



**Dear Supporter,**

Our last update was August 2016, how quickly 9 months has passed! Thank you for continuing to support the work of Eden Gate and Newport Nightshelter. We are grateful for whatever support you can offer whether prayerfully, financially or practical. Without your support we could not reach out to those who are vulnerable and needy in our community.

With summer and the warm months ahead of us I wanted to take this opportunity to share how Eden Gate is also embracing this season of change. The homeless problem in Newport seems so evident at present, with new faces appearing almost daily at our day-time drop in services. We are concerned that the homeless problem is not just a local problem but statistics show that all over the UK more people are finding themselves homeless and in need of help. The reality of this problem is often overwhelming but this encourages me that our work and vision is needed more than ever.

It has been a busy time for us which I will outline throughout this message, lots has been happening to develop and extend our work. In February this year we introduced a new website, the old one was outdated and in need of upgrade. The new website showcases our services really well and we were grateful to [Newport City Homes](#) in agreeing a grant to enable us to do this. I am really pleased with the result. The new website enables us to provide up to date information and volunteers can manage their shifts via a secure section. Additional features allow the user to apply for voluntary positions and opt in to our eNewsletter. It provides the user with a pleasant and accessible service, if you haven't already, you can check out the new website by clicking [here](#). God has blessed us, so we endeavour to use His blessing for the progression of His kingdom. As a result we are developing and introducing projects to address local needs. I hope you are encouraged and inspired as you read on.

Marc Hepton

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