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Moving on from Homelessness in North Wiltshire



Dear Supporter,

Thank you very much for requesting the enclosed SleepOut Pack, including guidelines and general information regarding the event; registration and sponsorship forms.

The SleepOut will take place from 7pm until 7am on Saturday 31st January 2009 at St Andrew's Church, Market Place, Chippenham. The event has been organised to coincide with Homelessness Sunday on 1st February 2009, a national event, in order to increase awareness of homelessness in North Wiltshire and to raise much needed funds for the Doorway drop-in centre.

The SleepOut 2008 raised over £10,500 and Doorway was featured on BBC Points West news ! However, we are aiming to increase both the number of participants and the amount of sponsorship this year.

Please would you photocopy and prominently display the enclosed flyer and poster, or pass it on to someone who can publicise the event.

We are very grateful for the interest that you are showing and hope that you will join us in the SleepOut.

Pre-registration is essential, so that we know roughly how many people will be attending, to enable us to manage the event safely and efficiently. To pre-register please email info@doorwayproject.org.uk or telephone 01249 445385 and then turn up on the night with the completed registration form.

If you have any questions or require further information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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Westlea Housing Association, The Jack Lane Charitable Trust,
Building Safer Communities initiative through the North Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership
and the Wiltshire Drug & Alcohol Action Team.
And donations from individuals, Churches and other Organisations.



SleepOut Information

This information sheet is designed to give you an idea of what Doorway's SleepOut is about and what to expect if you choose to participate in the event.

SleepOut for Doorway

The SleepOut has been organised to coincide with Homelessness Sunday 2009, in order to increase awareness of homelessness in North Wiltshire and to raise much needed funds for the drop-in centre.

We are hoping that the event will bring together a large number of participants from a diverse range of people from the local community.

The event will take place at St Andrew's Church, Market Place, Chippenham and will involve sleeping rough with only minimal protection from the winter weather.

Date and time

The SleepOut starts at **7pm on Saturday 31st January 2009** and carries on through the night until 7am the following morning. You may leave the site at any time but we would appreciate it if you could try and stay on the site all night.

The official welcome and introduction will be at 8pm.

Facilities

Toilet facilities will be provided in the St Andrew's Church Hall throughout the night. Hot drinks will be provided between the hours of 7pm and 11pm; and in the morning between 6am and 7am.

Registration

The registration point will be open from 7pm until 10pm.

On arrival at the site please hand in your registration form to the registration desk to ensure that we are aware that you are on site. The tear-off slip at the bottom of the form will be signed by a SleepOut official as proof of your attendance and is for you to retain.

You **must** ensure that you register and give contact information that we can use in case of an emergency.

Before the night

Please remember that we will be sleeping outside during the night in January and that the weather will be very cold, so ensure that you are prepared physically and mentally. Use the check list below as a guide to what you will need to bring with you in order to protect you from the worst of our winter weather.

Your clothing should be warm and waterproof – several thin layers of clothing are better than one thick layer. A woolly hat, warm footwear and gloves and a sleeping bag will be essential.

Check list for the night - (optional but recommended!)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic groundsheet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard box | <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medication | <input type="checkbox"/> Black bin bag for rubbish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Torch |

Time for Bed

Please take into consideration local residents and also that some of our participants may need to go to work on the Sunday morning and therefore we ask that everyone settles down by midnight. Anyone disturbing other sleepers will be asked to leave.

Money and sponsorship

There is no charge to participate in the SleepOut but we do ask that you raise money for Doorway by getting sponsored to sleep rough for the night. A sponsorship form will be in your SleepOut pack. Doorway is a charity and therefore relies on donations to continue to make a difference to the lives of many homeless people by providing them with a hope for the future.

Please may cheques payable to 'Doorway' and post to the address below; or donate through the PayPal button on the Doorway website.

Important notes

Participants take part in the SleepOut at their own risk :- Doorway will not be held responsible for loss or damage to personal effects, for personal accidents, for injury or loss to third parties.

No illegal drugs are allowed on the site:- If you are caught then you will be asked to leave and the police will be informed.

Thank you for supporting Doorway and please spread the word.

Remember that although we are giving up a warm bed for the night, we still have one to go back home to in the morning...

Please contact Doorway for more information and/or a SleepOut pack including registration and sponsorship forms.

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tel :- 01249 445385

email :- info@doorwayproject.org.uk

address:- Doorway, The Salvation Army Hall, Foghamshire, Chippenham,
Wiltshire SN15 1HB



SleepOut Registration Form

Please hand this form in to the registration desk on arrival at the site.

NAME :	
ADDRESS :	
Emergency Contact	Name: Address: Phone Number:
MEDICAL CONDITIONS/NEEDS :	
SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT PROMISED : £	
Are you representing a church, company, or other organisation? :	
<p>Under 18's are not allowed to participate in the SleepOut. Proof of age may be required.</p> <p>It is important that Doorway is aware of any medical condition which may require treatment and/or may affect participation in the event.</p> <p>If you are not in good health please do not participate - remember this is January and it will be cold!</p> <p>Participants take part in the SleepOut at their own risk :- Doorway cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to personal effects, for personal accidents, for injury or loss to third parties</p>	
Please tear off this slip when signed and retain as proof of attendance at the Doorway SleepOut - 31st January 2009	
NAME :	
ADDRESS :	
SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT PROMISED : £	
SIGNED (by SleepOut official) :	

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