

# doorway

Moving on from Homelessness in North Wiltshire

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## **Doorway Sponsored SleepOut 2016**

Doorway, the Wiltshire charity providing open access drop-in sessions for those finding themselves homeless or vulnerably housed, will be holding a Sponsored SleepOut on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 from 7pm to 7am in St Andrew's Churchyard, Chippenham.

After the phenomenal successes of the five previous SleepOuts, Doorway staff, volunteers, service users, and members of the local community will once again be braving the great British winter weather and sleeping rough to increase awareness of homelessness in Wiltshire and raise much needed funds for the Doorway drop-in centre.

Anyone can take part, although participants under the age of 18 years require parental/guardian consent and must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged at least 18 years old. Minimum age is 10 years old.

Pre-registration is essential, so that we know how many people will be attending in order to enable us to manage the event safely and efficiently. To pre-register please send a completed registration form for each individual (including children) to the Doorway office.

Information packs, including guidelines and general information regarding the event; registration and sponsorship for etc are available for download from the Doorway website.

The annual Doorway Homeless Church Service will be held on the Saturday night at St Andrew's Church at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend even if you are not staying for the entire night.

Local 'celebrity' and antique expert, Marc Allum, has confirmed his attendance at the event. Marc will be telling a scary late night bedtime story amongst the gravestones.

For more information regarding the work of Doorway or how you can support us please email [info@doorwayproject.org.uk](mailto:info@doorwayproject.org.uk); telephone 01249 445385 or visit our website at [www.doorwayproject.org.uk](http://www.doorwayproject.org.uk)

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## Notes to Editor:

### Doorway

- Doorway is a charity called 'Doorway Wiltshire Ltd' Charitable Company Ltd by Guarantee. Registered in England and Wales No. 07232063. Charity No. 1137757
- Doorway is a drop-in for adults aged 16+ who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless or are currently vulnerably housed.
- Many have complex problems including mental health issues, poor education and life skills, drug/alcohol dependencies and unemployment.
- The drop-in is open on Monday mornings from 9.30 to 12.30 pm (last meal at midday) and Thursday afternoons from 12.30 to 3.30pm (last meal at 3pm)
- It is situated in The Salvation Army Hall, Chippenham.
- We offer freshly cooked meals, activities such as music improvisation, IT workshops, creative writing, football training, a women's empowerment group, and one to one support from trained staff
- Doorway relieves poverty and sickness and protects and preserves the good health of homeless and disadvantage people by providing a drop-in centre.
- Our aim is to help people who wish to change their lives to learn new skills and to increase their self-confidence in a friendly, safe environment.
- Doorway is funded by grants and donations from individuals, organisations, businesses, Churches and a variety of charitable sources

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### **Shortlisted for the Wiltshire Council Public Health Award for Outstanding Contribution 2014 Wiltshire Council Public Health Award for action to reduce drug and alcohol misuse 2014**

Doorway is currently funded by:-

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