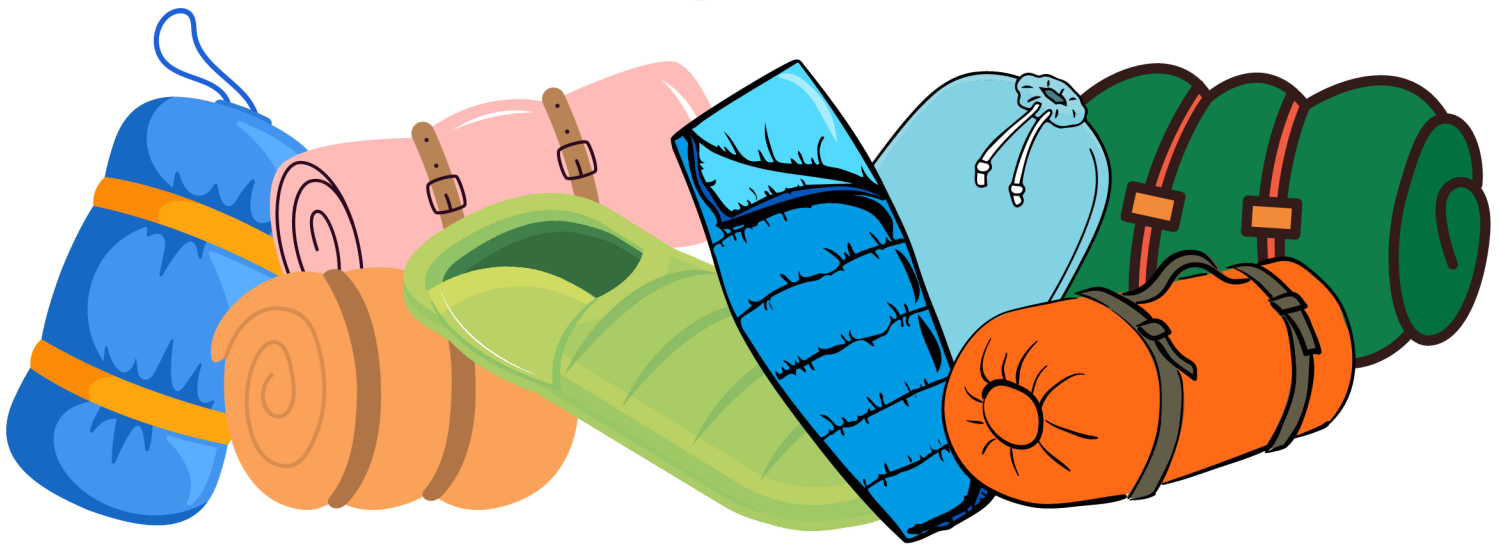




THE BIG SLEEP OUT



*Your guide for the Homeless Hampers
Big Sleep Out*

**SATURDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2024,
BURLEY IN WHARFEDALE CRICKET CLUB**



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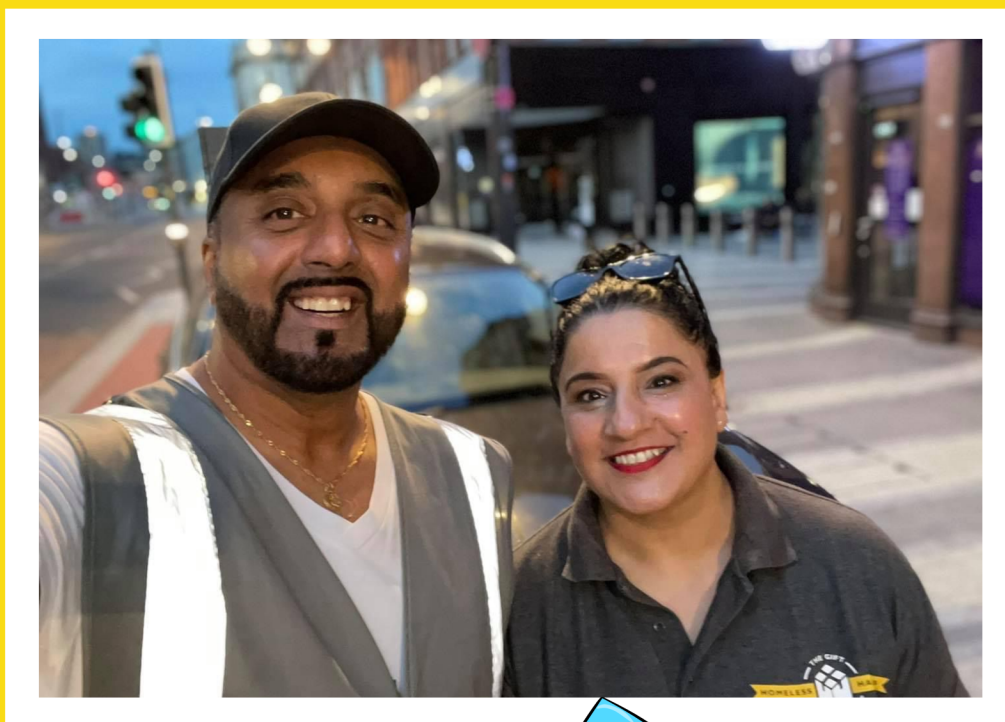


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Charity Number - 1187729

INTRODUCTION FROM TINA & AKY



This year Homeless Hampers will be 9 years old. Homeless Hampers started out as a nonprofit organisation completely run by volunteers in November 2015, we joined the organisation in January 2016 as volunteers and shortly after we took over the management of Homeless Hampers.

For the last 4 years Homeless Hampers has run as a registered charity, still completely run by volunteers.

We support our homeless community in Leeds, Bradford and surrounding areas in West Yorkshire. We provide street support to our rough sleepers every Sunday evening in Leeds city centre, we provide donations into to the homeless hostels, we support the homeless breakfast club so our rough sleepers can access a hot breakfast 5 mornings a week. Once our homeless community has been rehoused, we provide, white goods and furniture, helping turn houses into homes. We support the food bank and the community hubs with food donations.

Supporting people living in poverty in a non-judgmental manner is at the core of Homeless Hampers.



ABOUT HOMELESS HAMPERS

OUR MISSION

To **support** the homeless and those living in poverty in the Yorkshire region, through the provision of **essential supplies, direction** and **advice**.

OUR VISION

To reach a time when early intervention and timely, relevant support services are available to **ensure everyone** has a feeling of **self-worth** and **value**, with the **confidence** to realise their **potential** and to **achieve** their **dreams** and **goals**.

WHO WE ARE

Homeless Hampers was established in November 2015. Our aim was to collect and distribute 'hampers' to the homeless for Christmas, containing essentials such as toiletries and chocolate.

The first outreach involved one flask of coffee and 5 volunteers handing out hampers. The community supporting us had donated 150 hampers that first Christmas.

Since then, Homeless Hampers has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Tina and Aky Suryavanasi, now undertaking weekly outreaches in Leeds, with c. 18 volunteers per week distributing in excess of 150 meals, 25 litres of hot drinks and an assortment of essentials such as toiletries, clothing, blankets and sleeping bags as well as providing food to Bradford shelters 4 days a week.

Homeless Hampers can only make a difference with the amazing support and dedication from the wide volunteer base and donations from the local community and our distributions partners, including Greggs, Co-Op, Aldi, Waitrose and Tesco.

R'S STORY

I found myself homeless after a relationship break down of nine years. I had no where to go or no one to turn to.

I slept rough for 2 years, the Homeless Hampers team approached me as I sat in a doorway every Sunday evening. Their friendly and caring nature really touched my soul and I would look forward to seeing them every Sunday, they would provide me with a hot meal and a coffee, a few snacks for later. In the winter they would always ensure I was well wrapped up.

Then Covid arrived and I was left alone on the streets, many of the homeless community was placed in hotels, but I wasn't until one day a Homeless Hampers volunteer came across me, they gained me an emergency bed, after a short time in emergency accommodation, I was placed in a hotel, where I received all the support I needed and eventually I was allocated a place I can call my forever home.

Homeless Hampers furnished my new home with furniture, electrical appliances and carpets. I am so proud of my new home all thanks to Homeless Hampers.



CAROL'S STORY

Hello, my name is Carol!

I have been a volunteer for Homeless Hampers for 6 years.

Volunteering was something I longed to do, so after reading one of their posts on social media, it inspired me to want to join the team.

I am proud to be part of a caring and supportive team who all want to make a difference to the lives of others.

Over the years I have gained confidence, experience and a better understanding of homelessness and the challenges they face. I enjoy being part of the Sunday Outreach team and seeing how much our help is appreciated, from the smiles we see and the thanks we receive.

My advice to anyone considering volunteering is give it a go!

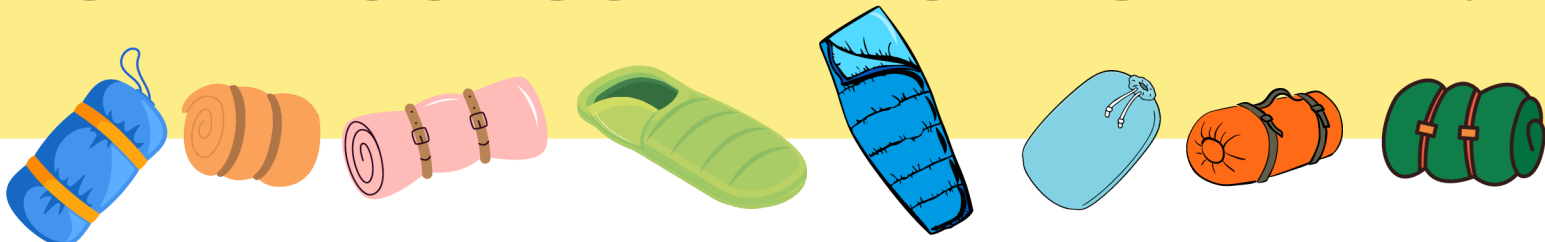
WHAT IS THE BIG SLEEP OUT?

The Big Sleep Out is a community event designed to help raise funds and awareness of homelessness - it gives a brief insight into the challenges faced by many vulnerable people who are currently living with or at risk of homelessness.


We ask that you get sponsored or make a donation to brave the elements by swapping your warm bed and the comforts of home for a sleeping bag and a hard floor.

We're asking you to make a difference by joining us and helping to end homelessness.

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THE VENUE

 **The Burley in Wharfedale Cricket Club, Hodson Park,
Grange Road, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7HG**

This event is not intended to replicate being homeless but to raise awareness of the challenges that some people face.

If you can't join us on the night but would still like to be a part of the event, why not consider having your own sleep out at home with family and friends? You can still download a sponsorship form and a certificate of achievement on completion of your event. Any donations or sponsorship can be paid in directly via our dedicated Just Giving page.



THE EVENT

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

We have capped the number of sleepers for the event in order to ensure that we have adequate space and for security and safety reasons. The venue will be segregated into a family area and an adults only area and this will be controlled via coloured wristbands.

ENTRY PRICE

We have decided to include an entry fee for the event, this is so that we can cover our costs and also to try and avoid people signing up and then not attending the event. The cost for an **Adult sleeper is £5 each and for a Family is £10 per family.**

SIGN UP

Sign up for the event will be via the Homeless Hampers website. We need to know who will be attending, that anyone under the age of 18 will be accompanied by a responsible adult and any medical conditions. Please also indicate if you wish to loan a sleeping bag so that we can ensure we bring enough on the night.

PHOTOGRAPHY

We would like to take photographs and videos during the night, if you would prefer us not to use your images, please make this clear during the event. We would also love to see your photos, videos and thoughts on the event so we will be creating an Event Memories page on our website and would encourage you to contribute to this. Please ask permission of those around you before posting to social media and for the safety of all involved please do not upload images to social media until after the event. You can also tag us in your social media posts by using the hashtag #HHBigSleepOut.

WEATHER

Unfortunately we do not have the facility to bring everyone inside in case of bad weather. You can of course leave the event early but we would ask you to sign out so that we can monitor all participants for health & safety purposes.

DONATIONS

During the event we will be hosting a Food Drive, if you would like to contribute to this, please bring your donation with you on the night. A list of the type of items we require can be found on the website.

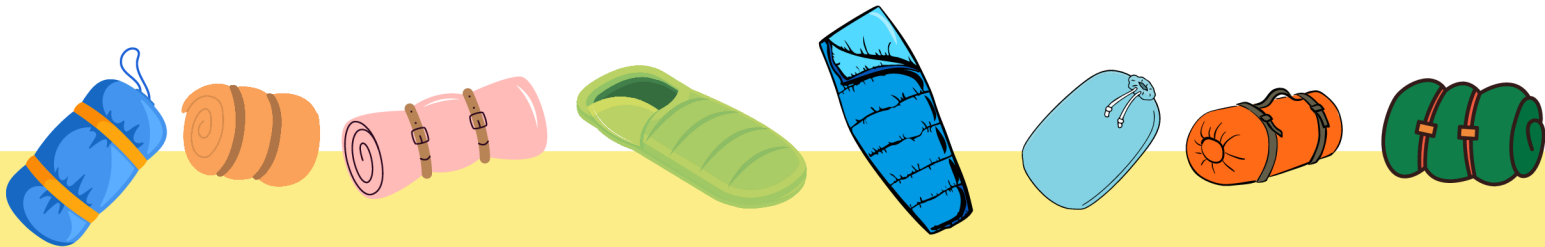
After the event there will be the opportunity to donate any unwanted sleeping bags, ground sheets and torches. These are items we are always being asked for at Outreach. All the sleeping bags will be washed and dried prior to being redistributed.

RESTRICTIONS

- Sleepers must be aged 18 or over or accompanied by a responsible adult (ID will be checked on the night)
- No children under the age of 5
- No alcohol
- No smoking or vaping in the sleeping area
- No loud music or computer games
- No fires or barbecues
- No tents
- No pets

We reserve the right to refuse entry or ask people to leave if these restrictions are not adhered to.

Please note that all sleepers sleep out at their own risk.



WHAT WE WILL PROVIDE ON THE NIGHT

- Toilet facilities
- A First Aid station & qualified first aiders
- Sleeping bag loan, if required
- Stewards will be available throughout the night for any queries or concerns
- An information pack including a suggested list of what to bring with you on the night
- A unique event sticker stating that you 'have slept out for the homeless'
- A downloadable Sponsorship Form and Just Giving page
- A downloadable Certificate of Achievement

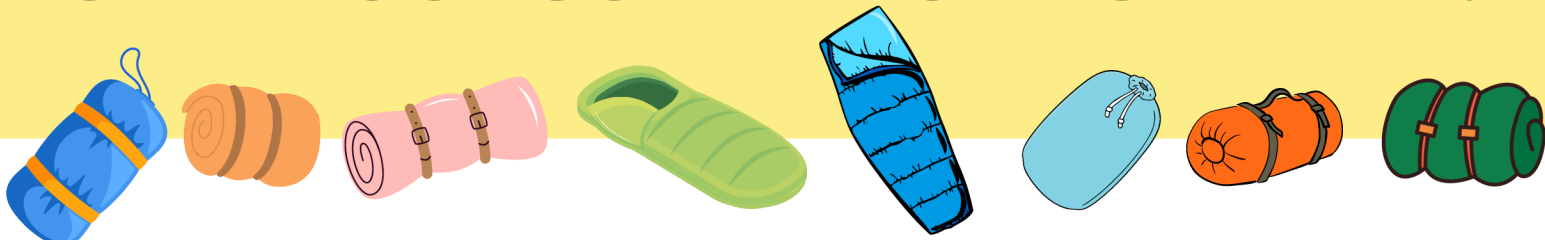
We will also provide all sleepers with a hot meal plus drinks (soft drinks and tea, coffee & hot chocolate) which will replicate the Outreach service we provide every Sunday in Leeds city centre. Please note - if you or a member of your family has any specific dietary requirements, you may wish to bring your own food. We do have facilities to heat up any food, if required.

WHAT TO BRING

- A **sleeping bag** (and ground sheet, if required)
- **Warm** and **waterproof clothing**
- Any **additional food or drink**, if required
- Any necessary **medication**
- A **torch**
- A **power bank** for charging electrical devices (if required)



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FAMILY AREA + ADULTS ONLY

The venue will be separated into a Family Area and an area for Adults Only and this will be denoted by various wristbands. We ask all sleepers to respect this segregation. This will be enforced by the stewards for health and safety reasons. We will also ask the general public not to use the venue during the event and restrict access to event participants only. All entry and exit points will be manned during the event.

Please note: unfortunately we do not have the facility to bring people indoors in the case of bad weather.

Please note: there is no parking available at the venue. There may be availability on Grange Road or surrounding areas but this cannot be guaranteed.



TIMINGS

- Sign in will **open from 5pm**
- **Food and drink** will be served from approximately **7pm**
- Event will **end at 8am**

AT THE END OF THE EVENT

- Please ensure that any **loaned sleeping bags are returned**
- Please ensure that you **take any rubbish** home with you or dispose of it in the bins provided
- Don't forget to **collect your unique event sticker** as you leave
- **Collect your sponsorship money** and pay it in via our dedicated Just Giving page
- Download your **Certificate of Achievement**
- **Send us any photos** or comments on the event that we can share on our social media pages using **#HHBigSleepOut**

DISCLAIMER

Homeless Hampers does not take responsibility for the loss of any equipment or personal items.

We have provided a safe environment for the event and appropriate safety facilities. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their children are monitored at all times.

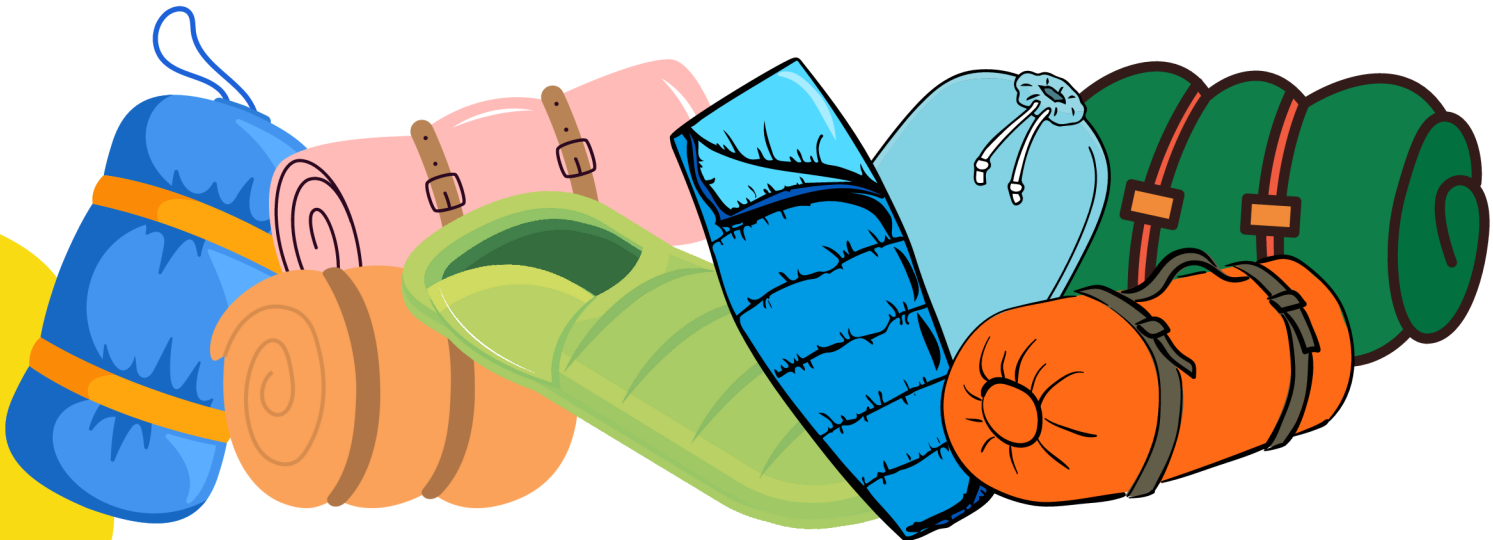


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