



Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a great Holiday!

Thank you all very much for the donations as part of our Christmas Gift Appeal. We received many donations, all of which are vital to giving our clients the support they need to make it through the cold winter months.

On the 15th December the annual Purfleet Christmas party was held at King's Centre. It was great afternoon and we would like to send a special thank you everyone who came along and helped make it so special. (Even the mayor turned up for the party!) We would also like to thank everyone from the King's Lynn Academy who were kind enough to help serve out the food (of which there was a lot), and everyone who donated a prize to our charity raffle and of course the King's Centre so we could use their fabulous venue!

The All Saint's Church held a carol service in aid of the Purfleet Trust on the 21st December, featuring a host of guest performers and seasonal, Christmas refreshments (including a very nice mulled wine). **Thank you once again to The All Saints' Church for their continued support!**



The Purfleet Trust received 5 seconds of fame recently, when a crew from BBC Look East came by to discuss homelessness, its many possible causes, and how people can help. Our Chief Executive Paula Hall was interviewed about all of this, as well as the important role that charities like ours serve in keeping people safe and secure, particularly over Christmas and the winter months. The segment was shown on the BBC Look East Evening News on the 23rd December, and features many familiar faces.

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Natasha

Earlier this month Natasha walked into our Health and Wellbeing Centre unannounced and asked if there was anything she could do to help us. The very next day she walked in once again, only this time she came wielding an array of donations for our clients, including practical things like underwear and a hairdryer -- things that many people might not necessarily think of.



It's because of Natasha and others like her that our organisation remains up and running, and the most vulnerable people in society have food to eat, clothes to wear and shelter to sleep. So thank you to Natasha, and anyone else who has ever made a donation, everything helps.



Do you know which benefits you could be entitled to?

Welfare Benefits Advice

If you are a client of the Purfleet Trust seeking benefits advice, John McKendrick may be just the man for you.

Unfortunately many people do not know if they are receiving the correct benefits and the right payments or whether they are not receiving additional benefits to which they may be eligible to claim. John can help to apply for benefits, form filling, sanctions and appeals or just speaking to the DWP on your behalf.

"As I will now be available every Friday what I can do is try to arrange everyone's DWP medicals for a Friday in Kings Lynn so as to accompany you to the examination itself. It's always good to have a supporting person with you on such occasions. I can also try to arrange that any JobCentre meetings, Tribunals or eviction hearings can also be held on a Friday again to allow me to accompany/represent you. I can deal with all types of benefits and speak to creditors on your behalf. To arrange an appointment please speak to Erna at reception (or any other member of staff) .

Christmas Gift Appeal

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated clothes, food and utilities as part of our Christmas Gift Appeal. We received many donations, all of which are vital to giving our clients the support they need to make it through the cold winter months. The importance of each and every donation really cannot be overstated, and means our clients get to enjoy Christmas, rather than dread it.

From every one at the Purfleet Trust,
THANK YOU!



With the help of our Employability Coach, Lucy Shaw, **16** of our clients have already gone on to paid employment! Well done to all of you for proving that hard work and dedication pays off!



Volunteers Wanted!

Thank you to everyone who donated something as part of our Christmas Gift Appeal, the response was absolutely phenomenal! We received so many donations, in fact, that we are in need of volunteers to help organise it all! If you want to help your local community, please phone us on **01553 767829** or drop us an email at enquiries@purfleettrust.org.uk

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, which is why it's vitally important that our clients have access to things like **cereal and coffee** to keep them going. Unfortunately, we are currently running short on both, and so we ask if you could have a look around your cupboards and see if you have any you would be able to donate. **Anything you can offer helps enormously!**



Funding is becoming harder to find while people's needs are becoming greater within our local community

MAKE ONE SMALL CHANGE

Many of us donate monthly sums to a variety of charities, both national and international, with barely any knowledge about how our money is used. Many of these charities contact us through cold-calling, postal advertising or asking us to sign an appeal while out shopping.

Unlike these organisations, we do not want to pressurise you into funding yet another charity, and we make a conscious effort to let our funders know where their hard earned money is going, and to show them the good it does on a daily basis in their local community. All we ask is that you look at who you are already supporting and consider making **ONE SMALL CHANGE** to your monthly plan.

Every donation helps, no matter how small. For example, did you know that if 150 people donated just £5 per month, it would cover The Purfleet Trust's rent for an entire year?

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

You can help us continue our work by setting up a regular monthly donation.

To do this, simply fill in the standing order form on our website and hand it to reception at our Health and Wellbeing Centre, or email it to us directly.

Help us support homeless people in King's Lynn and West Norfolk.