

The Starter Packs Scheme continues apace with 125 packs being provided during 2017. Each pack costs a minimum of £49, often more if insufficient donated second hand items are received, or a family is involved rather than a single person. Thus the minimum outlay is £6125 a year. Finances are in a dire state and the project only continues due to the financial contributions of Anne Horner-Tree. The team of Anne, Rachel and Davina has recently been joined by Graham Chamberlain.

Last winter, the Night Shelter accommodated a total of 29 people, approximately half were moved into long term accommodation. The Bromley Homeless Shelter made great strides with its Advice Service which now runs year round. Many people have been helped with their benefits and housing issues. The reputation is now so good that other agencies, such as CAB, refer their clients. The annual sponsored sleep out was very successful with a good turn out and record breaking amount donated, resulting in strong finances. The current winter season began well and was overful within a week of opening. A number of guests have already moved into long term accommodation.