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FUTURES

Clarion Futures' Warm Spaces

Bringing Communities Together
and Easing Winter Worries



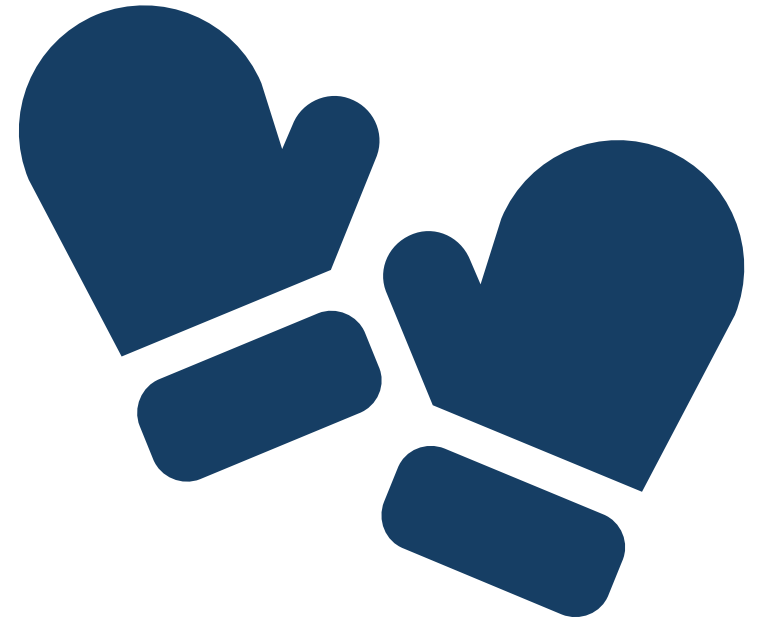
Housing LIN

Connecting people, ideas and resources

What I'm going to talk about

- Our methodology/evaluation approach
- Showcasing Warm Space benefits - both social and financial

About Clarion Housing Warm Spaces



Warm Spaces involved:

- Phillimore Community Centre (Communities 1st) – Radlett
- William Sutton Memorial Hall (Colebrook SW Ltd) – Plymouth
- The Sutton Centre – Bradford
- Queen Adelaide Community Centre (Play Place Innov8 CIC) – Penge
- Royals Youth Centre – Rainham
- Riverside Centre – Carshalton
- Priory Court Community Centre (William Morris Big Local) – Walthamstow
- The Cherry Tree Centre (Mid Sussex Voluntary Action) – Burgess Hill
- Methodist Church Hall (Selsey Community Forum) – Selsey
- Sutton Community Centre (Bolton Wanderers in the Community) – Bolton (Online)



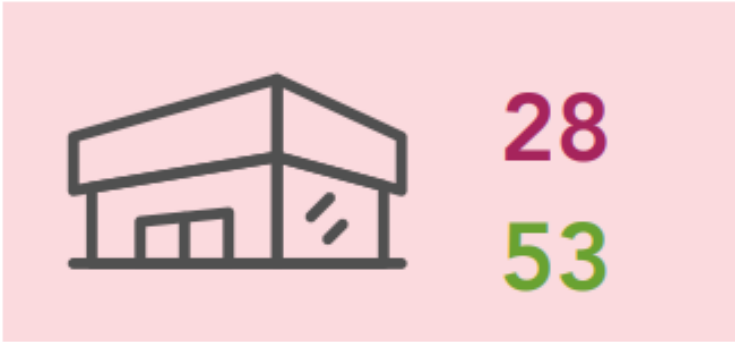
Overview of the Warm Space programme



2022/23



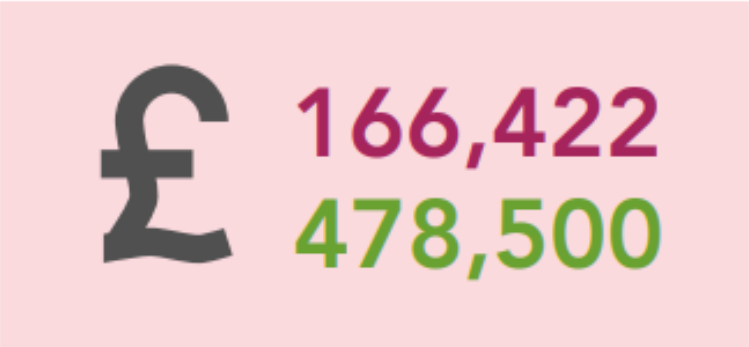
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Number of Warm Spaces



Footfall across the Warm Spaces



Warm Space grants



Estimated number of unique visits



Warm Packs

Warm Pack items include:



Slow cookers



Electric blankets



Room thermometers



Draft excluders



Gloves



Socks

Who is attending the Warm Spaces?

62% over
the age
of 55



36% over
the age
of 65.

**AGE DEMOGRAPHICS OF
WARM SPACE PARTICIPANTS**

Why do people attend the Warm Spaces?

Why do visitors attend the Warm Space?



77%

To socialise
with others

50%

To have
somewhere to go

23%

To access a
safe space

19%

To have a warm
place to be



What facilities and services do partner staff deliver at the Warm Space sessions?

94%

Companionship
and conversation

94%

Free food and/or
drink

100%

Craft/games/
recreational
activities

100%

Signposting for
information and
advice



Improved mental health – from access to support services and a supportive environment provided by staff and other visitors.

24%

reduction in feelings of loneliness always, often or sometimes.

Improved childhood development – by offering opportunities for children to socialise with a range of ages.

Social benefits

Increased physical health – by providing somewhere warm to be outside the home.

Improved healthy eating – by encouraging healthy eating and reducing the number of people skipping meals.

Increased resilience – from an increased sense of purpose and improved outlook on life.

Financial benefits

Warm Spaces are providing financial benefits and reducing the burden of the cost of living for many participants in the following ways:

63%

of surveyed Warm Space visitors said they have saved money on their **food costs**.

46%

of surveyed Warm Space visitors said they have saved money on **energy bills**.

32%

of surveyed Warm Space visitors said they had saved money on **'other items'**.

Here's what people said...

“The Warm Space means that I leave my house and talk to people, rather than staying at home and talking to the TV.”

“The other people who attend the Warm Space are all my family now.”

“The electric blanket provided in the Warm Pack has helped alleviate my chronic pain.”

“The other people at the Warm Space are our child's extended family.”

“It's given me a will to live.”

“The Warm Packs came at a time when heating was expensive and had increased. It was a moment of relief to have help.”

“I like coming to the Warm Space because it means I am not shivering at home.”