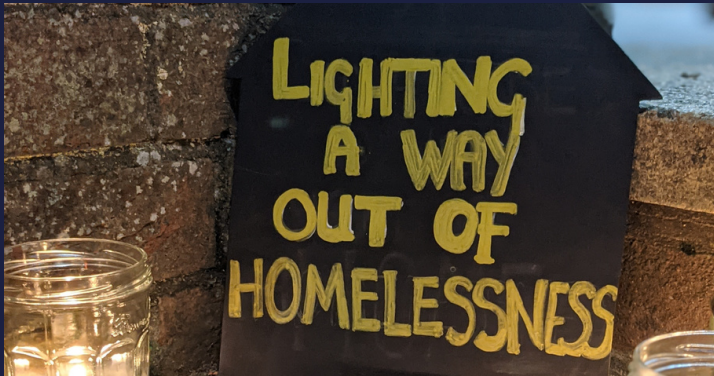




Lighting a way out of homelessness



## What we do

We provide an essential lifeline to people experiencing homelessness in Hampshire.

Founded over 30 years ago as a traditional winter nightshelter (Winchester Churches Nightshelter), we have evolved to become a 24 hour service offering much more than just a safe and welcoming place to stay.

We accommodate 22 people every night of the year across four sites. Each resident benefits from personalised wraparound support to help them to heal and plan a path out of homelessness.

*"This place has turned my life around. Without the staff and people at The Winchester Beacon I reckon I would be dead by now"*

- Former resident

## Supporting the individual

Residents have the opportunity to access a range of support to help them to escape homelessness for good including:

- Psychotherapy
- Peer mentoring
- Employment support
- Tenancy training
- Budgeting advice
- Substance misuse support
- Counselling

Residents are also able to get involved in activities to build self-esteem, relax and gain new skills. Activities include cookery classes, cycling and sport sessions.

## Moving on

Our main building on Jewry Street has 10 single bedrooms. Residents are able to stay as long as it takes for us to help them to secure longer term accommodation and for them to feel ready to move on. The average stay is currently three months.

Some residents move to one of our three four-bedroom off-site properties. This stepping stone gives residents the opportunity to live more independently but with regular and ongoing support from our staff.

*"The Winchester Beacon offers a fantastic temporary safe home for people in need. It provides help and services in a range of ways to get residents back on their feet and ready to face the world again."*

- Volunteer

## Volunteer with us

Volunteering is an opportunity to do something positive and practical to help to improve the lives of people experiencing homelessness.

Our volunteers are an essential part of our service. Each week we need 24 people to help out in a range of roles including evening helpers (6pm-9pm), weekend daytime volunteers (various shifts), onsite and offsite cooks and overnighters (9pm-8am). Volunteers always work alongside a member of staff.

Volunteers choose how regularly they help, simply booking a shift online when they are free.

We also love to hear from people eager to share their skills and experience. Maybe you could help residents with their CV writing, donate legal advice or support our staff with IT training.

*"It's like a family. Everyone giving each other hope."*

- Former resident



Please get in touch to find out more about volunteering, fundraising and donating to support our work:

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