

# SUMMER NEWS 2026

WYCOMBE  
HOMELESS  
CONNECTION



# A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

# A SAFE HOME CHANGES EVERYTHING

**£24** can help answer calls to our homelessness helpline

**£48** can provide emergency support

**£375** can help someone move into a stable home

## PLEASE GIVE TODAY



### SCAN TO GIVE



[www.wyhoc.org.uk/donate](http://www.wyhoc.org.uk/donate)



**01494 447699**

Mon to Fri: 9am to 4pm



**Post a cheque:**

Wycombe Homeless Connection  
Oakley Hall, 8 Castle Street,  
High Wycombe HP13 6RF

All statistics are correct at the time of printing.  
Names may be changed and stock photos used  
to protect the privacy of our clients.

## PLEASE *pray*

### FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE STREET HOMELESS

Pray for people across south Buckinghamshire who are forced to sleep on the streets, in cars or in other unsafe places. Pray that they would experience dignity, compassion and hope, and that we would help more people find safe homes for good.

### GIVE THANKS FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

Give thanks for our volunteers and pray for us as we refresh training this summer, especially around trauma-informed support, and get ready for another night shelter season.

Pray for our conversations as we challenge stigma and help people better understand homelessness.

### RESPONDING WITH COMPASSION

Pray that together we would help change the conversation around homelessness with compassion and understanding. As people created in God's image, may everyone we meet know that they are valued, loved and worthy of dignity.

### GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE OUR MONTHLY PRAYER REQUESTS



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# A MESSAGE FROM HEATHER STANLEY, FUNDRAISING AND MARKETING MANAGER

Dear friends

One of the greatest privileges of my role is seeing our community come together and respond to homelessness. I am constantly encouraged by the kindness and generosity shown by so many people.

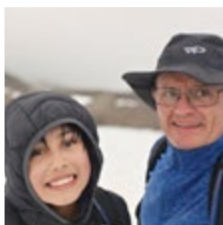
Some take on amazing fundraising challenges, like Nik and Victoria climbing Ben Nevis, while our friends at Business Connexions organised another fantastic charity golf day. Corporate teams like Barnett Waddingham generously give time to sort food donations and stocktake clothing. While these acts of kindness all look different, together they make a huge impact for people experiencing homelessness. They help provide practical support, dignity and hope to people facing difficult situations.

Right now, we need your support more than ever. Like many charities, this is a challenging time financially, and we continue to rely on donations to keep our services running and meet increasing need. If you've wondered whether you could support Wycombe Homeless Connection, now is the time. Every donation, every hour volunteered and every act of kindness helps us continue supporting people facing homelessness across our community.

***Please take a moment to look at our appeal opposite and, if you can, give today. Please also consider setting up a regular gift if you do not already give that way.***

We also need more volunteers to support our fundraising and practical work. Whether you are a volunteer already or not, there are many ways to get involved and every hour helps. Read on to find out how your support changes lives.

With blessings.



NIK AND VICTORIA AT THE SUMMIT

# A LIFELINE WHEN IT WAS NEEDED MOST

After nearly 20 years in the same rented home, one local resident received an eviction notice out of the blue. The thought of losing their home was frightening.

The resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, said:

***“Receiving an eviction notice from my home I’d rented for not far off 20 years was distressing and daunting. The letting agents expected instant action and thought we should be fully knowledgeable about the process and legality of things.”***

Feeling overwhelmed and unsure of what to do, they contacted us.

Our Homelessness Prevention team help people at risk of losing their home. Through expert advice, practical support and regular contact, our trained volunteers and staff help people understand their options so they can take steps to stay safely housed. In 2025, we helped 45 households avoid unfair or illegal evictions.

For our client, knowing they weren’t alone made a difference.

***“Seeking help and speaking to the team was a blessing. They reassured me at every step. Their advice and care went beyond what I expected and took off a lot of the stress.”***

Having clear advice, friendly support and someone who understands the system helps people feel in control. Throughout the process, the team stayed in touch, answered questions and offered reassurance.

Looking back on their experience, after the crisis was resolved, our client said:

***"I am so very grateful for everyone's help. It cannot be put into words. Thank you."***

Stories like this show why homelessness prevention matters. The kindness of supporters, the dedication of volunteers and the commitment of our staff help people when they need it most.

**TOGETHER, WE ARE NOT ONLY RESPONDING TO HOMELESSNESS,  
WE ARE HELPING TO PREVENT IT.**

## LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY OF HOPE



**Every day, we meet people whose lives have been changed because someone chose to care. A safe place to sleep, support through crisis, help finding a home.**

By leaving a gift in your will to Wycombe Homeless Connection, you help ensure that support continues for years to come.

After taking care of your loved ones, even a small gift could make a life-changing difference.

Your legacy could help provide emergency support, practical help and hope for people with nowhere else to turn.

Find out more at:

[wyhoc.org.uk/legacy](https://wyhoc.org.uk/legacy)

Or call Heather:



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# A SNAPSHOT OF OUR IMPACT

**Your support makes a difference every single day.**

From providing practical help and emergency support to bringing hope, dignity and stability to people facing homelessness, these numbers represent lives changed across our community. Here's just a quick look at what we achieved together since the beginning of 2026.



**11**

EVICCTIONS  
AVOIDED



**13**

PEOPLE ASSISTED BY  
THE HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC



**664**

SUPPORT CENTRE  
VISITS



**135**

PEOPLE ATTENDED THE  
SUPPORT CENTRE



**579**

EMERGENCY FOOD AND  
CLOTHING PACKS



**26**

PEOPLE ATTENDED  
PLUG-IN SINCE APRIL



**25**

OUTREACH WALKS



**13**

PEOPLE OFFERED HELP ON  
OUTREACH WALKS

## STAY CONNECTED

[wyhoc.org.uk/keep-in-touch](https://wyhoc.org.uk/keep-in-touch)

**Sign up to receive our supporter emails and be the first to hear about the difference your support is making.**

We'll share inspiring stories, updates from our services, upcoming events, volunteering and giving opportunities and ways you can help people experiencing homelessness in your community. It's a simple, cost-effective way to stay informed, see the impact of your support and be part of the journey towards ending homelessness.

# CALLING ALL BAKERS, MAKERS AND GROWERS!

We're looking for delicious homemade treats and homegrown produce for our Cake and Produce Stall at the Beaconsfield Country Fayre on Monday 31 August.

Thanks to your incredible generosity, last year's stall raised an amazing £1,000 to support local people experiencing homelessness. We'd love to make this year's stall even bigger and better! We'd be delighted to receive:

- Cakes, biscuits, cupcakes and other sweet treats
- Homemade preserves, marmalade and honey
- Homemade bread
- Fresh allotment produce
- Houseplants and garden plants

We are delighted that Cllr Alex Dunlop, Mayor of Beaconsfield, has chosen Wycombe Homeless Connection as his charity of the year alongside the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. We will be benefitting from a higher profile at the fayre alongside other events during his term.

**Every donation, big or small, helps.  
Can you pledge a gift?**

Let us know what you'd like to make or donate and we can arrange to collect or you can drop at our Support Centre in time for the event:



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[wyhoc.org.uk/cake](http://wyhoc.org.uk/cake)



# VOLUNTEER WITH US!

**Behind every conversation shared, every phone call answered and every person supported is a community of amazing volunteers giving their time, skills and compassion.**

Whether you can help at events, support behind the scenes, drive equipment, sort donations or volunteer directly with the people we support, there are so many ways to get involved.

This issue we want to highlight some roles that might be great for you if you're an organiser!

## Events administrator:

Love making things happen behind the scenes? Work with our community and events fundraising officer to make community events run smoothly. You'll book activities, liaise with organisers, build volunteer rotas, prepare event materials and keep everything on track. Includes a mix of office and remote tasks. Busier in the spring and winter, up to a day a week.

## Speaker coordinator:

We're looking for a volunteer to coordinate our growing team of speakers. You'll respond to requests for talks, liaise with speaker volunteers and make sure we fulfil every opportunity. Perfect for someone confident with email, scheduling, and communication. A few hours a month.



[volunteer.enquiries@wyhoc.org.uk](mailto:volunteer.enquiries@wyhoc.org.uk)



**MORE THAN 30 WHC VOLUNTEERS "TOOK OVER" WYCOMBE RYE PARKRUN, RAISING AWARENESS WITH RUNNERS**



BARNETT  
WADDINGHAM

*Thank you!*

Part of **HOADEN**

Amersham-based company Barnett Waddingham have been long time supporters of WHC. Two teams of staff recently joined us on their corporate social responsibility days. They packed emergency food parcels, sorted donations of food and clothing and did a massive stock take for us. What a difference you made - thank you.

Are you a corporate group looking to help end homelessness? See page 11 for a BIG opportunity.

Are you a corporate team passionate about helping people in a housing crisis? Get in touch with Sarah and we can help you today!

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## CHALLENGE EVENTER:

### CAROLINE'S CHILTERN RIDGE HALF MARATHON 5 JULY

Caroline is supporting WHC in 2026 through her business, Willow & White Interiors. She will be doing volunteering and fundraising activities and is also donating a percentage of all her design fees. Amazing!

To kick things off, Caroline is running the Chiltern Ridge Half Marathon. Her usual distance is 5km, so 21.1km is a big step up, especially with hills and mixed terrain. She joined us at our Wycombe Rye Parkrun takeover in May as part of her training. (pictured)



*"I'd love to raise as much as possible, so if you're able to donate, even a small amount, I'd really appreciate it. Thanks so much, Caroline x"*

[www.justgiving.com/page/willowandwhiteinteriors](https://www.justgiving.com/page/willowandwhiteinteriors)

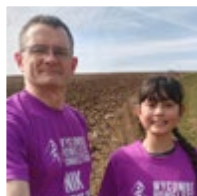


# SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT *Thank you!*



Our inspiring supporters have helped people move away from homelessness towards a brighter future.

GET IN TOUCH  
IF YOU'D LIKE TO  
CREATE LASTING  
CHANGE



**£2522**

NIK AND VICTORIA'S  
BEN NEVIS CHALLENGE



**Orange Aero**

**£5000**

ORANGE AERO SUPPORTED OUR SHELTER



**£663.98**

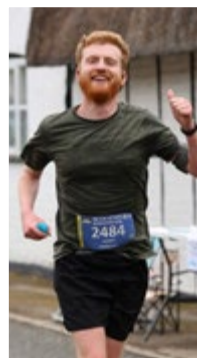
FROM THE CHRISTIAN UNION'S  
'CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS' PARTY

JOHN HAMPDEN  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



**Garfield Weston**  
FOUNDATION

FOR THEIR GENEROUS  
CHARITABLE GRANT



**£1230**

REV JONNY'S MILTON  
KEYNES MARATHON

  
**Scouts**  
**£798.75**

1ST SEER GREEN SCOUTS'  
WINTER SLEEPOUT

## ANNUAL SHOWCASE *You're invited!*

Join us for a special evening where we look forward to hearing from our keynote speaker, Simon Hewett-Avison, CEO of Homeless Oxfordshire, about the future of homelessness support.



**Tuesday 7 July**



**7 - 9.15pm**



**Wycombe Museum, HP13 6PX**

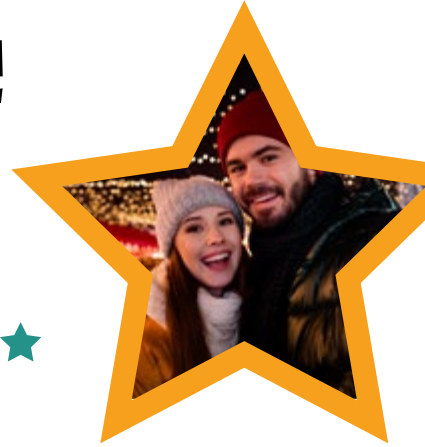
Let us know you can join us:

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**FRIDAY**  
**13** NOVEMBER  
**2026**

 **THE WALLED GARDEN**  
**WEST WYCOMBE HP14 3AP**



**NEW**

**Swap your bed for a sleeping bag for one powerful night of challenge, community and action.**

Build your own shelter, sleep beneath the November sky and raise money to help end homelessness.

Before the overnight Sleepout begins, spend the evening at the Together Festival beneath fairy lights and lanterns as our community comes together for a night that matters.

**BOOK FROM 7 JULY!**

**SLEEPOUT: AGES 12+  
WITH TICKETED ENTRY**

**FESTIVAL: ALL AGES FREE  
(WITH SUGGESTED DONATION)**



[wyhoc.org.uk/bigssleepout2026](https://wyhoc.org.uk/bigssleepout2026)





# A SAFE HOME CHANGES EVERYTHING



**People across south Buckinghamshire are facing homelessness because of rising rents, family breakdown, illness or unexpected crises. Donate today and help change lives.**

**£24**

can help answer calls to our homelessness helpline, ensuring someone facing crisis receives expert advice before they lose their home.

**£48**

can provide emergency support and practical essentials for someone who is sleeping rough.

**£153**

can help keep our homelessness helpline and support services available when people need them most.

**£375**

can help someone move from homelessness into a stable home, covering the practical costs of a fresh start.

**GIVE NOW: STOP HOMELESSNESS  
AND PROVIDE HOPE WHEN PEOPLE  
NEED IT THE MOST**

\*Your gift will be used where need is the greatest.



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