

## Rough Sleepers Street Outreach Project

SAFER FUTURE COMMUNITIES  
Empowering local voluntary & community partnerships

Led by Accommodation Concern and predominantly working in Kettering and Corby, the Rough Sleepers Street Outreach Project aims to assist vulnerable people to secure safe and sustainable accommodation

By offering people one-to-one support to confront their issues and change the direction of their lives, the project seeks to alleviate homelessness, prevent repeat homelessness, reduce crime, ensure community safety, reduce begging and anti-social behaviour, and prevent unnecessary deaths on the streets of Northamptonshire.

Once accommodated by the project, rough sleepers are able to sustain an income level, which with support, enables them to budget and eat regularly and be kept warmer and safer. This reduces the need for them to commit crimes or cause antisocial behaviour, and opens up a range of opportunities for them, including education, employment and healthcare. It also increases their personal safety and the safety of their community, by reducing their risk of becoming victims of violence, ill health and isolation.

By working with Northamptonshire Police Authority, street pastors and other faith groups, the project has also helped raised awareness of homelessness and the needs of vulnerable people within the local community.

The two year old project, which requires £38,000 funding a year to work with the rising number of rough sleepers, identified 87 permanent and sporadic rough sleepers in its first year. With help from the project, 45 of these were accommodated, 21 reconnected with their family members and many received assistance with their substance misuse and/or mental health issues. All of those who were accommodated by the project were offered follow on support.

Through its work the project has saved money and time for the police, local housing authorities, social services and healthcare.

For further information on Accommodation Concern, which for over 25 years has developed innovative homelessness and anti-poverty services in Kettering and the surrounding areas, visit [www.accommodationconcern.co.uk](http://www.accommodationconcern.co.uk).

