

Supporting those who are vulnerable in our community

SHOUT WSK provides engagement and emergency food for the homeless and vulnerable community in Worthing and surrounding areas. We received our registered charity status in September 2020. Our aim is to work towards making homelessness in Worthing a thing of the past.

We are a member of the Worthing Food Poverty Network and Community Works. We are also registered with Worthing and Adur Council as a Food Bank for our pop up foodbank at The Lovett Hub on Saturday afternoons.

We have so many amazing volunteers, too many to mention by name. Without their continued support, time and dedication, it would not be possible to do what we do.

Below is a snapshot of some of our highlights in 2021

JANUARY

Our charity bank account got set up

FEBRUARY

We continued with our meals during COVID for our homeless community from St Clare's every night. A number of local restaurants provided food for us on top of Cocks Kitchen cooking 50 meals every night which was a front page article in The Worthing Herald newspaper



We have over 2000 [Facebook](#) members. A lot of items requested by our homeless and temporary housed clients, such as household goods, sleeping bags etc, come in via the groups from our local community on our Facebook page

MARCH

- We had a Mother's Day gift auction on Facebook raising funds
- The River of Life church opened up their kitchen to us to prepare and cook for our daily homeless meals during COVID, as Cocks Kitchen reopened to the public
- Our partnership with Worthing Homes began, with them providing us with the use of The Lovett Hub, where our first pop up food bank opened with Lisa our food parcels' manager running it
- We were given a planter on the seafront thanks to a volunteer and The Worthing Town Centre Initiative
- Khristina McCormack was nominated for International Women's Day in Worthing by West Worthing CLP
- £750 was awarded by Community Works - Grass Root Funding, which went towards building our website



APRIL

- We made the news again with a huge donation of Easter eggs from Sussex Police, Caremark and Melanie Peters from Rocket Media. We had eggs for both our families and homeless community, plus enough to share with Jim from Sussex Homeless Support and Lynne from Knight Support in Brighton.
- We were awarded £5000 for COVID meals funding
- Local artist Clare Sykes raised £750 auctioning her beautiful oil painting of poppies
- Khristina McCormack was nominated to be part of the #WeAreWorthing, a photo exhibition of pandemic heroes making a difference in the community and her photo is part of the display on Worthing pier



MAY

COVID lockdown ended and we no longer had access to Saint Clare's on a daily basis. Over 7200 meals had been cooked during that period

JUNE

- Our first official branded items were printed - banners to be used at events. We also launched our website: www.worthingsoupkitchen.co.uk
- A local artist, Ana Grey, sold handmade cards raising money for us

JULY

- We started our Friday night sit down dinner with a movie at The River of Life church
- We opened a school uniform shop at The Lovett Hub which helped many families



AUGUST

- We were nominated for the ASDA Green Token scheme in Ferring and in October we found out that we came in at first place, receiving £500
- We secured an allotment in East Worthing so we can grow our own veggies for our upcoming cafe

We have built strong relationships with a number of local businesses, restaurants and supermarkets who regularly donate to our charity





SEPTEMBER

- It was our one year anniversary of being a registered charity
- We attended The High Sheriffs Summer reception for charities at The Weald and Downland Museum

OCTOBER

- A local family fundraised for us in memory of their Dad by walking 13 miles. The Worthing Herald covered the story
- A Halloween party was organised at The Lovett Hub for the local families to enjoy
- We had a lot of pumpkins donated to us by Sompting Pumpkin Patch and local businesses sold them to raise money for us
- The legendary Speedo Mick paid us a visit and his foundation ringfenced a contribution of £3000 for when we get the café agreed. We were mentioned in The Worthing Herald and on BBC South Today
- We attended the first Worthing Food First event organised by The Worthing Food Foundation
- Our youngest pop up food bank volunteer won a special recognition award for all of her hard work which was presented by our local Mayor
- We attended the High Sheriffs Annual Judges Service
- The Worthing Town Centre Initiative invited us for afternoon tea



NOVEMBER

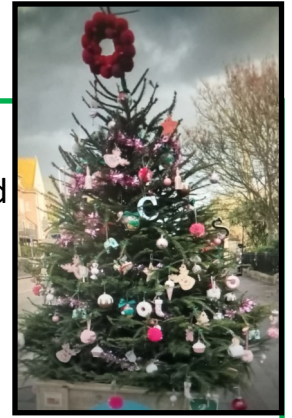
- The band, The Ferocious Dog, fundraised for us at a local venue the Ropetackle, where food items and monetary donations were collected
- We used our new wireless card machine at a fundraiser in ASDA Ferring and had flyers printed for the event
- We had business cards printed and donation pots and buckets branded. Local businesses have our donation pots on their counters to collect for us
- Our Toy Drive began at ASDA and More Radio with hundreds of toys being donated to go out with our Christmas hampers for our families
- The pupils at Aldingbourne School raised £300 and purchased toys for our Toy Drive
- The Rustington Explorers Scout Group donated a large number of food items for our Christmas hampers





DECEMBER

- We took part in The Worthing Town Centre Initiative Christmas Tree Trail and had the largest number of votes and were awarded a cash prize
- So many local businesses and community members donated food items for Christmas
- A local business raised our profile and donated turkeys for Christmas dinner
- We had 2 supermarket fundraisers in ASDA Ferring and Tesco Durrington raising over £500 and a large number of food and other items. We also sold our first ever branded Christmas cards
- Over 200 Christmas hampers were given out to families in need along with toys
- The community on Balcome Avenue held a Santa Xmas stocking run, raising £275 which purchased Greggs vouchers for our clients for Christmas
- Nicky Chisholm and Sara Guiel from the My Networking Club began our Christmas Day campaign in earnest with their annual Turkey Mission. They sourced all of the items for our Christmas dinner - meat, veg, crackers and 2400 mince pies. They recorded their fundraising adventures in Daisy the camper van which we posted on our Facebook page
- The Kitchen Cleaning Group secured us the beautiful Atrium on Worthing pier where our Christmas dinner was held. The Ardington Hotel supplied all of the cutlery, crockery, Christmas trees and lights for our successful event
- On Christmas Day we fed 70 people. Our volunteers helped set up the day, cooked, cleaned, served and spread Christmas cheer. Our event was featured in the local newspaper advertising our Christmas dinner. Our patron Mr Bob Smytherman, the town crier, was in attendance, announcing it far and wide



UPCOMING IN 2022

- We purchased a van in January to help with our collections and deliveries and it is soon to be branded
- Our most exciting collaboration to date is with Green Pastures, which will give us the opportunity to provide housing for our homeless community once completed
- There is progress with our long-awaited cafe. The trustees are starting to sign the lease so by the end of March we should have keys and there will be a lot to organise and do before opening
- Durrington Cycle Project are supplying us with two bikes for our café and allotment to help with deliveries

