



The Crash Ark

Father Sharpe's Crash Ark – 07/07/06

Lee Evans Partnership is currently working with Father Sharpe of the Lorica Trust on a revolutionary approach to providing shelter for the growing number of homelessness people in our cities.

Hove-based charity Lorica is dedicated to providing accommodation, shelter and support for people who are unable to make adequate provision for themselves. Faced with slashed government expenditure in this area they came up with a radical idea, inspired by the Japanese capsule hotel, currently taking the leisure industry by storm.

'Father Sharpe's Crash Ark' as it is affectionately known is essentially a capsule 6.5' long, 3' wide and 5' high, rather like something you might find on an airplane. The ark will provide not only shelter for each occupant but comfort, privacy and security, features that are often lacking in homeless shelters. The practical, easy-clean interior will offer a bed, lighting, ventilation louvres, storage, a window that can be opened, through which daylight can be channelled, and even the luxury of a flat-screen TV. The beauty of the 'Crash Ark' is its flexibility. Narrow enough to fit through a standard doorway, the ark can be installed into virtually any temporarily redundant building, with the minimum amount of effort and cost.

LEP are currently working on designs for the first prototype.

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