

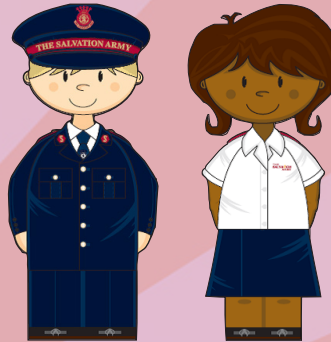


HOMELESSNESS

The Salvation Army is a **Christian church** and a **charity**.
We believe everyone deserves a **safe place to call home**.

Jesus teaches us it is important to **help people** who are experiencing homelessness.
'I was homeless and you gave me a room.'
(Matthew 25:35 MSG)

We have been working to **prevent** and **end homelessness** – for more than **130 years**.
People in the homeless community often need a **lot of support** and can be **vulnerable**.
We treat each person with care and respect because **they are important and valued**.
We show them love, just like Jesus would.



We **help people** who **do not have a home**.
We give **food and support** to people **living on the street**.

We provide **emergency** and **long-term shelter** for **all ages**, including single people, couples, families and young people.

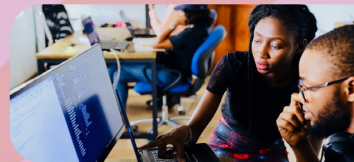
We support people with **mental and physical health issues**, and people living with **addiction**.
We give people **advice** in many areas including benefits, debt and money management.
We believe finding a **home isn't enough** – it is important to give each person the skills and confidence **to live their best possible life**.

IN NUMBERS*

In the **UK and Ireland** roughly:

- **320,000 households** need help to stop them being homeless
- **10,000 people** experience sleeping rough each year

Hidden homelessness is hard to measure.



People stay at our **Lifeshouses** and receive specialised help, rebuilding their lives with training and support.

Our **drop-in centres** give help like advice, food, a shower, counselling, medical aid and friendship – all in one place.



We encourage people to **express themselves** through activities like art, drama, gardening, singing and sport.



We **campaign** to raise awareness, to introduce laws to protect people and to **stop homelessness** from happening.



We find **new ways** to support **people** like creating a community mini-village with specialist support.



GLOSSARY

hidden homelessness

When the authorities do not know a person has **no home** and so they receive **no support**; often they stay **with friends/family** eg 'sofa-surfer'

homeless

The situation when someone has **no place they would call home** or a permanent place to live

Lifeshouse

Salvation Army accommodation **supporting people** who are experiencing homelessness

rough sleeping

A term used when a person usually **sleeps outside** (including in a tent or a makeshift shelter)

* Information correct 2023

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