



**MERTON
HOMELESSNESS
PROJECT**
FAITH IN ACTION

In the past 6 months, we've:

Welcomed 40-50 service users every day

Provided 898 showers and 559 loads of laundry

Cooked hot meals for all every Wednesday and Friday

Given 40 sleeping bags to rough sleepers

Moved 20 people into secure accommodation



**MERTON
HOMELESSNESS
PROJECT**
FAITH IN ACTION

In the past 6 months, we've:

Enabled 177 people to access advice and support for their health and substance misuse issues

Given 34 people employment/training advice and support

Made 44 housing referrals to local authorities and PRS landlords

Re-started the Merton Winter Night Shelter



**MERTON
HOMELESSNESS
PROJECT**
FAITH IN ACTION

We provide...



Laundry & Showers



A hot 2-course lunch



Donated clothes

Our staff and volunteers



- **8 salaried staff**
- **More than 50 volunteers – but we need more**



**MERTON
HOMELESSNESS
PROJECT**
FAITH IN ACTION

We work with...

FAITH IN ACTION
helping with homelessness

SPEAR
homelessness to independence

HEALTH & WELLBEING DAY

15 MARCH 2023
10 AM - 2 PM

MERTON

for those experiencing homelessness or seeking asylum

- + vaccination
- + emotional wellbeing
- + substance misuse support
- + and much more!
- + free lunch
- + free clothes, hairdresser
- + GP

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE REGISTERED WITH A GP. HAVE PROOF OF ADDRESS OR IMMIGRATION STATUS

Faith in Action Merton Homelessness Project, Salvation Army Hall, 109 Kingston Road, SW19 1LT
For assistance with travel costs, contact SPEAR on 020 8288 6506.



Dons Local Action Group
Dept for Work & Pensions
SPEAR London
'Universal Credit' landlords

Westminster Drug Project
Nelson Health Centre
NHS UCLH Find & Treat
Wimbledon Foundation

Merton Housing team
Streetlink
South Western Railway
Haircuts 4 Homeless



Our urgent challenges - we need to:

Achieve financial stability, as the demands on our services continue to grow and our costs continue to rise.

Meet the increasing needs of our service users, particularly for physical and mental health support.

Utilise technology to more effectively log and monitor service user needs/outcomes, and reduce paperwork.

Please help - mertonfaithinaction.org/donate



**MERTON
HOMELESSNESS
PROJECT**
FAITH IN ACTION



Homelessness: Rough sleepers in London up by nearly a quarter

© 30 October 2022



GETTY IMAGES

Figures obtained by City Hall show that between April and September 5,712 people were sleeping rough in London

The number of people sleeping rough in London has increased by nearly a quarter, according to a new City Hall analysis.

Rough sleeping in England rises for first time in half a decade

Cost of living crisis helps push more people on to the streets in blow to government promise to end rough sleeping



The estimates showed rough sleeping increasing in all regions of England, with London and the south-east accounting for almost half the rise. Photograph: Carl Court/Getty Images