

## **Moravian Womens Association Home & Overseas Paper - May 2021**

Here are details about a couple of charities which Central Committee (which met on 16 April 2021) decided should receive immediate help from the MWA:

### **Tabby's Trust receives £250**

In September 2017 Tabitha Wood was 13 and was diagnosed with a rare form of Ovarian cancer. It was classed as grade three and the staff at Leeds General Infirmary performed extensive and life saving surgery within a week. After a difficult time she is now back at school and wants to give back to the people that saved her life.

Tabby raises funds so each of the beds in the Teenage Cancer ward at Leeds General Infirmary can have an iPad, so the children can have access to stream films, take and share photos and just make life a little easier.

Additional money will go to help families stay near their children in Leeds whilst they are in hospital and also to the Hannahs Willberry Wonder Pony Cancer Charity, that helps children and their families with cancer, and were very good at raising Tabby's spirits whilst she was ill.



*Tabby undertakes a bike ride challenge to raise money.*

## **Swindon Night Shelter receives £250**

SNS works with churches across Swindon, also with local and national businesses to distribute charitable surplus, supporting and working with the local Council, and other services and charities. Their guests are all in the cycle of homelessness.

They usually run a free walk in Night Shelter on Friday nights for people who are homeless. They receive a hot meal, shower, laundry facilities and a bed for the night. – unfortunately the Night Shelter is currently closed due to COVID 19 restrictions.

During the week through their Day Centre, SNS offer food, support, mentoring, work experience, training and help into rehab. They support their guests wherever possible.

There are usually two community cafés, unfortunately one is currently closed due to COVID 19 restrictions. They also have a click and collect shop. They collect charitable surplus and share it with the community.

SNS are funded by donations, businesses, grants and fundraising, they have no regular support, as a Christian organisation they are supported by local churches and rely on God to do the work.

SNS's ultimate aim is to share God's love and provision in a practical way so that no-one in Swindon is rough sleeping who doesn't want to be.

**Naomi Hancock - April 2021**