



Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

Registered Charity Number 1009983

NEWSLETTER

Issue 5

October 2015



Message from the Operations Team

AHAG has continued to see a steady increase in the number of people asking for our help. We have seen 103 people between June and September and 57 of those were new to our services.

We are focusing our efforts on Homeless Prevention. Our aim is to prevent people from becoming homeless by providing on-going tenancy support which is vital in ensuring that our clients are able to sustain their housing and preventing them from the repeating cycle of homelessness. To raise greater awareness of the services we provide we have a new website which we hope is easier to use provides more details. Please take a look on www.ahag.org.uk.

We have also produced two new leaflets, one for clients and one for the public which detail the services we provide. If you would like an electronic copy please contact us on: info@ahag.org.uk.

We have been fortunate in recruiting a specialised marketing volunteer who will lead a small marketing team further promoting the work of AHAG in the Aylesbury Vale and will be key in communicating a prevention message.

National Citizen Service

AHAG were extremely fortunate to be selected as partners in the Government sponsored National Citizenship Scheme. Two groups of 16 – 17 year old young people on the scheme and who chose to work with AHAG attended Rickfords Hill for a morning where they learnt about the issues of being homeless. As part of the session they were challenged to explore and write a definition on homelessness. Their definition was: “no legal place to stay that provides you with safety and security. This includes sofa surfers, squatters, rough sleepers, cars, bins, shelters, parks and train stations. Being homeless affects the choices you make and causes you to be constantly vulnerable.”

We so enjoyed our sessions with these young people and believe that teaching them about the issues of homelessness is so important in helping to prevent it to happening to them.

Following the morning input the groups then had to spend the rest of the week fund raising for us, they raised a total in excess of £1200.



Vacancies

We now have vacancies for volunteers to help both at the 'hub' and to work within our marketing team. For further information on the 'hub' please contact: michelle@ahag.org.uk or for marketing contact: mel@ahag.org.uk



Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

Registered Charity Number 1009983

Kop Hill Climb

AHAG were invited to be one of the selected charities at this year's Kop Hill climb event, which was held in September. This is an annual charity event involving entrants to the hill climb and displays of classic and cherished cars and motorcycles. We provided a stand with details of our services and an old car with the powerful message of 'Could this be your home?' on its windscreen with some interesting reactions!



Volunteers

We have lost the services of two 'hub' volunteers recently, Trudy and Jade, who have both secured employment. They will both be missed and we would like to wish them well for their future careers.

Trudy has been a long serving volunteer who generously gave at least two days a week to AHAG, working at the 'hub' and in addition often working at Rickfords Hill assisting with the administration.



Donations

We continue to be grateful to all the people, organisations and churches who donate to our charity. This makes a tremendous difference to the work that we do. We would particularly like to say thank you to Aylesbury Mosque following their kind donation following Eid.