

# Survey of Rough Sleeping in Preston 2011

**1. Your Name**

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(we only need this to avoid double counting and to enter you in the prize draw).

2. Year of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

3. Gender Male  Female

4. Where were you born/brought up/ spent most of childhood?

Tick one only unless you moved around a lot

- Preston
- Other Lancashire
- Other part of North West region
- Other part of England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Ireland
- outside UK

5. How long have you been in Preston?

Tick one only

- Less than a month...
- 1 - 6 months
- 6-12 months
- \_\_\_\_\_ years

6. Are you living \_\_\_\_\_ Tick one only

- Alone as a single person
- With a partner
- With your family
- In some other type of group or household

7. Where did you spend last night?

Tick one only

- Slept rough in town
- Slept rough in park or fields
- in a tent
- in a squat or disused building
- in a friend's or relative's home
- in a hostel or B&B (which one) \_\_\_\_\_
- in own home

8 In the last month roughly how many nights have you spent without a proper roof over your head?

Tick one only

- none
- One or two
- Three to seven
- Eight or more
- Every night

9. Over the last ten years of your life which of the following types of accommodation have you lived in for periods of a month or more?

Tick as many as apply

- Own or family home
- stayed with friends
- hostel or night shelter
- supported tenancy
- prison, hospital or other institution (e.g children's home, army barracks )
- rough sleeping

10. When did you first become homeless?

\_\_\_\_\_ (year)  
Have not been homeless

11. What were the causes or circumstances that made you homeless (on most recent occasion)?

Tick as many as apply

- Family break up
- Marriage or relationship problems
- drink or drugs problem

- discharge from prison
- discharge from armed forces
- mental health breakdown
- other \_\_\_\_\_
- Have not been homeless

12. Have you in the last year tried

Tick as many as apply

- To get help from the Council Housing Advice
- To apply for a house or flat
- To find a private rented place for yourself
- To get into a hostel or night shelter
- To make a claim for housing benefit
- To get into a supported tenancy
- To get a job

13. What is the biggest problem you face in your present situation?

14. What is the one best thing that could be done to help you at the moment?

Preston Homeless Forum  
www.homelessinpreston.org.uk

Survey of Rough Sleeping and Homeless People  
in Preston: June 2011

To be carried out in all drop ins and advice centres for all clients using your service between 1<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June

to be returned to Greg Smith h by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Could you please help us by completing the short questionnaire on the other side of this paper? It is being done in all the drop ins and soup kitchens across the city.

We would like everyone who has ever been homeless to do this survey. It is not just for those who are on the streets at the moment.

If you need help filling it in please ask one of the staff or volunteers to give you a hand.

We are trying to find out how many people in our city are homeless and have been on the streets in recent months.

Last year the official count of rough sleepers claimed there were less than ten people on the streets. We think there are many more but need your help to prove it.

We want to do this to help improve the services on offer to homeless people.

We will do our best to let you know what we find out.

We promise we won't pass on any personal information you give us and are only asking for your names so we can make sure we don't count anyone more than once.

All completed questionnaires will be entered in a prize draw and you have the chance to win a food parcel.

Please hand in your questionnaire before you leave. Thanks again for your help  
Contact [pcan@maister-smith.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:pcan@maister-smith.fsnet.co.uk)

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