



# Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

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## What is homelessness?

This is the question that we asked a group of young people who were participating in the National Citizen Service. After a lot of thought, debate and discussion, this is their definition: "Homelessness is a person with no permanent residence of which they have a lawful right to. This can lead to an exclusion from society which can cause mental health issues such as depression, paranoia and can cause a person to feel vulnerable. The person will have no easy access to basic necessities which are often overlooked in everyday life. There is often a negative stigma surrounding being homeless."

We believe that this definition shows amazing insight into the struggles and complexities of homelessness. As AHAG continue to persevere in supporting those people within our community who are either facing homelessness or have become homeless, we thank you all of those people who continue to partner us in our work.



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## Kop Hill Climb

Once again AHAG are one of the selected charities at the Heart of Bucks Kop Hill climb event, which is being held on 17-18 September. This is an annual charity event involving entrants to the hill climb and displays of classic and cherished cars and motorcycles.

More information about the event can be found at [www.kophillclimb.org.uk](http://www.kophillclimb.org.uk)



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## National Citizen Service

This summer AHAG had the privilege once again to work with two cohorts from the National Citizen Service to enhance their skills and become involved in a social action project within their community. They learned about the issues of homelessness and the work that we do and went on to do a fantastic job in raising both awareness and funding for AHAG.



## Local Schools

Staff have visited two schools to talk about the work that AHAG does. William Harding School in Aylesbury were completing a community project called 'Go-givers'. They came up with the idea to help local children / families who are homeless. In addition to raising funds at their school fete, they also collected items to add to our "kettle packs".

Gateway School in Great Missenden also raised an amazing £5000 for AHAG this year with a range of activities and events throughout the year.

## Staff changes

As we say goodbye to Grace, one of our case workers who is moving on to work with a housing provider, we look forward to welcoming Rhian. She will be starting work with us in September.

To find out more about what we do at AHAG you can visit our website [www.ahag.org.uk](http://www.ahag.org.uk), telephone us on 01296 435026 or email [info@ahag.org.uk](mailto:info@ahag.org.uk)

## The Hub

We saw 118 clients at the Hub between April and July of whom 47 were new.

11 clients were assisted into housing during the same period.

We are currently running Financial Capability Training in conjunction with Citizen's Advice Bureau. It covers budgeting, debt, credit and banking. It is an interactive project for helping people improve skills in managing their money.