

The Robes Project can only exist with the dedication of the host churches and our tireless volunteers across Lambeth and Southwark. This season the Robes winter night shelter was supported by:

# Robes Winter Night Shelter

'Robes did very well at providing respite and friendship, and bringing together guests and volunteers from the community'  
ROBES TEAM LEADER

A small volunteer based charity with no statutory or government funding doing a big job since 2007

**20**  
HOST VENUES

'One of the best things about Robes were the friendly volunteers at all the venues, all willing to help!'  
**24**  
ROBES GUESTS

CHURCHES & GROUPS

**500+**  
VOLUNTEERS

**8400**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

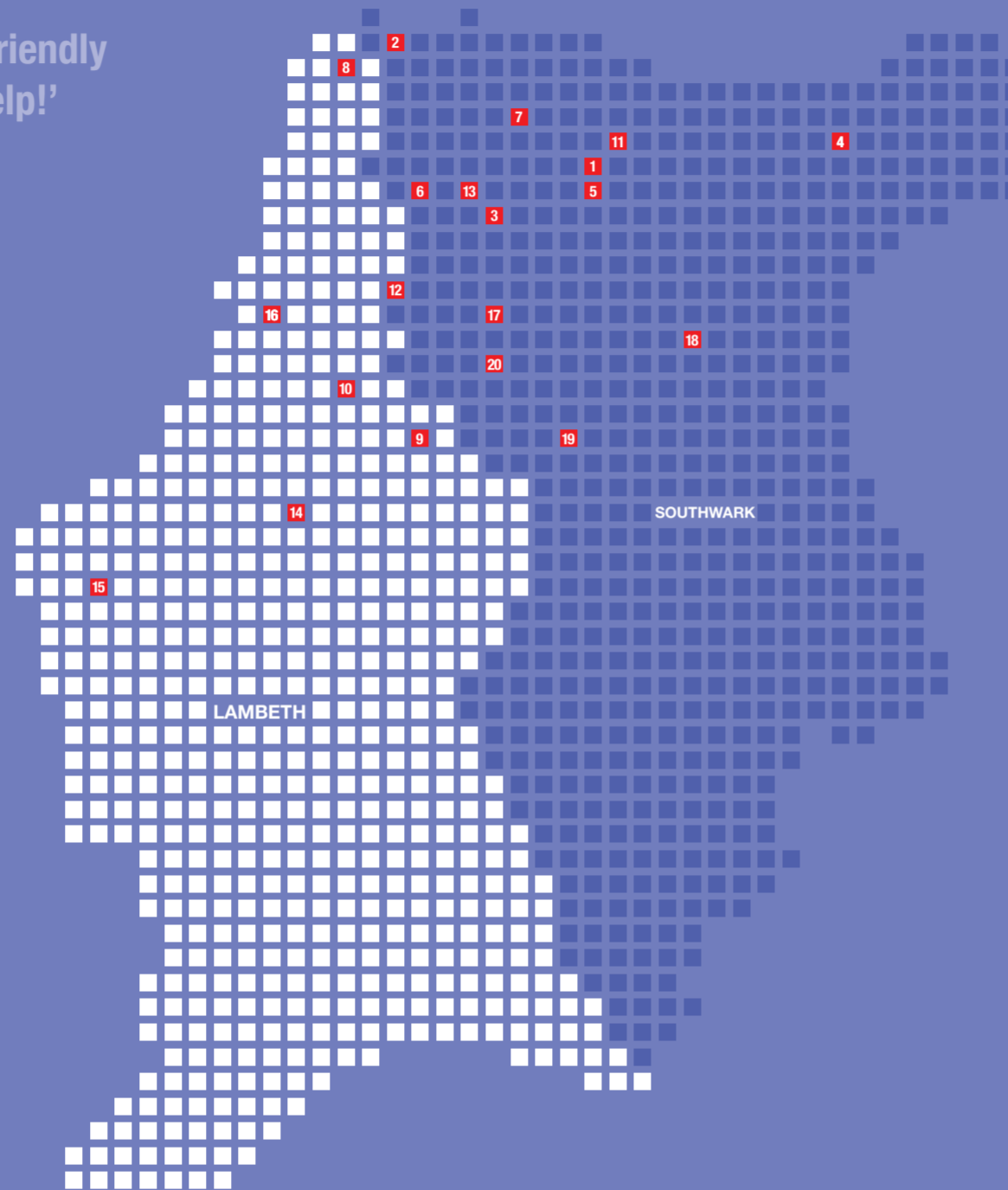
WORTH MORE THAN

**£78,000**

'Being a Robes volunteer gave me the opportunity to meet different people from different backgrounds and cultures. It also gave me an opportunity to give back and a sense of belonging!'  
ROBES VOLUNTEER

**THANK YOU!**

TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS



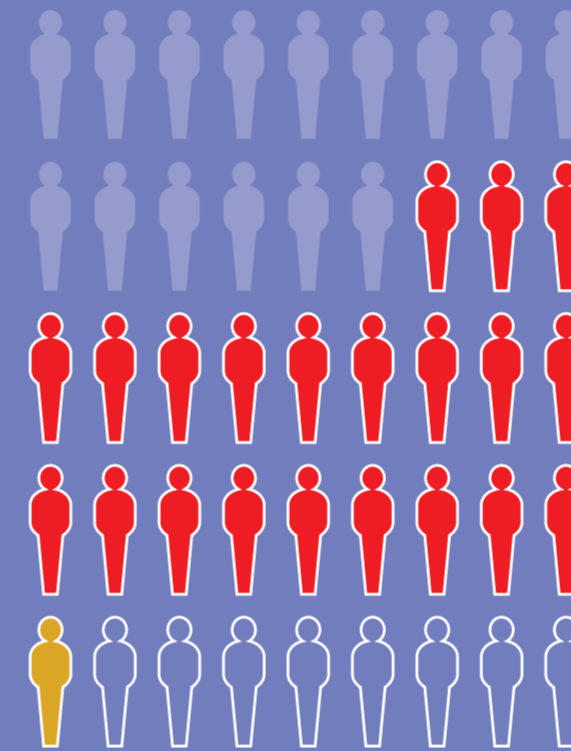
**HOST VENUES**

- 1. Bermondsey Central Hall
- 2. Christ Church, Southwark
- 3. Crossway URC
- 4. The Finnish Church
- 5. Haddon Hall Baptist Church
- 6. Southwark Salvation Army Community Church
- 7. St George the Martyr
- 8. St John's, Waterloo
- 9. St John the Divine
- 10. St Mark's Kennington

- 11. St Mary Magdalene, Bermondsey
- 12. St Mary, Newington
- 13. St Matthew's at-the-Elephant
- 14. St Michael's, Stockwell
- 15. St Paul's, Clapham
- 16. St Peter's, Vauxhall
- 17. St Peter's, Walworth
- 18. St Philip's, Camberwell
- 19. The Well Community Church
- 20. Walworth Methodist Church

Our winter night shelter was open **141** nights offering **2,420** bed spaces, serving **4,640** hot meals and COUNTLESS cups of tea and coffee

Over the course of the winter our volunteers welcomed **45** guests



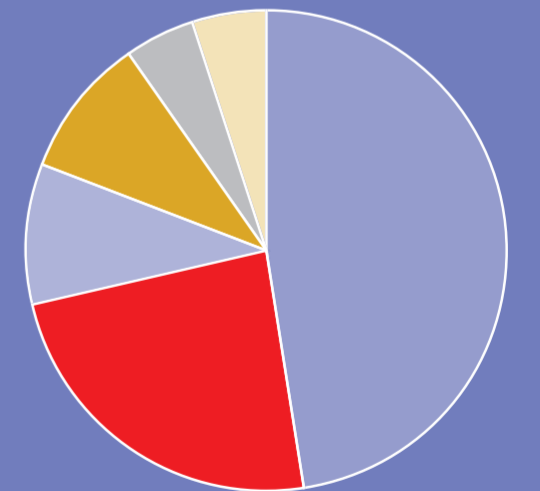
**GUEST OUTCOMES**

- 15 disengaged
- 21 housed
- 1 returned to country of origin
- 8 other (sofa surfing, backpackers' hostels, rough sleeping)

The Robes Advice Worker has worked with the guests during and after their shelter stay, supporting them in the search of a more permanent home. By the end of June 2016 close to three quarters of those who engaged with the support provided by the project have achieved a positive outcome.

Those who are currently housed moved into a number of different types of accommodation. This year in particular we had a significant decrease in the availability of social and specialist housing and an increase in the number of guests moving into the private rented sector – some of which has been provided through our new initiative, Inn from the Cold.

- 10 – private rental sector
- 5 – supported housing
- 2 – temporarily housed by the council
- 2 – National Asylum Support Services
- 1 – housing association
- 1 – host scheme



**The Robes Year 2016/17**

30 October 2016: Opening Service  
St Peter's church Vauxhall at 6.30pm

31 October 2016: Night Shelter Opens

25 November 2016: Annual SleepOut  
at Southwark Cathedral at 7.30pm

15 December 2016: Carol Singing at London Bridge

14 January 2017: 10th Anniversary Celebration at  
Southwark Cathedral at 12pm

10 April 2017: Night Shelter Closes

20 May 2017: BBQ at St Peter's Church Walworth

11 September 2017:  
Annual General Meeting

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