



BOWERHOUSE

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Churches Together Report – September 2023

We are enjoying the new look house, it is very user friendly and our clients also appear to like the new look. A couple of our support workers have worked so hard to get the front of the house looking as good as the new entrance. Now when you walk up to the front door there are lots of flowering plants and greenery. The exterior has looked lovely during the past few month with the various flowers coming into bloom.

We had a very successful CPD training day in June. Harborough Community Church allowed us to use their premises and this provided a good location as it turned out it was also Carnival Day in Harborough.

Our next fundraising event will be held on November 24th. Our service coordinators Cara & Loraine are going to be completing a Fire walk (walking on hot coals!). We are aiming to raise at least £1,000.00 for the Bower House.

We are able to offer another bereavement group starting September 12th. We have listened to feedback and this group is going to be held in the evening on Tuesdays and will take place at the Bower House.

We offer thanks to God as we induct new student counsellors to the service and a support worker and praise Him for answer to prayer. In our last report we asked for prayer for more student counsellors, and we are pleased to let you know God has enabled us to add 5 to our counselling team. We are so grateful for your continued support and we praise God for sending these 5 student to us. We humbly ask for continued prayer in matters of the house especially for more qualified counsellors and support workers. If anyone is able to volunteer as a support worker for 3hours one day a week (9am-12pm, 12pm-3pm or 3pm to 6pm) please do get in contact with us. Full training is given. We also ask if you can continue to pray for our clients and funding. We give thanks to God for His continued provision and always meeting our needs.

The Bower House was closed for two weeks in August. We have noted that in August attendance numbers drop, whilst we are not 100% sure of the reasons, it is possibly down to changes in routine due to school holidays and people taking well deserved breaks and holidays and wanting to enjoy the sunshine. This can be an unsettling time for some counsellors and clients, but our team have navigated this break well as have our clients. During this closure, we also held our AGM. This was well attended by many from our team. We were able to share fellowship, some nibbles, tea, coffee and water and were able to offer an overview of how the service has grown and developed over the past year.

Finally, we thank you all for your continued support of the Bower House and pray God's blessing upon you and the work that you do.

Every Blessing,
Cara & Loraine