

CASE FOR SUPPORT

Rebuilding Lives, Restoring Hope: Our Case for Support

Domestic abuse doesn't just leave physical scars; it shatters lives, homes, and futures. In Warrington, the demand for specialist support is higher than ever. Domestic-related offences still account for 18% of all recorded crime in our town, and nearly three-quarters of women experiencing abuse now find it even harder to leave due to the rising cost of living.

At Warrington Women's Aid, we are the lifeline for women and children fleeing these life-threatening situations. But to keep our doors open and our support inclusive, we need your help.

Why We Need Your Support Now

We are currently fundraising for three critical areas that will transform how we support survivors in Warrington:

1. The 'Help Yourself' Shop: Restoring Dignity (The Shed Project)

Many women arrive at our refuge with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Our current storage is "bursting at the seams," often forcing us to turn away vital donations of essentials.

The Vision: We are transforming an on-site shed into a dedicated, organised "Help Yourself" shop.

The Impact: This will allow women to choose their own clothing, toiletries, and household essentials for free, restoring a sense of agency and normalcy in a world that has been shattered.

2. An Inclusive Refuge: Extension & Accessibility

Safety must be accessible to everyone. Nationally, less than 1% of refuge vacancies are suitable for women with limited mobility or wheelchair users. We are determined to change this in Warrington.

Our Plan: A major extension to create three fully disabled-accessible, en-suite rooms.

A Space to Heal: The project includes a larger communal area for families to connect and a dedicated office pod so our staff can provide immediate, on-site support to residents.

The Goal: We have a funding target of £350,000 to make this vital expansion a reality.

3. Investing in Expertise: Specialist Staff Training

To provide the best possible care, our team must stay at the forefront of specialist advocacy and therapy.

How you can help

Your donation directly funds the safety of women and children in our community. Whether it's contributing to our £350,000 extension or helping us stock the 'Help Yourself' shop, every pound stays in Warrington to save lives.

- **Donate Online:** Visit our JustGiving page to make a one-off or monthly contribution at <https://www.justgiving.com/charity/warringtonwomensaid>
- **Provide funding:** If anything mentioned above meets your funding criteria and you would like to make a difference, please contact us at office@warringtonwomensaid.org.uk
- **Corporate Partnerships:** We welcome local businesses to sponsor our new office pod or fund a staff training module.
- **Fundraise for Us:** Host an event to help us reach our building targets.
- **Domestic Abuse training:** If you are a company with a HR department, or a significant management structure and would like to educate your leadership team on how to recognise and respond to domestic abuse, get in touch as we provide tailored workplace training at a cost.
- **Corporate Social Responsibility:** If you are a company and wish to leverage your CSR agenda, please get in touch.
- **Charity of the Year:** If you are a company who would like to adopt a 'charity of the year', we may be the perfect charity for you! Please get in touch today.

No woman should have to start over empty-handed. Help us build a safer, more inclusive future for Warrington. To find out more, please contact the CEO Gillian McKinnon on office@warringtonwomensaid.org.uk

Our extension plans – can you help?

