

Doorway SleepOut 2020 information

Firstly, thank you very much for your interest in the biennial Doorway SleepOut to be held on January 25th 2020 from 7pm in the churchyard at St Andrews Church, Chippenham. This sheet is designed to give you an idea of what the SleepOut is about, and what to expect if you choose to participate.

The SleepOut is a really important date in Doorway's calendar – it not only raises money for the drop-in services we provide but also raises local awareness about our work, and offers a brief insight into what it's like to have to sleep rough, with minimal protection from the elements. You will be sleeping outside in January, so please be prepared for a long night in the cold and wet. Many people like to bring cardboard boxes, or bivouacs, and some sleep under tarpaulins or in just a sleeping bag with something waterproof over them, but please, **NO TENTS** 😊

Registration

It's important that we know how many people will be sleeping out so please ensure that you complete and return the enclosed form before the night. Children aged 10 and older are welcome to join us, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult and have completed a separate registration form.

Sponsorship

This is of course a sponsored event, and the best way to collect sponsorship money is through our VirginMoneyGiving page which you can find by going to the VirginMoney website and searching for Doorway Wiltshire Ltd. Donating this way automatically includes Gift Aid which makes a real difference to the total amount raised. (*See overleaf for detailed instructions on how to set up your fundraising account*). If you are unable to donate online please let us know and we'll email or post you a standard sponsorship form. Last time we raised a staggering £13,000 and this time we're aiming to raise even more, so do your best to raise as much as you can, although every little bit helps.

Facilities

We have booked the church hall as well as the church and churchyard so there will be toilets available all night, and hot drinks in the evening until 11pm and in the morning from 6am (and hopefully some bacon butties too...). A team from St John Ambulance will be on hand all night.

What you will need to bring:

Your clothing should be warm and waterproof – several thin layers of clothing are better than one thick layer. A woolly hat, warm footwear, gloves and a sleeping bag are essentials. It is highly recommended that you bring a large cardboard box as protection from the wind, preferably large enough to actually sleep inside. A groundsheet and/or rollmat would be useful, and a blanket, and it would also help if you bring your own non-breakable drinking mug, but mugs will be available.

A provisional timetable for the night (subject to change):

7pm sleepers sign in, having pre-registered.

8pm there will be a short service in the church for those who'd like to attend.

9pm a local choir will perform inside the church.

10pm Marc Allum of the Antiques Roadshow will read us a spooky bedtime story.

6am hot drinks and breakfast are served.

Overleaf are some important things to note, and a couple of rules....

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.**
- **St John Ambulance will be on site all night in case of medical emergency.**
- **No non-prescription or illegal drugs are allowed on the site; if you are caught then you will be asked to leave and the police will be informed.**
- **The churchyard is part of the town alcohol-free zone therefore we request no alcohol to be brought onto the site.**
- **The site must be vacated by 7am on Sunday. Please ensure that you remove all belongings and rubbish including cardboard boxes.**

How to fundraise for the Sleepout via VirginMoneyGiving:

If you have an account already:

1. Log in to your account
2. Click 'Start new challenge'
3. Enter 'Doorway SleepOut 2020' in the 'what is your fundraising challenge?' box
4. Click 'no' to the question 'Have any of your selected charities contributed to the cost of your event?'
5. Click 'create my page'. You can then share this with your friends and family via email or social media

If you do not already have an account you will need to set one up:

1. Go to the VirginMoneyGiving homepage
2. Click on 'Start Fundraising' at the bottom right of the screen
3. Enter your details
4. Click 'start new challenge'
5. Further steps as above

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