



# THE Gap

The newsletter from  
The King's Arms Project

## STAFF SPECIAL

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The work of the King's Arms Project has always been totally dependent on the dedication, enthusiasm and commitment of its staff. Right from the early days in 1989 when all our support was provided on a voluntary basis, our staff have always seen their role as a demonstration of their Christian faith as they care compassionately for our clients and residents. This has been the cornerstone of our success over the years and continues to be an integral part of what we do and who we are as an organisation.

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### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2011

'Hike-for-the- Homeless' returns – book it in now!

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### OUR STAFF – WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT THEM?

**HR Manager Karen Carr** writes *'This autumn we have seen some significant changes in our team with some sad goodbyes as well as some very warm welcomes to those leaving and arriving on Project. So we thought it would be good to let you know in a bit more detail than usual the comings and goings over the summer.'*

*As well as actual staff changes it's great to pay tribute to those staff members who have changed roles or taken on responsibility in recent months'*

### DEPARTURES!

**August and September have seen many staff changes in the Project.** We have said goodbye to **Becky Ross** (Rough Sleeper Outreach worker) who has been part of the Project team for many years now and has contributed so many great things during her time with us! We also said goodbye to **Heather Taylor** who has worked at the Nightshelter for seven years! Heather has been such an amazing team member and brought so much experience and knowledge to the team. We will miss both of them very much and wish them the very best in their next chapter!

### ARRIVALS!

**We are also saying hello to several new faces as well!** Starting at the Nightshelter in September we have: **James Hutchison** (voluntary intern), **Kezia Merrick** (part-time support worker) along with two FP Impact students, **Amanda Joyes** and **Dave Surridge**. Starting at the same time at Barton House we have: **Grace Barrow** spending six months volunteering full-time and **Katy Ryland** spending three months volunteering three days a week.

We are very excited to welcome all of them to our team and look forward to seeing them grow and develop during their time with us!

### INTERNAL TRANSFERS!

**To help them gain more experience and develop their skills, Carly Nichols** (voluntary intern) has moved from the Nightshelter team to Barton House and **Paul Prosser** (support worker) has moved in the other direction from Barton House to the Nightshelter.



### THE PAUL PROSSER PROFILE

Neville Akerman from Barton House writes: *'It is also a sad month as we say goodbye to Paul Prosser as he moves to the Nightshelter, our loss is their gain as Paul has been a great asset to us in many ways, particularly with our Pathways Programme. His infectious laughter and ability to get people involved will be very much missed. He has brought a great sense of fun to all the sessions he has been involved in. From everyone at Barton House we wish Paul all the best with the new role.'*



### 'PATHWAYS' HEALTHY EATING & COOKING COURSE

Our latest course has been a huge success. We were privileged to have Lesley Morris join us and her expertise was greatly appreciated.

Participants said: *'I've learnt how to cook for myself when I leave the hostel', 'Can I do the course again?' and 'I loved the course, loved the friendship and loved meeting and working with Lesley'*

Lesley's knowledge has helped us to enhance the course for the future and she has also provided us with some extra material.

### A TEAM EFFORT!

**Despite their busy workloads our staff team have found the time to support our fundraising drive this autumn.** Here are some of the activities you can support:

- **Phil Jones** (Nightshelter) is raising money by having a **Sponsored Head Shave**— you can support Phil by pledging your sponsorship on his fundraising page with Virgin Money Giving [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PhilsBigHeadShaveDay](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PhilsBigHeadShaveDay)
- Continuing the 'hair' theme Nightshelter intern **Amanda Joyes** (a hairdresser by profession) is planning a sponsored **'Hairathon'** on 6<sup>th</sup> November – 20 hours of nonstop haircutting – all sponsorship and proceeds (£10 a cut) will go to the Project. If you'd like to sponsor her to do this event please go to [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/amandashairathon](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/amandashairathon), or to book a hair cut between 6am & 2am on the 6/7<sup>th</sup> Nov, please email [amandatthehairdresser@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amandatthehairdresser@hotmail.co.uk)
- **ZoeJoy Harries** and some of the Barton House team are planning a **Busking Session** in the town centre. For dates & times contact [bartonhouse@kingsarms.org](mailto:bartonhouse@kingsarms.org)
- CEO **Ali Green** is planning a sponsored **Hitch-Hike Race to Scotland!** To support Ali contact her on [project@kingsarms.org](mailto:project@kingsarms.org)
- **Neville Akerman** is planning a sponsored **Kayaking Event!** Contact Neville on [bartonhouse@kingsarms.org](mailto:bartonhouse@kingsarms.org)

### A STRETCHING ROLE

**Onward support worker Nic Morrish has recently been seconded to Bedford Borough Council to fulfil part of the Rough Sleepers Coordinator role recently left vacant by Mike Milner's departure for America.**

Nic says *—'Though the new role is stretching for me, its great to have the opportunity to further develop good relationships with the team at Borough Hall, tackling rough sleeping issues together'*.

Nic's secondment has meant that our contract with the Borough will also bring in much needed funds for Onward.





## FUNDING UPDATE

**Please still be praying for us for funding – particularly for our Onward work and that the Project will not be impacted too severely by any impending funding cuts.**

We really value our regular donors and monthly giving is one of the best sources of income for us. Why not set up a direct debit now by visiting our Virgin Money Giving web pages.

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## VACANCIES AND OTHER STAFF NEWS

**We do currently have a vacancy for a part-time Support Worker in the Project.** Ideally suited to someone with some experience of ministry with the poor, but this isn't essential. We hire based on character, passion and any transferable skills.

If you'd like to join a young, enthusiastic and dedicated team and want a life-changing, faith-stretching, team-building challenge then contact our HR Manager Karen Carr on 01234 350900 or email [karen@kingsarms.org](mailto:karen@kingsarms.org)

If you are interested in volunteering in an area of the Project, please go to our website [www.kingsarms.org/project](http://www.kingsarms.org/project) and complete the online volunteer form.

We want to say particular thanks to **Pete Barras** and **Anne Taylor** for coming and volunteering at Barton House when we had our staff summer social! We really appreciated you releasing our team be part of our summer celebrations!

## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US

- **DONATE ONLINE:** visit our Project pages at [www.kingsarms.org/project](http://www.kingsarms.org/project) & click 'Support Us'
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