

Service highlights of 2024



366
nights

52
weekends

During 2024, Plymouth Soup Run teams went out on every one of the 366 nights. In collaboration with Path and Shekinah, we also supported rough sleepers with a dedicated service on 52 weekends.

A constant supply of food was essential. Donations from food businesses, supermarkets and individuals, plus produce from food redistribution projects or purchased by teams enabled us to serve people nightly.



33,571
meals

Over the year, Plymouth Soup Run teams served 33,571 meals - an average of 92 per night. Typically, each meal comprised a hot dish, a sandwich, snacks, soup and a hot drink.

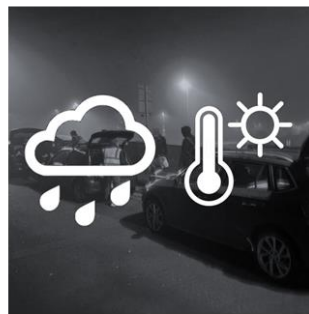
We offered so much more than food. Practical support included providing emergency clothing, or bus tickets to get to important appointments. And StreetVet volunteers, treated clients' companion animals.



576
sleeping bags

412
Path referrals

Over the course of the year, we gave out 576 sleeping bags to rough sleepers, and made 412 referrals to the Path Rough Sleeper Team. We also gave out 143 blankets.



Teams were undeterred by extreme weather, and replaced wet sleeping bags and clothes, provided water, and helped with emergency accommodation arrangements for particularly vulnerable clients.

Central to all we did were relationships that we built with clients, volunteers, donors, and partners including Path, Shekinah, other Alliance colleagues, Changing Futures and Plymouth City Council.



The service drew upon a pool of around 630 volunteers from business and workplace groups, churches, and community and philanthropic organisations.



630
volunteers



We supported client health and wellbeing by listening, signposting, providing foot-care, and making links to the Health Inclusion Pathway, Plymouth. Teams included volunteers trained by Harbour to administer naloxone.



319
households supported

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Thanks to UK Government/DWP Household Support Fund grants from Plymouth City Council, we were able to help 319 households (mostly single-person) with food, energy and other essential costs.

Whilst, at 82%, the majority of the people we served in 2024 were male, we also supported a significant number of women, many of whom were street homeless.



82:18
men:women

Thank you, to all of our clients for their trust, our partners for their good will and teamwork, our supporters for their generosity, and our volunteers for their tireless efforts.



More information is available online on our activities, detailed statistics, our partnerships, how to help and get help, and much more. Search for 'plymouthsoup run'.