

Signs of Change :-

- Police statistics show violent and drug related crime in Chippenham have reduced.
- Guests say that they feel safe at the centre and are respected by our staff.

Doorway has proved that there are homeless people in Chippenham and we have shown that with a lot of energy and very few resources we are making a very real difference to the lives of our guests and to the community as a whole

How We Are Funded :-

- **Grants** from a variety of charitable, statutory and church sources
- **Contributions in kind:** food, clothing and volunteer time from local churches, individuals and businesses
- It is also our policy to generate as much income as possible from our own community via events we have organised including the annual SleepOut and our Community Engagement Programme using the media and social networking to generate public commitment to support the positive work that we do

How You Can Help :-

Volunteering
Donating food, clothing or money
Recycling mobile phones & printer cartridges
Joining Friends of Doorway
Using everyclick.com as your internet search engine
Leaving a legacy in your will

Contact Information:-

Lisa Lewis
Doorway
The Studio
36 The Causeway
Chippenham
Wiltshire
SN15 3DB
01249 445385

info@doorwayproject.org.uk
www.doorwayproject.org.uk
www.twitter.com/doorwayproject

Doorway Wiltshire Limited, trading as Doorway.
Charitable Company Ltd by Guarantee registered in England
and Wales No. 07232063
Charity No. 1137757

Doorway is a charity currently funded by:-
The Community Foundation for Wiltshire & Swindon, Westlea Housing Association, The Jack Lane Charitable Trust, Wiltshire Council Area Board, John Laing Charitable Trust, Lloyds TSB Foundation, Community First, Chippenham Rotary Club, Leonard Laity Stoate Charitable Trust, Austin & Hope Pilkington Trust, David Fogwill Trust, Zurich Community Trust & numerous donations from individuals, Churches and other local organisations

doorway
Moving on from Homelessness in North Wiltshire

About Doorway



The Doorway drop-in centre is dedicated to providing a warm, safe place for adults who are homeless or vulnerable, and helping them to move on in their lives.

We believe that homeless and marginalised adults are capable of change and will only achieve their full potential when offered a safe, supportive, empowering and non-judgemental environment which will help reverse the downward spiral of homelessness.



Doorway is a drop-in centre based at
The Salvation Army Hall in
Chippenham.

Our service is for single people aged over 16 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; often because they have complex issues, such as debt, mental health problems, substance use or poor life skills which are likely to affect their ability to acquire or sustain a tenancy.

We are currently open for breakfasts on Monday mornings and lunches on Thursday afternoons.

Doorway is the only specialist service for this client group in North Wiltshire and is funded from a variety of charitable, church and statutory sources as well as donations from individuals.

Most of our staff are volunteers who bring a wide variety of skills and life experience to the task.

“Homelessness is often an invisible problem in rural areas like North Wiltshire”

Doorway provides:-

The basic necessities :-

- Freshly prepared hot meals
- Personal showers
- Laundry facilities
- Clothing parcels
- Toiletries
- Sleeping bags
- Food to take away

All free of charge

Support to move on :-

- One to one support from trained staff
- Signposting to specialist support & advice services

Activities such as:-

- Newspapers
- Television
- Table tennis
- Computer games

Activities to build skills and increase self confidence:-

- Music improvisation
- IT classes
- Arts & Crafts Workshops
- Creative Writing

There aren't many visible signs of homelessness in North Wiltshire - unlike the bigger towns and cities, where rough sleeping is clear to see.

More than a third of our guests are sleeping outdoors when they first approach us, but most find refuge with friends or relatives, sleeping on floors or 'sofa-surfing' and liable to be asked to move on at short notice.

Last year we ran 96 sessions attended by 246 individuals. 101 visited for the 1st time.

We aim to help our guests deal with the many issues affecting their ability to secure or maintain a tenancy, by providing one to one support and a variety of activities to increase their self-confidence and teach new skills.

We can also put them in touch with specialist advice and support services.

Our guests tell us they regularly attend the centre because of the freshly cooked food and the warm welcome that they receive.

We are very proud of our catering standards - believing that good food not only satisfies hunger but also provides an environment for socialising, which is often lacking in chaotic lives.