



Long-awaited Windows! We are delighted to be moving forward with a long awaited and much needed capital project at Lindley House! Although the replacement of windows doesn't sound too exciting, it will really benefit the residents of Lindley House and the local community.

The property in which our 57-bed hostel is based is a Grade II listed Georgian building, with a total of 49 windows. We believe that the last time any windows were replaced was in the 1960s and so they are well overdue an upgrade! The glass is thin and fragile and the surrounds are beginning to rot so they pose a health and safety risk. The appearance of these windows is also an important factor, as we want our clients to feel comfortable and safe within our properties and we also want to contribute positively to the aesthetics of our County town and neighbourhood. We're also pleased that the replacement of windows will improve the environmental friendliness of the building, which contributes to Arc's aim of lowering our carbon footprint.

Due to the property being Grade II listed, planning permission was required and we are duty bound to replace the windows 'like for like'. This also meant that the cost of this project is significant and so getting to this stage and raising the funds needed has been difficult to achieve.



As you read this, the scaffolding is up (see pic above), the work is taking place and our support staff are working hard to ensure there is minimal disruption to residents. Our in-house Property Team are also on hand to ensure the rooms are kept to a good standard following the work and will also be touching up the paintwork and tidying guttering.

We can't wait for you to see the end result!

Go Steve!

Our very own volunteer Steve set himself the amazing challenge to cycle 300 miles from hometown Cannington to York to raise money for us and another homeless charity in York called 'Kitchen for Everyone'.

We waved Steve off on the morning of 15th September and have been keeping up with how he is getting on. We'd like to say another huge thank you to Steve for this inspiring and kind challenge! It's not too late to sponsor Steve! You can do this on his Just Giving page which you can find the link to at:

www.arcinspire.co.uk/stevecyclride



Say hello to our new Outreach Team - Steve and Mandy!

We have a newly formed Outreach Team, thanks to some additional funding from Sedgemoor District Council. Steve and Mandy conduct early morning walkabouts, locating and checking on any rough sleepers.

As well as searching for rough sleepers, Steve and Mandy also make themselves available at a drop in service in Bridgwater at Westfield Church. This is twice a week on Monday and Thursday from 9.30 - 11.30am offering food, shower and laundry facilities.



Watch this space...

Although the pandemic has put many of our planned projects on hold this year, we're so pleased to say that some of our plans to expand our services are making progress.

One of these projects was the introduction of an in-house GP Clinic based at the back of our hostel, which was initially due to be launched in April.



Despite the setback, our brilliant Property Team have been able to continue work on this and we're almost ready to officially launch this brand-new clinical space, which will enable clients to easily access healthcare. We'll bring you an update in our next newsletter.

The expansion of our property portfolio is also imminent, as we are in the process of purchasing an additional 2 properties in Bridgwater. This will provide an additional 14 bed spaces, meaning we will be able to house a total of 188 people.

Arc's Community Clean Up!

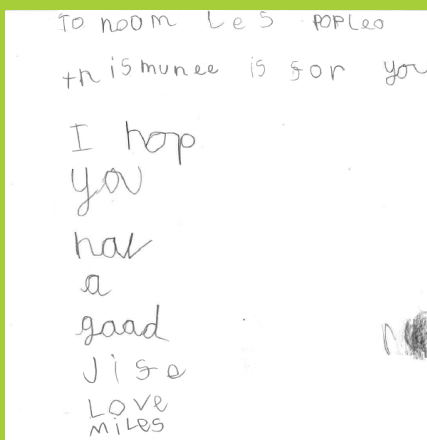
We are very pleased to be taking part in the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, with their 'Great British September Clean Up'. We will be encouraging all of our residents and staff to get together on the 24th September to help clear the streets around all of our properties. It's a great scheme to help clean the local area up and an opportunity for our clients to get together and do something for the local community.

Please keep an eye out on our social media to see how we get on.



Thank you!

Thank you so much to the wonderful team at Cook Puddings in Ilton who have been providing us with 100 frozen meals every week since April and are continuing to donate until December. The meals have been an amazing help, especially through difficult times and have been thoroughly enjoyed by our clients!



At the beginning of September the staff at Lindley House received a lovely visit from 6 year old Miles. Miles had been saving up his pennies in his money box to donate to our residents. Miles also wrote a lovely card which reads, "To homeless people, this money is for you. I hope you have a good life. Love Miles."

All the staff and clients were blown away by this lovely gesture. Thank you Miles!

Volunteer for us

Do you have any spare time and would like to help make a difference to homeless people's lives?

We currently have these two volunteering roles available:

Hostel Volunteer Kitchen Helper

Assist the chef to provide tasty and nutritious meals to hostel residents

Volunteer Buddy

Help clients develop the skills and confidence to tackle everyday tasks and activities

If you are interested in either roles please contact Emma on edunn@arcinspire.co.uk or check out our website for full job descriptions.



Free Gift!

We are offering a **FREE** travel mug to anyone who signs up as a regular giver following this newsletter! You can set up a monthly or yearly donation, which ever suits you best. All you need to do is let us know you are interested and we can send you over all the information and forms and send out your free gift when the payment has been set up. Contact Rosie: rhather@arcinspire.co.uk

