



Hi there! It doesn't feel long since we last shared our news with you but we wanted to get in touch before our winter edition is due. Who can believe it is almost time for Christmas? We can certainly feel the temperature starting to drop and the nights are drawing in much earlier. Although homelessness is a problem all year round, the colder, darker nights and mornings really remind us of how awful it would feel to be sleeping rough. We have plans in place to ensure that no one has to sleep outside and there is somewhere for everyone to go and feel safe.

## NCS Success!

We have a BIG thank you to give out to the wonderful National Citizen Service, each year providing us with young fundraisers and volunteers as part of their community project. This year we have had support from 3 teams and altogether they raised a fantastic £1301.20! Not only have they raised these funds but they have been helping us to spread the awareness of homelessness and the support we provide in the local area. We feel very lucky that they picked Arc as their benefitting charity. Keep up the fab work NCS!



## Get Involved!

There are a number of upcoming events that we'd love your support with! If you are interested in taking part in any, please get in contact with Rosie on: [rsandy@arcinspire.co.uk](mailto:rsandy@arcinspire.co.uk) / 01823 271326

**Friday 11th October—**  
A.C Mole & Sons Quiz Night at Vivary Golf Club

**Saturday 19th October—**  
Volunteer Day (See right for more info) >>>

**Saturday 19th October—**  
Collecting at Taunton Carnival

**Saturday 2nd November—**  
Collecting at Bridgwater Carnival

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



**SOMERSET BUSINESS AWARDS 2019 FINALIST** Arc are thrilled to have been shortlisted for the Charity of the Year Award through the Somerset Business Awards! **Winners will be announced on 25th October.**

## Volunteer Appreciation and Welcome Day

**Saturday 19th October: 10am—1pm**  
**At Taunton Quaker Meeting House**

Here at Arc, we are very lucky to have a fantastic team of volunteers assisting in many different ways and all helping to make a positive difference to our clients lives! We therefore can't wait to celebrate them on 19th October by providing them with well deserved tea and cake!

As well as treating our current volunteers, we would like to welcome anyone who is interested in volunteering for us. Whether you want to find out more about our current opportunities or would like to sign up there and then - please join us!

### Current Volunteering Opportunities

- > Kitchen Volunteers
- > Volunteer Food Collectors
- > IT & Budgeting Volunteer
- > Cooking Volunteer



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

At our largest hostel, 'Lindley House', we provide 3 meals per day, 7 days a week for the 57 residents. A big task and a lot of food to purchase and prepare! That is why we feel very lucky to receive daily food donations from various supermarkets and food outlets in the local area. The food we receive is classed as 'waste food' or 'not fit for sale' so is collected by our wonderful team of volunteers and delivered to the hostel. The kitchen team at Lindley House then have the task of creating 3 delicious and nutritious meals from the donated food - 'Ready, Steady, Cook' style! Lately they've been sharing some of their yummy donations and what a fab job they do! We're so grateful for all the food we receive for free.



We are often in need of an extra pair of hands in the kitchen . If you have some spare time and this interests you, please get in touch on: [satkinson@arcinspire.co.uk](mailto:satkinson@arcinspire.co.uk)



Arc's PAWS project has now been running for just over a year, responding to the need for welfare assistance for the pets belonging to rough sleepers, hostel dwellers and those at risk of homelessness.

From providing foster accommodation for a family pet when their owners are housed in temporary accommodation, to subsidising vet visits and healthcare, to advising on and providing nutrition for the pets, the project covers all aspects of care for a variety of animals.

Last Christmas we were overwhelmed with the support of the general public with their donations of gifts, food and bedding for the animals of our

## Annual General Meeting

This month we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM). The purpose of an AGM is to review our Annual Report and to share news and highlights from the past year. This year we were pleased to welcome our Board Members, Shareholders and friends to local venue CICCIC to hold this event.

We were also delighted to welcome Avon and Somerset Constabulary who provided us with a very informative and interesting presentation on organised crime. Thank you to all who attended. Our new Annual Report is now available to view on our website.



community. This year we hope that the public will be equally as generous so that our furry friends can get some love at Christmas. We could especially use pouches or tins of wet food as this was popular with our resident dogs. Also, if you would like to make a donation to support our important work, please visit [www.justgiving.com/tauntonhomeless](http://www.justgiving.com/tauntonhomeless) and mark your donation for the PAWS project.



This is Trixie! Whilst Trixie's owner was in temporary supported accommodation, she wasn't allowed to live with him. This is when our PAWS team stepped in. We found Trixie a Foster Placement where she was loved and cared for until her owner found a more stable home. We're pleased to say that Trixie and her owner are now reunited!

## Free Gift!



Check out our fab new travel mugs - helping us to be environmentally friendly which is very important to us here at Arc. We are offering a **FREE** mug to anyone who signs up as a regular giver following this newsletter. Just **£3 per month** will make a big difference! Please see the enclosed form to sign up.

