

What is Open Door?

Providing a bed for the night

Open Door helps vulnerable adults in the St Albans area. The Charity set up the night shelter in Bricket Road, where we help over 500 people each year with short term accommodation needs, together with drop-in and street outreach.

This service is managed by Hightown Housing Association, with professional staff and volunteers supporting homeless people in planning a more secure and independent future.

Offering advice and support

The drop-in service offers a range of support and advice, including housing and health issues. The people using the service may be homeless, sleeping rough or experiencing other difficulties. It offers a warm welcome, food and drink and a safe place to be. Users have internet access to information about education, training and employment opportunities.

Reaching out to the vulnerable on the streets

Our outreach team works with local agencies to reduce the number of people sleeping rough, often bringing them in to Open Door. It's easy to feel invisible when you're on the streets, and Open Door may be the only opportunity to get help when it's urgently needed.

Why do we need your help?

Helping our finances

Whilst the premises are provided rent free from St Albans City and District Council, and grants come from local authorities, charities and government agencies, additional funds are always needed.

The Open Door Charity gives some £50,000 each year towards the running costs and to pay for a counselling service and a part time Volunteers Coordinator. The Charity also pays for the long term maintenance of the premises, as well as for other goods and services that public grants do not provide.

Open Door couldn't continue without generous donations from schools, community organisations, businesses and individuals.

We are very grateful to groups or individuals who fundraise for Open Door, by organising events or raising sponsorship. For more ideas, see the A to Z of fundraising on our website

www.opendoorstalbans.org

Thank you for your support!

Helping as a volunteer

Our volunteers are invaluable in supporting the users of Open Door. There is a wide range of volunteer opportunities, such as

- Preparing and serving meals
- Socialising during the evening at the Night Shelter and weekday lunchtimes at the Drop In
- Mentoring service users
- Helping develop people's practical and personal skills
- Helping with the charity's administration
- Helping with fundraising and street collections
- Collecting and sorting donated food
- Becoming a Trustee

To find out more please visit our website,
or contact us—
phone and email details are overleaf



Your Response

* Please accept my gift of £.....
Please make cheques payable to Open Door St Albans, and post with this form to the address below. You may also give online via our website opendoorstalbans.org.

* I wish to become a Friend of Open Door and make regular payments. Please send me a Standing Order Form.

Gift Aid - Please tick the box, if appropriate:
 I want to Gift Aid my donation of £..... to Open Door.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Name.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....

Signed.....

Please post this form to Lindsey Mcleod,
10 Edward Close, St Albans AL1 5EN, or
email mcleod1206@btinternet.com

Information about you may be held in electronic form and we may wish to send you further information about Open Door from time to time.

If you **do not** want to receive such information please tick here

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Join our team of Volunteers
www.opendoorstalbans.org
Call: 01727 859113
Email:
volunteeradmin@hightownha.org.uk

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online via our website or at
<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/opendoorstalbans>



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How you can help

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