



Helping you make
a real difference
through **your event**



Together
we can plan

your fundraising event

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Thank you for choosing to support Bury Drop In.

Your fundraising efforts help us make a real difference to the lives of people experiencing homelessness in Bury St Edmunds area. This pack explains how we can support your event, how your money helps, how to make your donation, and how we can support you in fundraising and spreading the word about the difference you're making. We hope you find this pack useful and full of inspiration. We would love to hear your plans, so get in touch by sending an email to: fundraising@burydropin.org

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About us

Bury Drop In serves people who are homeless and vulnerably housed. Our guests include the street homeless, rough sleepers, those in temporary accommodation and 'sofa-surfers.' We also care for people who were homeless guests but need some support to avoid falling back into homelessness.

Our mission

Bury Drop In meets people in crisis and provides immediate and holistic support and effective access to a wide range of services to homeless and vulnerably housed people in Bury St Edmunds and surrounding districts.

Our vision

To care for and inspire homeless people as we work to ensure everyone has a place to call home.



What we do

Our drop in sessions are held weekly, Tuesday and Friday, 11am-1.30pm, at Trinity Methodist Church. We work closely with West Suffolk Council Rough Sleeper Service and NHS Health Outreach; they regularly attend our drop in sessions. They seek to ensure guests experiencing homelessness are aware of the housing and health options available to them and offer support.

As well as offering a nutritious meal, we provide emergency provisions to street homeless including:

- tent and sleeping bag to people until they can be placed into emergency accommodation and shelter
- pre-paid emergency food vouchers
- mobile phones with credit to hand out to guests who need to connect with vital services such as a GP, probation, job centre and social services
- working in partnership with the Salvation Army and Abbeycroft Leisure, we provide clothing, toiletries and a shower.

But our work doesn't stop when the doors close

The charity is supported by two part-time, skilled and committed staff whose expertise and strong partner engagement are central to our work.

The General Manager oversees the delivery of all services, providing leadership to volunteers and ensuring our drop in sessions are safe, consistent and responsive to the needs of our guests.

The Marketing and Communications Manager leads on stakeholder engagement, volunteer recruitment and raising awareness, helping to generate income and secure funding, partnerships and community support that make this vital work possible.




How your money helps

It costs over £7,500 each month to deliver our vital service, and demand is rising. Attendance at our drop in has increased sharply, reflecting the growing pressures of homelessness and vulnerability across West Suffolk. Every donation directly supports people facing crisis, providing a safe place, compassionate support, and emergency provisions when it is needed most. By fundraising for us, you are helping us to keep our doors open and ensuring that no one in our community has to face homelessness alone.

- ✓ **£15** provides a hot meal and vital support to someone facing homelessness
- ✓ **£100** helps a guest to move on from emergency accommodation
- ✓ **£250** buys essential items such as a bed and mattress

Story of support



After a difficult childhood and a series of devastating events, Mark (not his real name) fell into homelessness and alcohol misuse as a way to cope with trauma and pain.

Today - three years on, Mark is in temporary accommodation and regularly attends Bury Drop In. With support from our volunteers and partner agencies, Mark has begun his journey of recovery and rebuilding his life.

Stories like this show what's possible when people receive the right help at the right time. With more people than ever turning to us for support, together we can make a difference.

Our impact in 2025



agency liaison referred 722 guests for support from local agencies including health, housing and addiction.



we gave out over 500 emergency food vouchers to street homeless guests.



we distributed 132 sleeping bags and tents, offering basic temporary shelter to people sleeping rough while they waited for emergency accommodation.



Fundraising ideas

Turn your passion into a fundraising event and make a real impact for our cause. To help you get started, we've shared some ideas below, and will be on hand to support you and help promote your event every step of the way.



If you're an individual or a member of a club, taking on a sporting challenge is a fantastic way to raise money for us. Whether it's a sponsored run, a swimathon, a cycling challenge or a team tournament, bringing people together through sport can make a real impact.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral Mothers' Union put their sewing skills to the challenge and raised over £700 for us through the raffle of their beautiful friendship quilt.



How about hosting a coffee morning or cake sale. You could even hold a raffle or sweepstake to guess the weight of a cake.

Make Bury Drop In part of your focus at Church or group. Where possible, we can send someone along to talk about the work we do in the community.



Whether you are planning a carol concert or an arrangement for summer, speak to us to see how we can promote your event, while raising money for us.

How we can help

Share your fundraising event with us and we can provide a range of marketing materials - print and digitally, including logo, banner, collection box, tracked QR code, donate and volunteer campaign cards.



How to donate

Whatever challenge or event you're taking on, an online fundraising page is one of the easiest and most effective ways to raise money and rally support. It gives people a simple way to donate and cheer you on every step of the way.

Online

via our donate webpage available at www.burydropin.org/donate

Bank transfer or cheque

made out to:
Account name: Bury Drop In
Sort code: 30-64-22
Account number: 30933568

Facebook

visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/burydropin to set up a fundraiser.

Justgiving

set up a dedicated fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/charity/burydropin



If you are a UK taxpayer, you can boost your gift to us by 25% at no extra cost. [Download our gift aid form](#) available from our website, complete and return to us to claim gift aid on your behalf.



Thanks to your support, we're here in moments of crisis, supporting people as they take steps towards rebuilding their lives.

Together, we are making a lasting difference.



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