

# Night Shelter / Drop-In



Wakefield Baptist Church



## Information for Partner Agencies

### Night Shelter

We have a contract with Wakefield Council to provide **emergency cold weather shelter for rough sleepers**.

Opening criteria: we open when the Met Office weather forecast for Wakefield predicts at least three consecutive nights where the temperature is 0°C or below (see over for more details about the weather forecast we use).

### Drop-In

We also run a voluntary **Drop-In** twice a week, **Mon & Thurs, 1-4pm**.

### Services

At the Night Shelter and the Drop-In we offer the following free services:

- hot meals, tea, coffee and biscuits or fruit
- access to showers and clothes washing/drying facilities
- clothing and toiletries - donations to take away
- a quiet safe place to sit and chat
- WRDS Rough Sleeper Service visits every Monday
- support to access other agencies, make phone calls, etc.

### How can I find out more information?

Call or email Mandy Sherrard, Night Shelter Co-ordinator on **07939 811077** [contact@nightshelter.org.uk](mailto:contact@nightshelter.org.uk) or call the office on 01924 382966

We notify local agencies by email when the Night Shelter is open – contact Henry to get added to this list.

There is a [poster available](#) to display in offices or public areas when we're open.

**When we're open overnight**, please call the office number **01924 382966**

You can also go to our website [www.wakefieldbaptist.co.uk](http://www.wakefieldbaptist.co.uk) and follow the link to Night Shelter.

### Where are we?

Wakefield Baptist Church, Belle Isle Avenue, Wakefield, WF1 5JY  
(Opposite the Arriva Bus Depot on Barnsley Road – see map overleaf)



## Official Weather Forecast

Here is an example of the Met Office Weather Forecast we check, as specified in our contract.

We look at the green 'Most Likely' boxes in the middle of each day.

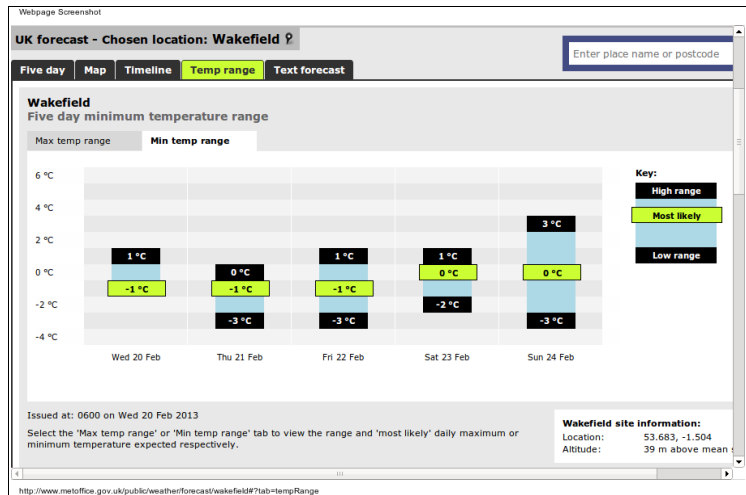
We check before 10am every morning.

There are a few rules:

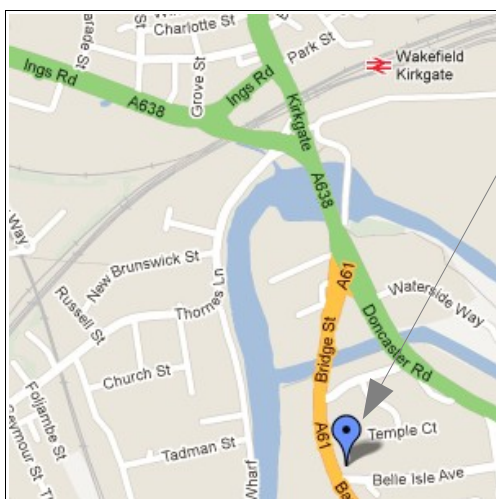
1. We are not properly triggered until the morning of the first day when the forecast shows three nights of 0°C or below. The forecast changes a lot, so we can't plan in advance.
2. Once we're triggered, we're committed to opening for three nights, even if the forecast temperature rise above 0°C.
3. After the third night, we check day by day, and as long as the forecast for that night is for 0°C or below then we stay open.

To check the forecast yourself, go to (you'll need to click on the 'Min temp range' tab):  
<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/forecast/wakefield#?tab=tempRange>

Or simply go to [www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk) and enter Wakefield in the 'Find a weather forecast' box.



## How to find us



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