



*On Friday 12 November Bromley Homeless held a Sleep-Out raising vital funds to enable the year-round homeless service to respond to the growing needs of local men and women finding themselves in a homeless situation.*

*As many of you will know our first Sleep-Out took place in 2015 with Bishop James, the Chair of Housing Justice, and has been repeated annually since. This was the first since the merger in April 2021 between the Bromley Homeless Shelter and Bromley Churches Housing Action (LATCH). In 2020, due to the pandemic the event was held in peoples own gardens.*

*This year there was a real diversity of those sleeping out, Church members, staff, volunteers, trustees and past guests who return to volunteer. Ages 16 to 78. Bromley Police visited to learn about the work of the charity. Mr. Tarat from Tamasha generously provided a tasty curry, which was served by the cook team before everyone bedded down. The brave participants were warned to leave their shoes on so that the foxes wouldn't steal them in the night! The Church Bell tolled on the hour every hour and after what felt like a long night the breakfast cook team arrived while it was still dark and made much needed bacon sandwiches whilst everyone hauled their bodies up, packed up their sleeping bags and ground sheets, bleary eyed. Volunteer Caroline said: "Some may say charity begins at home, but what if you don't have a home or are at risk of losing it?" "It was a hard uncomfortable night in body and mind but well worth it."*

With GiftAid the total raised: £10,000.



