



Winter 2012

New Forest Nightstop voted as best UK charity in National Lottery Awards 2012

2012 was an exceptional year in the long history of New Forest Nightstop. We celebrated our 10th anniversary, joining with the nation's Olympic celebrations with our very own torchbearer and rounding it all off by being voted in as the nation's best charity in the National Lottery Awards.

But how did we nearly triple this to win the prestigious national award with just one member of staff and 30 volunteers? It was a huge community success, with everyone taking those few simple minutes to tell a friend, pass it on and click to vote; a team win!

After being shortlisted from 500 charities, our friends and fans voted us through the semi-finals into the top 3 finalists with 1960 votes. Through a busy 6 months from start to finish, New Forest Nightstop & our supporters far and wide, promoted, publicised and campaigned to gain the landslide national win of 5790 votes.

It was a privilege for the few of us that travelled to London to receive the award on behalf of Nightstop, live, in front of 8 million

viewers. We were given the prime spot striking film of the night, featured first with our powerful and. There were many tears across the studio floor from celebrities, Olympians and friends and we received countless congratulations and good wishes afterwards.

We won the prestigious award and a £2000 prize and achieved enormous publicity through being featured in the Daily Telegraph, several features on BBC Radio Solent, 3 national TV appearances and across all local press.

The response has been overwhelming with many genuine enquiries from people local & national, who want to make a difference. Being part of a national network of 40 Nightstops across the UK means we have been able to direct enquiries to their nearest service.

New Forest Nightstop would like to express its sincerest thanks to everyone who has met with and supported us in 2012.

Thank you to every supporter, voter & friend!

Many have been involved in the journey and we cannot list them all but appreciation goes to Nightstop volunteers, Facebook fans and Twitter followers, Community First New Forest, NFDC, HCC, Deacon Insurance, Depaul Nightstop UK, Bournemouth & Solent Universities, Totton & Brockenhurst Colleges, Ringwood School, BBC Solent, Sainsbury's Ringwood, It's Your Choice, Waitrose Lymington, the High Sheriff of Hampshire, Testwood Baptist Church, New Forest Festival, Rotary & Lions clubs.

Since entering the National Lottery Awards competition in spring 2012, our main Big Lottery funding ended. However the great outcome of this achievement is increased public awareness and responses to how simple it can be to make a difference in the life of a young person. We hope this will lead to a diverse and engaged forest wide community with both public & corporate interest to sustain our future and work with these vulnerable young people. Here's to 2013 friends!

New Forest Nightstop provides emergency overnight accommodation for homeless 16 - 24 year olds in the homes of trained and approved households around the New Forest

Oct - Dec 2012

- 724 nights available
- 15 referrals / 6 accepted
- 19 bed nights taken

Housing Outcomes

- 1 in supported accommodation
- 3 returned home
- 2 didn't turn up at hosts

Of those that didn't stay

- 3 didn't return to agency
- 1 went to friends
- 1 from out of area
- 4 unsuitable for criteria



Most young homeless people left home when they were 16 or 17

Kerry's Story



If you can help, whether through funding, fundraising, volunteering, promoting the service or you have skills and talents you want to invest to help a young person, please contact us on 01425 478391 or email nightstop@cnfnf.org.uk

"When I became homeless I felt lonely and like I had nowhere to sleep and no one to look after me. Adjusting to having no home was difficult. Nightstop gave me an option whilst my accommodation got properly sorted, giving me one less thing to think about.

The hosts were welcoming, kind & generous people and stopped me from thinking about being homeless; they gave me a lot and asked for nothing in return. Nightstop is a safe place to be in; it helps give stability to a young person's life. Staying with New Forest Nightstop helped me to realise how great a job the Nightstop volunteers do. I now have a home and am able to continue my college course."

Kerry continues to study art at college and has even donated her talents to New Forest Nightstop by designing a unique set of Christmas card designs. For the first time ever, Nightstop had a beautifully packaged set of cards to sell to our supporters. The designs by Kerry were all created around her concept of a 'Christmas bed' and her story is on the back. A joint project between Kerry, Nightstop and Deacon Insurance, gave us a wonderful way to spread the word of our work and help to raise funds but at the end of the day, Kerry was the key!



2012 in pictures

Totton College Student Union BIG* Votathon



The members of Totton College Student Union went all out for New Forest Nightstop by hosting their very own BIG Votathon event on 12 October. Having met with several of the students at our regular stand at the Totton College Freshers Fair, a small group felt inspired to take action.

A passionate, enthusiastic and selfless group of students were inspired to make a difference to their peers that are suffering the crisis of homelessness. Joining with our National Lottery Awards campaign, TCSU organised and hosted a whole day of collecting votes for us. Geared up with sashes, banners and voting sheets, they devoted the day to speaking to other students in the canteens, classrooms and even across their social media networks. 350 votes were collected on paper but word spread online and the students played a great part in our success. Beyond that? Well, several tutor groups chose us as their charity for the year ahead!

Bournemouth University Students



We have been developing some great projects with various student groups at Bournemouth University. Having first attended the BU Volunteer Fair almost a year ago, we have been welcomed and supported by TheHub; the BU volunteer centre. As well as the privilege of being invited to present awards to student volunteers, giving presentations and our press releases being featured on their website, we have also had the pleasure of working with students on several specific projects as part of their coursework.

A group of business students used their skills and networks to secure the project target of 1000 votes for the National Lottery Awards and increased our social media audience. Another group created a community fund raising pack. We are currently working alongside 2nd year Leisure and Tourism students who are organising a big sleepover event at the university; out to raise awareness and share their own transformed perceptions of youth homelessness and pass a major course module, it's set to be a fantastic night!

Glad Rags & Muffins



A group of friends in the east of the New Forest decided to pool their energies and ideas together to host an evening of cake, fashion and friends in order to raise awareness and funds for New Forest Nightstop. They were already hard at work in their community campaigning for votes in the NL Awards when they formed yet another plan, to hold a cake & clothes sale. Via their networks they gathered all sorts of frocks, shoes, bags and jewellery and a kind family member, a top chef, created beautiful Nightstop muffins branded with our logo! Totton College beauty students and a Nightstop volunteer gave their time and talent by offering ladies beautiful manicures & nail art. Overall £625 was raised!

Some wonderful friendships have formed between likeminded people passionate about our youth; a craft group and a music group. Sharing time, laughs and company together, the craft group is now producing a range of interesting gifts for sale for Nightstop. If you would like to join, create items from home and support us please get in touch.

Deacon Frightstop for Nightstop



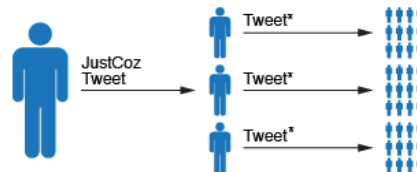
Deacon Insurance held their annual Halloween team competition with best dressed team & Halloween cakes. They went all out with getting votes for the NL Awards by passing on voting details to friends, family and business contacts. The support from the team is great and they helped us produce our Nightstop Christmas cards, adopting them for their corporate cards for the season; a great way to spread the news of our work with a beautifully inspired piece of art.

On the 7 April, Penny Jepson is on a 500km cycling mission to raise funds for us next. Penny formerly undertook a 10km Marine Commando Challenge with Deacon Insurance. The journey takes her through Thailand's national park, into Cambodia, through paddy fields to Angkor and on to Phnom Penh, where she will encounter reminders of Cambodia's more recent past. Arriving in Vietnam after 10 days she completes her journey in the vibrant city of Saigon.

Please help her achieve her fundraising target of £1k via Virgin Money Giving / Penny Jepson

Updates & News

- BBC Radio Solent hosted an Olympic Torchbearer and Gamesmaker party on 21st December. It was a great way to close 2012 in the fantastic year of our 10th anniversary. It was brimming with celebrated and exceptional torchbearers and volunteers. Nightstop and Katie, our very own torchbearer joined in & were interviewed on air and was even invited to return and speak on the Nick Girdler show in January 2012 for a longer feature about the charity itself.
- Niki Husher, a local Nightstop supporter kindly donated an evening training session to Nightstop volunteers and Sainsbury's staff. Child protection and sexual grooming was the topic; very timely as there had been many recent cases reported in the news over the previous weeks.
- Maria Nugent is urgently seeking bed frames to complete her photography project for Nightstop on youth homelessness in the New Forest. If you can help in any way or know of any unwanted beds, please get in touch via our contact details below.
- 19 Methodist Wives groups spanning Wimborne to Lymington have committed to support New Forest Nightstop over 2013. We are booking numerous dates to give presentations to each group and encourage them about the difference they are making to local young people.
- Recent donations gratefully received are £468.75 from Calshot Beach Olympics, £100 from Ringwood Carnival winners, £100 from Burley Youth Club, £143.13 from two young people at the Great South Run, £4267.50 from Bramshaw Golf Club, £200 from Verwood Methodist Church, £100 from Sainsbury's Community Grant, £150 from Totton & Eling Carnival
- The newly formed group Forest Fundraisers has chosen New Forest Nightstop as its charity for 2013. The first event will be a Ladies Bridge Lunch in March.
- Depaul UK will be launching its SpareRoom campaign in March, calling on the 7.5 million households nationwide with a spare room, to make it available to a young person.



Donate a tweet for New Forest Nightstop

JustCoz.org is an online relay system that lets you donate a tweet a day to help us raise awareness for our cause enabling you to make a difference by exposing your audience to messages which reflect your own set of values and truths, and everything is done automatically. A message from someone you know personally is 5 times more likely to trigger an action.

Our 25 supporters reach 52118 people!



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