

Why Warm Spaces Matter?

Clarion Futures' Approach to Warm Spaces: Why It Matters and How Others Can Implement It

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What I plan to cover today:

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Overview of each year

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How it started....

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Community Asset Partners

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Warm Spaces I

During the winter of 2022 - 2023 Clarion Futures funded 28 Warm Spaces across the country

There was over 10k footfall across Warm Spaces from October 2022 to April 2023

212 referrals to wider support such as housing, health, education, money management & benefit advice, digital skills and access to food banks

Many partners used some of their funding to give out free warm space items such as electric blankets and slow cookers



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Warm Spaces II

In 2023 with additional funding from the Rothesay Foundation we funded 53 Warm Spaces mostly until summer 2024

24 Warm Spaces returned from year 1

On average 62% Warm Space participants are over 55 years and 36% over the age of 65

Footfall across all Warm Spaces was over 43k

Over 1100 premium warm packs were given out



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Opportunities



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Warm Spaces to Wellbeing Spaces

- Expand to year-round offer so focus is more on companionship, social isolation and loneliness
- Develop the working group further – led by the new Wellbeing Programme Coordinator
- Develop 'how to' guides
- Celebration event for partners
- Flexibility with wellbeing items
- Pilot welfare benefits support



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Why it worked

Impact measurements

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Helen Ives-Rose, deputy chief executive of Communities 1st in Borehamwood:

“For local people, this well-being space is so much more than just a place to keep warm – it’s a place where they can meet new people and forge new friendships, as well as trying out all sorts of fun activities.

“Without the support of Clarion Futures and the Rothesay Foundation this simply wouldn’t be possible, so we’re hugely grateful for their support and look forward to welcoming people through the doors through the winter and beyond.”

Eira Gibson, Chief Executive of the Holloway Neighbourhood Group:

“It’s hard to put into words how critical something so seemingly simple can be – you need to step into the space to feel the warmth not only from the space and the soup but the people, connecting and sharing in normal everyday challenges. We’re so grateful for the support of Clarion Futures and the Rothesay Foundation – without them this just wouldn’t be possible”

Rothesay
Foundation

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Bolton: 'I've never felt welcome going to other groups, but I love it here' "It was a special touch that we were all able to sit down together to eat rather than taking our food home to eat alone."

Borehamwood: "Very informative in a relaxed atmosphere" "Good group of people, all exchanging ideas and experience"

Leeds: "The space is valued by many people and has helped create friendships"

Lewisham: "I attended wherever I did not have a hospital appointment because its friendly, polite and warm, I loved the smiles"

Rotherhithe: "The advice provided by National Energy Action was very helpful"

Mid Sussex: "I enjoy attending as I eat alone the rest of the week in front of the TV. "

Hertfordshire: Those who have attended and were in receipt of the Warm Packs were thrilled with what they contained. One gentleman said the contents would save him money on his electricity



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Thank you

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