, we are still supporting the mum as her mental health has declined and she has been self harming but we are continuing the welfare check and just supporting where we can.

Your donation helps us to support people like this mum and so a massive thank you for all your help. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT!



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Good Neighbours!

One of the things we have always wanted to be is good neighbours. We don't want people to feel that a homeless shelter has been dumped on their doorsteps but instead to be proud of the help that they as a community are providing. This means occasionally we will carry out projects around the neighbourhood and this month we arranged for the alley to be cleared. As you can see from this before and after picture, the difference is huge.

Changes to the Justice System!

Last month we revealed that one of the biggest issues facing prison leavers is being discharged on a Friday and then because places are closed until Monday, not having anywhere to go.

We are awaiting a meeting with courts to see if we can get this changed. Below is a link to a Healthwatch recording about this issue:

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/healthwatch-essex/episodes/The-Impossible-Can-Happen---Life-After-Prison-e27tkdl>



Thank you!

During the month we were trying to raise £5000 throughout the whole month. £5000 will cover all our guest's rent for 6 weeks. We didn't hit our target but did raise £2000. A massive thank you to all those who donated and all those who helped us celebrate our 5 year anniversary either through the Open Day or at any other point of the month.

