

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*If you don't see the answer to your question below, please email [info@windsorhomelessproject.org](mailto:info@windsorhomelessproject.org)*

## What is the Sleep Out?

The Windsor Homeless Project Sleep Out is our biggest fundraiser of the year. This year we have set ourselves the ambitious target of raising £50,000 for Windsor Homeless Project. Raising these funds means we're able to be here, when we're needed, enabling homeless and vulnerable people in our local community to rebuild their lives. It's also about spreading awareness and having some fun at the same time! We can't fully experience what it's like to sleep rough, but it does open our eyes to the experience that so many people in our community and around the UK find themselves in every day.

The Sleep Out will take place on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023** and there are numerous ways for you to be involved!

- Come along for the evening at **Windsor & Eton Football Club at 7 pm** and enjoy a night of fun, food, education, personal stories and entertainment – tickets cost just £15 for 16 and overs (£5 for under 16s) and are available to buy on Eventbrite [via this link](#) Ticket price includes food and drinks will be available to purchase. If you are Sleeping Out and raising funds either at the Football Club or elsewhere, you can obtain a free ticket from the same link.
- Join us at **Windsor & Eton Football Club** as we sleep out under the stars, in our sleeping bags. You can, if you wish, bring a tent, particularly if you have small children.
- You can set up your own Just Giving fundraising page to ask friends/family to sponsor you. [Click here](#) to get going on your own fundraising today by setting up your own fundraising page via the Start Fundraising button.
- Spend the night somewhere other than your usual place of sleep (camp in the garden, sleep in a garden room, sofa surf with friends – the options are limitless) and help raise essential funds for the Windsor Homeless Project. Use the [Just Giving link](#) to set up your own fundraising page.
- Unable to attend or sleep out? You can still support the event by donating directly to the Sleep Out via [this link](#) and encouraging friends, family and colleagues to do so.

## How does my donation help?

£10 - Advice for a person experiencing or facing homelessness, or other difficulties, at our drop-in centre

£50 – Three phones with credit – allowing guests to keep crucial appointments with their support teams, such as the local council, the Drug and Alcohol service, or NHS services

£75 – A week of hot lunches for all our guests at our drop-in centre

£150 – A move for a guest into a new home – including all the basics needed to make a house a home

£300 – Nine hours of counselling, for one guest to begin to work through past life-events and traumas that have brought them to where they are today

In these uncertain times, we'll be needed more than ever to enable homeless and vulnerable people to rebuild their lives

## How many people will be sleeping out?

Windsor & Eton Football Club have plenty of space for people to sleep out on their training field or on the terraces. There is also the option to sleep out in your own back garden or as part of a community group (eg school, scouts, youth group etc).

### **Can I create a team within my company/school/scout group etc**

We would love to encourage teams to participate in the Sleep Out. On the Just Giving fundraising page, there is a button to Create a Team. Please also ask your employer if they offer a corporate matching gift program.

### **Are there posters/fliers to help us promote the event**

We will have posters and fliers available in the lead up to the event. Please email [info@windsorhomelessproject.org](mailto:info@windsorhomelessproject.org) if you would like either of these.

### **Can I just turn up on the day?**

No, sorry – for the security and safety of everyone taking part, you cannot enter the event without [buying a ticket in advance](#). Please do remember to bring your e-ticket with you on the night.

### **Is there a target fundraising amount from the event?**

Last year's event raised approximately £30,000. We have set ourselves the ambitious target of £50,000 this year.

### **Is there parking available?**

There is plenty of parking available at Windsor & Eton Football Club, both in the adjacent Windsor Great Park Stag Meadow car park and the enclosed Football Club car park. We anticipate being able to accommodate at least 100 cars.

### **What happens if I wake up early and want to leave?**

Please respect the privacy of others sleeping out at all times. If you wake up before 5.30am, please keep as quiet as possible until those around you wake up too. If you need to leave earlier than 7.00 am for any reason, please quietly let a member of WHP staff know so we can sign you out and arrange to unlock the gates.

### **What happens if it rains?**

We hope that this experience will give you a very small insight into what it might be like to sleep rough, including cold temperatures and wet weather! We will be able to sleep on the football training pitch or under cover of the terraces. If, however, the weather is deemed at any point to be too severe, we have the option of accommodating people inside the Football Club.

### **Will there be toilets to use during the night?**

Yes, there are toilets inside and outside the Football Club.

### **Can I bring my pet?**

Pets, except support dogs, are not permitted at the event. If your support dog will be accompanying you, please contact us prior to the evening to discuss.

### **Can I bring a tent?**

Tents are permitted at Windsor & Eton Football Club and we also encourage you to bring a roll mat/yoga mat to sleep on and lessen the impact of the cold ground, and tarpaulin/ground sheet/plastic sheeting to keep yourself dry if it rains.

## **Can I bring my children?**

Children are able to attend the event but it is essential that under 18s are accompanied by a responsible adult. Alternatively, if you have young children, you may prefer to do the Sleep Out at home in your garden or somewhere other than your usual place of sleep.

## **Will there be any food and drink available?**

Included in your ticket price, there will be food provided during the evening of Friday October 6th, together with tea and coffee. There will also be drinks available to purchase. Feel free to bring any additional snacks you may require.

## **Refunds and cancellation**

Tickets for the Sleep Out are non-refundable. In the event of cancellation, we will contact all participants by text or email and we will publicly announce the cancellation on all our social media channels and on our website.

## **Is it safe for me to sleep out?**

We don't recommend you sleep outside if you have a long-term health condition or if you are pregnant. As we all know, sleeping outside in the cold can be an uncomfortable experience, but if you are in good health, and if you wear warm clothing and stay dry, you will be perfectly safe.

## **Is the Windsor & Eton Football Club a secure venue?**

Yes. All the gates of the Football Club will be locked for the night. We will also have a fully trained first aider on site.

## **What do I need to bring with me? Suggested Kit List below**

- Layer up and bring along warm clothing – a hat, a hood, some gloves, a pair of thick socks and some thermals are recommended!!
- Prepare for wet weather – we suggest bringing a waterproof jacket, a waterproof sleeping bag cover (tarpaulin/ground sheet/plastic sheeting will do!) and a large umbrella
- Sleeping bag and roll mat/yoga mat to sleep on (to lessen the impact of the cold ground)
- Pillow/blanket – it is down to you how comfortable you want to be!
- Snacks and drinks – you will get an evening meal at Windsor & Eton Football Club and breakfast the next morning, but you might want to bring extras for sustenance!
- Torch
- Toiletries (there are toilets available both inside and outside the football club).
- Any medication you require
- Cash or card to purchase drinks and raffle tickets.