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Shining a light on homelessness in Kent

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there for  
**4,672**  
people  
last year.

**There's a hidden homelessness crisis in Kent –  
here's how we can tackle it.**

Find out more on pages 6 and 7.

# THE DIFFERENCE YOU'VE MADE

By supporting Porchlight, you were there for people at their lowest ebb.  
Last year:\*



**4,672** people facing homelessness or mental health issues received life-changing support



**240** people who were sleeping rough in Kent were helped to stay safe



**98** homeless hospital patients got support to prevent them being discharged back onto the streets



**311** people began rebuilding their lives in Porchlight accommodation



**3,965** people were helped to manage mental health problems that might push them towards homelessness.

*\*1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026*

## Stay up-to-date with the work you make possible

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# Over the past year, I've had the privilege of meeting many people whose lives you've helped to change.



Some were homeless, sleeping on the streets, in cars or on friends' floors. Others were living in poverty and experiencing the practical and mental health problems it creates. Because of you, they are now rebuilding their lives with stability and hope.

They're all extremely grateful for your support. So am I.

One person's words have stayed with me. Dan, who was homeless with his dog Bella, told me: "The support Porchlight has given me is life changing. The difference it's made is difficult to put into words."

Sadly, stories like Dan's are increasingly common. Across Kent and Medway, we're seeing a dramatic rise in every form of homelessness. Rough sleeping in Kent and Medway has increased by 115% in just four years.\* We're also working with thousands of people who are experiencing mental health problems such as depression and anxiety – often linked to factors outside of their control such as poverty and insecure housing.

In short, the need for Porchlight has never been greater.

There are two keys to finding and keeping a safe home: access to suitable accommodation, and a sense of belonging and purpose. It's why our work goes far beyond preventing eviction or helping someone secure housing. We also help people to improve their mental health and be more involved in their local community. These are the building blocks of long-term stability.

Over the coming year, we'll be developing new ways to help people deepen these social connections and take part in meaningful daytime activities.

We're also trying to grow our Client Support Fund: a pot of money – funded by you – that saves lives and allows people to gain control over their situation. It pays for the basics that keep someone alive, such as hot meals, sleeping bags and stays in B&Bs. It's also used to provide new opportunities to someone who's rebuilding their life: identification documents so they can apply for housing, educational courses so they can get into employment, driving lessons so they can get to a new job... whatever is needed.

This is all possible because of your support.

You've shown yourself to be someone who believes everyone deserves safety, dignity and a place to call home. I'm pleased to say that your support is continuing to change lives.

Thank you for standing with us.

**Tom Neumark**  
Chief Executive

*\*Government's rough sleeper dashboard*



# HOMELESSNESS IN KENT

## “My Porchlight workers are fantastic” – Marc’s journey from homelessness to stability

Marc\* slept in a car for two years after losing his home. Today, because of your support, he says he’s “getting back to who I used to be”.

The 50-year-old describes homelessness as “miserable” but is clear about one thing: he’s still here because Porchlight helped when he wasn’t sure he could keep going.

Marc became homeless after having to leave the flat he had lived in for eight years. “I was renting somewhere that a friend owned, but he wanted to sell up,” he explains.

“The council advised me to stay until I was evicted. They said that by leaving voluntarily, I would be classified as ‘intentionally homeless’ and would find it more difficult to get support. But I didn’t want to put my friend through that so chose to live in my car instead.”

A former carpenter, Marc was out of work while trying to overcome addiction issues. Universal Credit helped cover the rent he’d been paying his friend, but it wasn’t enough to secure a property on the private rental market.

With nowhere else to go, Marc put his belongings in storage and began living in his car.

He says: “Trying to stay warm and clean is impossible. You wonder what will happen the next day and if you can carry on like this. Your body starts giving up and the noise of traffic and fear of people attacking you keeps you awake at night. A few times, I had people banging on my

windows and harassing me.”

A couple of times, Marc managed short stays in temporary accommodation. During one of those stays, he met Porchlight worker Wendy.

“It took a while to find somewhere suited to my needs – which included being close to home and my support network – but eventually they found somewhere.”

Marc now lives in a council property where he feels safe, is learning to trust others again and is reconnecting with who he used to be. He’s also sober, something he credits to having four walls of his own.

Despite a recent cancer diagnosis, Marc attends Porchlight community drop-in sessions to socialise with others, enjoy a hot meal and provide advice to people who are going through homelessness themselves.

“My Porchlight workers Wendy, Rupert and Mounia are fantastic,” he says. “Without them and Porchlight, I wouldn’t have ended up where I am.”

*\*Not his real name*

## Why are people in Kent becoming homeless?

Our homelessness teams worked with **743** people last year.\* Of those that gave a ‘main’ reason for their homelessness:

- 29% cited the breakdown of a family relationship or romantic relationship
- 9% had fallen behind on rent or mortgage payments
- 6% left prison with nowhere to live
- 6% were evicted because the landlord was selling, renovating or re-letting.

Others described a combination of insecure work, benefit issues, mental health problems, ‘no fault’ eviction (which has now been banned), hospital discharge with nowhere to go, and fleeing violence.

It’s important to remember that homelessness is rarely caused by one single event. The reasons given here are usually a tipping point when added to other pressures a person is facing.

It also means each person’s situation is different. It’s why we take their individual circumstances into account when creating a support plan – by addressing all the issues they’re facing, we give them a greater chance of leaving homelessness behind for good.

*\*1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026*

## Exploring the links between homelessness and neurodiversity

In the past year, nearly one in five people supported by our homelessness services were diagnosed as being neurodiverse. Others were awaiting an assessment for neurodiversity or told us they are neurodiverse but are undiagnosed.

We do everything we can to ensure our services meet the needs of people who are neurodiverse. We’re also working with Kent Autism Trust to better understand any links between homelessness and neurodiversity and develop even more inclusive support.

# FOOD BANKS AND FAMILY ROUTES



**Unaffordable rents and mortgages, combined with sky-high bills, are pushing people into poverty.**

Many people who reach out to us can barely afford to keep a roof over their head. They are having to choose between paying bills and putting food on the table, and are unable to escape their situation due to a lack of affordable properties to move into.

Nobody should live this way. It's why we have services that prevent people from becoming homeless or developing serious mental health problems caused by their living situation.

## Working with local food banks to give people extra support

We've started working with local food banks to support people when they're most stretched.

If someone needs support related to housing, homelessness, mental health or accessing benefits, we're there to help.

Funded by Trussell Trust, this scheme places Porchlight workers inside Faversham Food Bank and Swale Food Bank (Sittingbourne) to provide support there and then.

"We're catching people at one of the most vulnerable times in their life," explains Porchlight manager Natalie.

"Rather than just getting food, there's also someone there to help them change their situation in the long-term."

The struggle to provide food and pay bills affects people's physical and mental health.

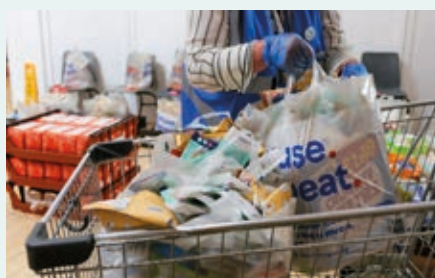
"They're malnourished, unable to heat their home and are worrying about where to get their next meal or feed their children," Natalie adds. "We're on their side and will advocate for them which can mean helping them access additional support and apply for benefits – something

that can be particularly daunting for people who have difficulty reading and writing."

Porchlight helps some food bank users experiencing homelessness to access emergency accommodation and get clean clothes.

Natalie recalls: "One man was rough sleeping and had also been diagnosed with cancer. He was receiving chemotherapy, but it was creating abscesses in his mouth. He needed dental work but was unable to get it until there was safe accommodation where he could recover. We pushed for him to get emergency homelessness accommodation, new shoes and a paid-up phone so he could stay in touch with his children.

"Our staff do a fantastic job – they go the extra mile to help people. We're making a difference every day."



## Supporting families who are facing financial hardship

When families experience financial hardship, it can impact on every part of life, creating instability and affecting their mental health, family relationships and education prospects.

Our 'family routes' team helps people address the effects of poverty – financial worries, housing issues and difficulties finding employment. We also give them the tools to manage the emotional effects of poverty such as poor mental health and relationship breakdowns.

We recently supported a family where both parents were out of work due to disability and chronic illness. The benefits they received barely covered the cost of living.

The pressure was creating a tense environment at home which was affecting their daughter. Her school attendance dropped, leading to a fine of several thousand pounds, adding to the family's financial strain.

Our 'family routes' team helped the parents to access a local food bank and debt advice services. We're also working with them to explore routes back into work, including online qualifications which will open new doors.

We spoke to the daughter's school, explaining the family's situation. The fine has been dropped and she's getting extra support, which has led to a big improvement in her attendance.

Because everything they've been dealing with had taken a toll on the parents' mental health, we're getting them support via the Live Well Kent & Medway network of organisations (see page 8 for more information).

The family have told us there's now less stress around money and a lot less tension at home. Seeing their daughter's progress is contributing to a happier household, their relationships have improved and the future feels more hopeful.

# Highlighting Kent's hidden homelessness crisis



## There's a hidden homelessness crisis in Kent – and we can't even see it.

Officially, there are 229 people\* sleeping rough across the county. But in reality, that's just the tip of the iceberg as we know many more people are homeless but hidden away. They're living out of cars, sleeping in public toilets, or sofa surfing with friends or even strangers.

They are in urgent need of support but it's difficult to reach them. Their hidden homelessness isn't being talked about enough.

More than 200,000 families and individuals are believed to be experiencing hidden

homelessness in Britain.\*\*

It's impossible to know exactly how many people are living this way in Kent. They've probably been missed in official street counts that the government use to calculate the scale of homelessness.

## Different types of hidden homelessness

### Temporary accommodation

The number of families living in temporary accommodation in Kent, such as B&Bs, is extremely high. Although this prevents people from ending up on the streets, it's temporary by nature and prevents them from living a settled life. They've often had to move far away from family, friends, jobs and schools which creates challenges such as staying in school and remaining employed.



### Rural homelessness

When you're homeless in a rural area it can be difficult to access help. You're more isolated from support services and have limited transport options. We'd like to work with local councils and housing associations to put more support in Kent's rural areas.



### Sofa surfing

While sofa surfing allows someone to avoid the risks of rough sleeping, relying on others for somewhere to stay can take its toll on their mental health and damage relationships. Many people in this situation don't seek help because they don't consider themselves homeless.



## Why is it dangerous?

When you're sleeping somewhere that's shielded from view – like a car, shed or public toilet – it's incredibly difficult to stay fed, clean and healthy. You may not know where you'll sleep next or when your situation will change. It's extremely challenging to keep a job and you become disconnected from your previous life.

One of our clients lived in their car for nine months before Porchlight stepped in. They said: "There's nowhere to make your own food, there's no predictability about how you'll provide for yourself. Physically and mentally you never get a proper rest. I couldn't sleep properly and would wake up every two hours and turn on the ignition to warm up. It was exhausting."

## The mental health impact of sofa surfing

Things aren't much better for people who are able to stay on others' floors and sofas. It's common for them to feel like a burden, with the situation putting a strain on household relationships. This type of living situation tends to be unsustainable – research suggests that 40% of people move more than six times within a typical month.\*\*

These were the experiences of a woman we worked with, who said: "Being homeless with my

daughter made me feel unworthy as a mother. She should have had a roof over her head but we were moving between different friends and cheap, run-down hotels. It was stressful. We were sleeping on friends' floors and sofas, but I was conscious of messing up their routines."

## Additional dangers for women

Hidden homelessness presents specific dangers for women, who may be forced to adopt risky strategies to keep a roof over their head, such as staying with people they barely know or who are abusive. Shockingly, two-thirds of women have faced violence or abuse while experiencing hidden homelessness.\*\*

Women we've supported have shared traumatic stories about going to extreme lengths to stay off the streets. One told us: "I slept with strangers to have a roof over my head. This resulted in a hostage situation."

## People experiencing hidden homelessness are missing chances to receive support

Hidden homelessness makes it more difficult to access some forms of support like night shelters. This is because certain services require you to be 'verified' as homeless by professionals who've worked with you. When you're hidden from view, this isn't something professionals are able to do.

## Let's highlight hidden homelessness

Highlighting these issues is important. It challenges assumptions about what homelessness looks like and who it affects. Most importantly, the more it's talked about, the more people who experience it will know they can reach out for help.

*\*The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government's rough sleeping data framework dashboard – December 2025 (latest update) \*\*Research by Crisis and Heriot-Watt University*

## Overcrowded housing



When multiple people are sleeping in the same room and sharing facilities, it can affect mental health and family relationships. Sleep gets disturbed, children's education is disrupted and people develop depression and anxiety.

## Rough sleeping but staying out of sight



Some people who are rough sleeping deliberately hide from view. They may be sheltering from violence and abuse by members of the public. In some cases, they are women who've escaped abusive relationships and no longer trust others.

## Staying in tents, cars, caravans, sheds and other unconventional places



It's difficult to stay healthy because there's nowhere to wash, cook or properly protect yourself from the elements. There's also no predictability about how you'll provide for yourself, and physically and mentally you never get a proper rest.

# HOW OUR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES HELP PEOPLE TO STAY HOUSED



## Did you know that our work extends into mental health support?

Mental health and homelessness are deeply connected: when people are in crisis with nowhere to turn, things can quickly spiral out of control. For some, that ends in homelessness.

To prevent that from happening, we're involved in two countywide initiatives:

- **Live Well Kent & Medway** – a countywide network of organisations that work together to help people manage mental health problems while tackling root causes such as debt, insecure housing and unemployment. It's funded by Kent County Council, Medway Council and the NHS Integrated Care Board.
- **Mental Health Together** – an NHS Integrated Care Board scheme that brings together NHS teams and community organisations (including Porchlight). Led by Kent and Medway Mental Health Trust, we help people navigate their recovery in one joined-up system without being passed between different support services. Working this way has led to waiting times to be seen by community mental health teams dropping 10.1%.\*

*\*Kent and Medway Mental Health NHS Trust*

## "We wear many hats"

### Live Well Kent & Medway worker Tracy

"I don't think there are words to sum up my role because we become all services in one: housing officer, social worker, mental health support worker... we wear many hats."

Tracy is one of our mental health and housing navigators. She helps people in the community to manage their mental health and address any issues that are affecting it (such as physical health problems, housing issues, debt or employment worries).

She has an extensive background in support work but felt compelled to join Porchlight while working for an MP; something that gave her an insight into the challenges so many people face on a daily basis.

"I would speak with constituents who needed help with housing, mental health, budgeting and much more," she said. "Often, we'd refer them to Porchlight. I thought that by joining Porchlight, I'd be able to use more of my knowledge and experience."

Tracy's role involves helping people to manage their mental health and address factors that might be affecting it. This is done as part of Live Well Kent & Medway – a network of organisations including Porchlight working together to address all the issues someone is experiencing.

"Each day is so different," she says. "Sometimes a client's needs can take up your entire day, other times you can be supporting several people. Many are seeking support for their mental health but also find managing daily



tasks and budgeting difficult. This can lead them into debt, rent arrears and even eviction."

Tracy believes in a compassionate and non-judgemental approach to helping people: "Building trust and a rapport is at the heart of it. They need to feel listened to, understood and not alone with the things they've been struggling with."

Her favourite part of the job is seeing people leave our services in a better place than when they arrive. She adds: "We're not miracle workers but the fact our clients know we're listening and that we're doing what we can... it gives me job satisfaction."

## From living in a caravan to supported housing



Our Live Well Kent & Medway service recently supported Steven,\* an 80-year-old man who'd lived in a caravan for 20 years before suddenly finding himself with nowhere to go when the landowner died and the land he'd lived on was sold.

With support worker Tracy's help, Steven was able to get into sheltered housing, set up utility bills and manage his tenancy.

But Steven had no family and his friends didn't live nearby. He was also very poorly – circulation problems had led to him having toes amputated and his mental health was deteriorating too.

"When Steven's time with Porchlight came to an end, he was assigned a social worker," Tracy said, "But she left her job a few weeks later and he got lost in the system. I was worried that he'd be unable to book or attend appointments and would pass away without anybody knowing.

"After I flagged this, Porchlight began supporting him again. I made hospital appointments, booked his transport there and arranged for him to have his own flat with 24/7 support if needed."

Steven is now settled in his new home, surrounded by people who care. He says that if Tracy hadn't helped, he would probably have died all alone and not been found for some time.

"His mental health and mobility have both improved. He gets to enjoy day trips and his wicked sense of humour is thriving," Tracy says.

*\*Not his real name*

## "People are grateful someone's listening"

**Rosie, Mental Health Together 'navigator'**

Rosie supports people living with anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder and personality disorder.

People often reach Rosie feeling overwhelmed, isolated, or unsure where to turn next. She helps them to build coping strategies and access the right help. At the same time, she gets them support to tackle outside pressures that can negatively affect wellbeing like housing insecurity, money worries, and problems applying for benefits.

She explains: "Often, GPs and other professionals will refer someone to us when they feel that the support they can provide has been exhausted.

"People sometimes wonder why I'm asking about their finances or housing situation when they'd initially been seeking support for depression. But it's so relevant to mental health. We consider all these things and the impact they have on a person's wellbeing."

Because the Mental Health Together service brings different organisations together to support people, all of the issues they're facing can be addressed at the same time.

Rosie says: "We're doing what we can to support a diverse and ever-changing community. Our strength is our broad range of expertise."



## Did you know?

Our mental health teams worked with **3,965** people over the course of a year.\*

- Depression was the most common issue people were dealing with (30%)
- Anxiety was also very common (26%)
- A significant number of people were experiencing a personality disorder
- Other reasons people were seeking help included post-traumatic stress disorder, bipolar, autism, ADHD, schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorder and psychosis.

Mental health problems can make it more difficult to carry out day-to-day tasks including keeping on top of bills or maintaining a job. Over time, this can make it more difficult to manage a tenancy.

*\*1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026*

**If you're struggling to cope, we're here.**

**We offer free mental health and wellbeing support for people in Kent.**



# VOLUNTEERING

**Our 117 volunteers have achieved incredible things over the past year:**

- They gave up **4,345** hours of their time
- This amounts to more than **£65,623** worth of support
- Nearly a quarter of our volunteers have real-life experience of the issues we're here to help with
- Most importantly, they've made a real difference to people who are experiencing homelessness or struggling with their mental health.

To all our volunteers: thank you so much for giving up your time and skills to change lives.

**"Thank you for giving me an opportunity to grow. I see myself as a completely different person now."**

*Jharna, volunteer*

**"Porchlight let me know I had worth, even when I didn't believe it myself"**

When we first began working with Martin, he had "no trust in humans anymore". Now, he doesn't just feel hopeful and valued, he's also helping us to shape the way Porchlight operates.

Martin is one of our 'lived experience volunteers' – people who draw on their experiences of being supported by Porchlight to advise us about how to do things in the future. It's led to him sitting on job interview panels and representing us at public events.

"Through volunteering, I have been convinced I have actual value," he says. "I feel useful. I drive home sitting up straighter. I feel empowered."

Martin has come a long way since he was first introduced to Porchlight. Back then, he'd undergone a heart transplant and had experienced a painful relationship breakdown. These life-altering events profoundly

affected his mental health. He'd struggled to get the support he needed, leaving him feeling dismissed and invisible.

Things changed when he reached out to us via the Live Well Kent & Medway network of organisations. Porchlight worker Natalie became a pivotal figure in his journey.

"It's hard to put into words what she did for me."

Through Natalie's support, Martin accessed free therapy sessions, received help addressing his debt and slowly began rebuilding his life. After a decade of clinical depression, he began to feel a shift and started having hope for the future.

"I no longer feel suicidal or depressed," he said. "I wake up thinking 'What shall I do today?' It's transformational. The key to my healing was people like Natalie treating me like a human and not



**"Our volunteers remind people there is still goodness in the world"**

**Volunteer Services Manager  
Donna**

"Our volunteers are such an inspiration. They are amazing people who are willing to give up their time, energy and compassion. Their impact is immeasurable – many people we support have been let down at various points throughout their life, but our volunteers remind them that there's still goodness in the world and give them hope."



a figure on a spreadsheet, like I had worth even when I didn't believe in myself."

Now, Martin volunteers with us to develop more opportunities for clients to have a say in how Porchlight operates, something he describes as "really empowering."

# FUNDRAISING

## **“It made me realise how fortunate many of us are”**

Housing association mhs homes raised £7,147 for Porchlight by hosting a sponsored sleep out.

More than 40 people slept in the mhs car park on a cold spring night. They built shelters out of cardboard, wooden pallets and tarpaulin to shelter from the elements.

It was a chance to raise life-saving funds and also get a better understanding of the challenges faced by people who have no choice but to sleep rough every night.

“We’re proud supporters of Porchlight because they provide the specialist frontline support that’s so needed,” explains mhs homes Chief Executive Marie-Claire Delbrouque.

“I’ve worked in homelessness and housing for 25 years, and I grew up in social housing. I know how a safe home and a strong community are the foundations people need to thrive. When communities join together to support local charities like Porchlight, we can change lives. It’s up to all of us to do that.”

mhs staff were joined by local councillors, teams from Birketts, Frank Bright & Abel, and other local businesses.

Councillor Sharon Jackson took part and said: “Being able to go home afterwards, have a hot bath and warm up made me realise how fortunate many of us are, something that so many people facing homelessness simply don’t have.”



PORCHLIGHT POST



## **Sam’s legacy of kindness and generosity**

Sam Thomas had big plans for the future. He wanted to build something of his own but was passionate about helping other people too.

After setting up URFUTR in January 2025, a technical recruitment company, with his dad, Sam contacted Porchlight to explore how he could make a positive social impact through the profits created by URFUTR by donating 5% of all income once he launched it in summer of 2025.

When Sam died after a sudden epileptic seizure in 2025 just weeks later when he was just 24 years old, his family were devastated. But even in their grief, they were determined to continue the work he started.

URFUTR was changed to become

a not for profit community interest company (CIC) to honour the values Sam cared about most through various events. In March 2026, family and friends came together at the URFUTR Ball at Orida Hotel Maidstone to celebrate Sam and raise money for Porchlight.

More than 110 people attended, including Porchlight staff and people we’ve supported. It was a night full of warmth, laughter and memories, with Sam’s personality everywhere you looked. Red and white balloons reflected his love of Arsenal F.C., auction prizes celebrated his love of sport, and a fancy dress competition captured his sense of fun and his love of a good night out.

Sam’s family also set up an online donation page so that anyone



could donate in his memory.

Altogether, an incredible £24,556.70 has so far been raised in memory of Sam. We’re so grateful that Sam chose to support Porchlight and that his family plan to continue fundraising to keep his legacy of kindness and generosity alive.

## From Spain to Portugal Kat, Marie and Mel's life-saving trek

Three friends from East Kent raised an amazing £1,556.30 by taking on an impressive challenge to trek across Spain and Portugal.

Kat Stanier, Marie Bushby and Mel Long walked 143 miles from Santiago de Compostela, Spain to Porto, Portugal.

An unexpected pub encounter provided inspiration for their challenge: when they were talking about the trip, a regular overheard and explained how Porchlight had supported him during his worst times and changed his life. "This made our walk all the more special and poignant," they explain.

Kat, Marie and Mel walked roughly 15 miles a day. They say the kindness of strangers and sense of community were highlights of the trip.



## Can your business support our work?

Homelessness can be solved if we all work together. That's why we're always looking to team up with local businesses.

There are lots of ways for local businesses to get involved – from fundraising team activities to making a corporate donation or partnering with us as your charity of the year.

Whatever you choose to do, we'll always set out what we're working towards and have regular check-ins. We'll use impact reports to illustrate the difference you're making and share the real-life stories that can't be plotted on a graph.

If your business can help make a difference, we'd love to hear from you.

**Find out more: [porchlight.org.uk/get-involved](https://porchlight.org.uk/get-involved)**

## Kent's biggest sponsored sleep out

Could you spend the night in a tent or makeshift shelter to help someone who's homeless?



That's the idea behind Porchlight Big Sleep Out. It's about getting sponsored to spend the night outside – in your garden, school, office or community venue. So long as it's safe and you have permission to be there, you're good to go.

Anyone can join the Big Sleep Out which takes place on World Homeless Day Saturday 10 October. On the same night Scouts, Cubs and Beavers across the county will be taking part in the Kent Scouts Big Cardboard Sleep Out, with the aim of raising £66,000. Thank you and good luck to you all!

**[porchlight.org.uk/bigsleepout](https://porchlight.org.uk/bigsleepout)**

## You raised £59,498 for our Client Support Fund

This spring, we asked for your help to top up our Client Support Fund. It's a pot of money that saves lives and allows people who've felt helpless for weeks, months or even years to gain control over their situation.

We were overwhelmed by your response – you raised an incredible £59,498.75. Thank you.

This means we can pay for the basics that keep someone alive, provide breakthrough moments where they begin to trust people again and create opportunities that allow them to reconnect with the person they used to be.

## Leaving a gift in your Will gives hope to future generations

Each year, lives are saved because kind-hearted supporters leave us gifts in their Will.

Thanks to their generosity, people who've been forced to sleep on the streets now have a home and others struggling with their mental health are getting specialist support.

**To find out more about leaving a gift in your Will, visit [porchlight.org.uk/legacy](https://porchlight.org.uk/legacy) or call us on 01227 813199.**

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