

Moonlight Cubicle CASE STUDY

The Boaz Trust & St Clements Church



Saniflo is a company with sharp commercial credentials, but also a business with a heart. The company raises funds every year for its chosen charity, works with plumbing students and supports a number of worthwhile causes.

In Manchester, The Boaz Trust, along with St Clements Church in Higher Openshaw, runs a night shelter in the church for destitute asylum seekers – seeking leave to stay in the UK. These vulnerable individuals have no recourse to any financial support, are not allowed to work and are at the mercy of organisations that will look after them. Every night a volunteer team collects, feeds and accommodates a growing group of desperate men who would otherwise sleep in the streets and resort to scavenging for food.

Just one element of their health, care and well-being was lacking at the church; the ability to provide proper washroom facilities. A basic, accessible toilet area with small hand basin provided the only opportunity for the individuals to wash, but in this day and age, that provision was inadequate.

A chance conversation between Steve Helme – a parishioner - and his plumber, highlighted a type of shower that could be quickly and easily installed to ease the sanitation woes of the asylum seekers. The unit – a Kinedo cubicle from Saniflo – had been specified by a customer as an integrated solution that required no tiling, no grouting and no silicone. Consisting of internal glass panels - which sit over the preformed edges of a bespoke shower tray – glass door and side panels, plus integrated shelving units, the Kinedo Moonlight cubicle has practical advantages. Easy to clean, due to a special coating on the glass panels (which resists limescale and calcium build-up) and highly durable thanks to the toughened safety glass it sounded a great option for the church. The lack of grout – which can discolour with age – was also a major

attraction. With nothing to lose, Steve sent an email to the team at Saniflo and was floored by the response. He said;

“On the off-chance there was a sample or a demonstration unit that we could procure for least possible cost I emailed the team at Saniflo in charge of the Kinedo cubicles. I was astonished at the company’s quick response which contained a generous offer to donate a cubicle. Keith Howard, their Sales Manager, was so helpful. He advised the correct size for the space available and organised a pre-Christmas delivery. Unfortunately the delivery company dropped a panel when delivering the parcel, but even this was rectified immediately by Saniflo. A demonstration panel arrived with spare parts within 36 hours. The service was simply exceptional.”

Now installed, the cubicle is helping the asylum seekers lead a cleaner, healthier lifestyle and the church’s mission, along with the Boaz Trust, of providing the basics for all, irrespective of situation - has been accomplished.

Jonny Wilson, Boaz Night Shelter Co-ordinator, says;

“This has already made such a difference to those staying at the night shelter. They know that after a day spent walking around Manchester in the cold or rain that a hot shower awaits them before getting to sleep in a warm and safe environment.”