



***SLEEP OUT - A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS!  
BY CLLR RICHARD BASSETT***

7:30 pm November 30 - 7:30 am December 1  
Chelmsford Cathedral

Sleeping out for the night might be fun, but for many people this is every night reality!

CHESS Homeless works to relieve homelessness and hardship amongst single adults in Chelmsford and Essex through the provision of support services and temporary accommodation.

CHESS provides a 9 bedroom night shelter along with shared move on accommodation. They provide a safe place to stay along with a hot meal, drinks, hygiene/laundry facilities, support workers and a counsellor. With the shared housing they can support up to 32 individuals at any one time.

They aim to support individuals from the moment they step through the door into the night shelter until they move on into their own independent accommodation.

During the winter months they run their own winter project, providing the many rough sleepers with food, drinks, sleeping bags and a bed for the night, normally in one of the local church halls.

Every year CHESS hosts its own Sleep Out in the grounds of Chelmsford Cathedral and last year's participants raised over £20,000.

This year they would like to raise even more and make it even bigger. Therefore, I am joining them to experience what it is like to sleep rough for a night.

By sponsoring me, you will help CHESS to support more people on a journey towards moving away from homelessness, from getting off the streets, to living in a new home and learning new skills and securing employment. The money you give will help vulnerable local people to live independently and help CHESS reach their aims in continuing to change lives.

Please be generous with your support by sponsoring me on the attached form.

Thank you in advance for your support.

**Richard**

Councillor Richard Bassett  
Chairman of Council