**Helping the Homeless and those living in temporary or fragile accommodation**

**Please refer homeless people and those living in temporary or fragile accommodation to the ARK. Their leaflet is shown below.**

**Tom Griffiths, the Shropshire Council Rough Sleeping Co-ordinator, has attended the Winter Pressure meetings. He has advised that the night shelters will be starting when the temperature drops to zero. He will come back to us with more information on this soon.**

**Tom recommends that anyone sleeping rough calls the Housing Options team on 03456 789 005 to discuss their situation. The Council out of hours number is 01743 257 182. This is call monitoring service. You will be asked to provide a name, location and as many other details as possible and someone should ring you back within two hours.**

**The Housing Officer will decide whether the homeless person has a priority need to be offered temporary accommodation or if the Council has a main duty to house them in temporary accommodation. Tom has said that many of the known rough sleepers in Shrewsbury will not be offered temporary accommodation if they have had placements in recent months which they have been asked to leave either due to their not using the room or because of their behaviour. These individuals will be required to show engagement with multiple services before the Council will reconsider this decision.**