



Alabaré Drop In Centres

Alabaré News: Close Up

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Did you know...

- Two out of three homeless people have been homeless more than once.¹
- One in ten have been homeless more than 10 times.¹
- 1/4 have been homeless for more than five years.¹
- 70% have mental health needs.²
- 19% have difficulties reading and writing English (compared to 2-3% of the general population).³

¹ Option Leader Research (2006) Homeless People and Learning and Skills – participation, barriers and progression. Crisis, London
² Kenway, P and Palmer G (2003) How many, how many? Single Homelessness and the question of numbers and cost. Crisis, London
³ Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (2005) Key findings from the Supporting People Baseline User Survey ODPM London.

Funding our Drop In Centres

As you will be aware from our last few newsletters, funding our Drop In Centres is a constant challenge. Drop In Centres do not receive statutory funding despite the invaluable services that they provide, and therefore nearly all running costs must be met by charitable donations.

Last year our three centres faced their biggest challenge yet, and we were forced to launch an emergency appeal to keep each open. We had a great response to the appeal which ensured that the centres could continue to serve their vulnerable clients. Unfortunately this money could only plug the short-term gap and so we have reviewed the services we were providing in order to build sustainable Drop Ins for the future.

Our staff, managers, volunteers and clients have been involved in this year's review, working together to define the fundamental services of the Drop Ins. These include practical services such as providing hot meals and drinks, showers and washing facilities, a

clothing bank and housing information with access to housing services." Our teams will provide additional services such as Independent Life Skills courses where funding permits.

We are confident from the feedback we have already had from our clients that we are answering their basic needs with our services and of how valuable the Centres are to them.

Our review has enabled us to develop a funding strategy which we are confident will fulfil the costs of the centres on a sustainable basis. As a supporter of Alabaré and someone who is familiar with the value of our Centres, we hope you will play a part in helping us to secure the future of the Drop Ins. You can read more about how we are asking you to make a small but very valuable donation on the back page.

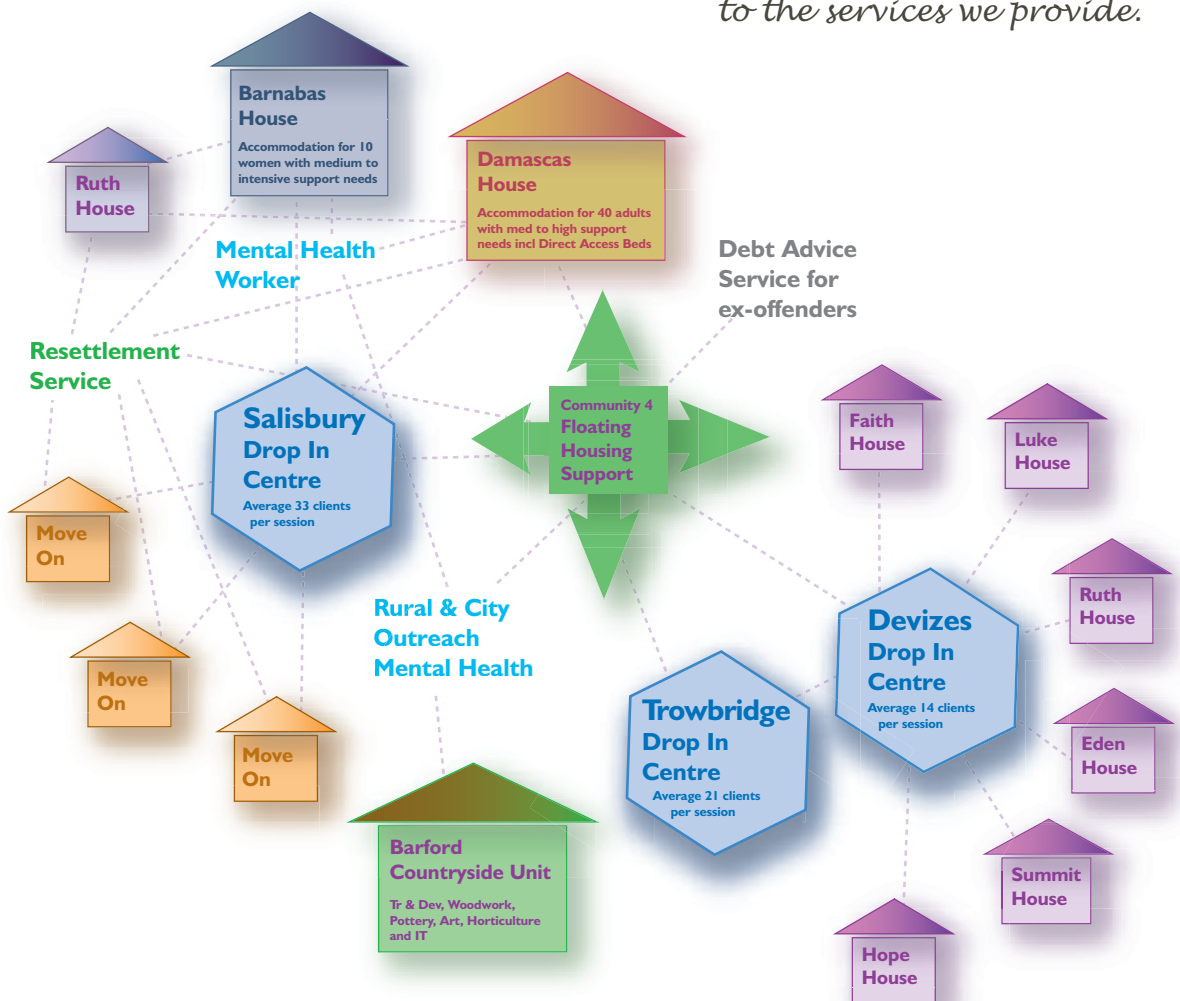


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Putting you in the picture

On this page we have tried to show you how some of our projects fit together to form a network of services, answering the individual needs of the hundreds of clients we work with each year.

*This diagram does not cover all of our projects by far, but shows clearly how integral our **Drop In Centres** are to the services we provide.*



The purpose of the Drop In Centres is:

To provide a warm and welcoming facility for homeless people who are in need of shelter, hot food and drinks, and practical assistance.

“Often clients tell me that they feel prejudged by society and the Centre is able to offer them a place where they can come in and not feel criticised.”

Doreen, Centre Manager

Jane is 47 years old. During a very abusive childhood as the daughter of a prostitute, Jane started taking drugs at the age of 13. Having been forced to live many years of her young adult life on the streets, Jane eventually managed to secure some council accommodation. Against the odds, Jane was able to maintain her tenancy for 12 years.

Around 2 years ago, Jane started visiting Alabaré's Drop In Centre and began opening up to one of the team members. Eventually she felt able to talk about the horrendous childhood that she had had, including how she had been sold to the highest bidder when aged just 7.

Jane is working through her issues now and looks positively towards the future. With Alabaré's support Jane has secured a place in an all female rehab centre to help her conquer her addictions and come to terms with her past.

It could be 18 months before she is ready to move back into independent living, but they do say that life begins at 50!

Our best wishes to Jane.

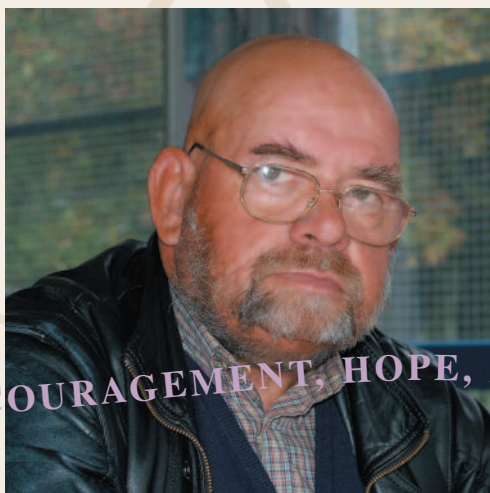


“The food is essential. And the staff are always friendly and helpful. Where would we be without your support?”

Drop In Centre client

“Primarily I come to the Drop In for the food which I appreciate greatly. The kindness and good nature of the staff, the banter and respect they display to users of the facilities. It is very heartening to know there are loving people around doing good for those in challenging circumstances.”

Drop In Centre client



Photos are not necessarily of clients referred to in this publication. Names have been changed to respect client confidentiality.

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Please be 1 of our 3 in 1000

As you will have read on our front page, we have a real need for secure funding to help sustain our Drop In Centres. Below we have outlined how we hope you will help us achieve this. Each Centre costs around £50,000 each year to run. We aim to raise this by:

- Raising 10% of costs from Local Authority Grants – these are not guaranteed each year, and cuts in their funding mean that we are unlikely to receive any increase in income from this source.
- Securing 3 years of ongoing support from Charitable Trusts and businesses which we hope will cover 30% of the costs.
- Asking for continuing support from Churches and Community Groups who have always been committed donors in the past – accounting for around 10% of costs.
- Securing ongoing support from 100+ individuals providing 50% of costs.

Asking for a 50% or £75,000 contribution from you our supporters seems like a huge amount to aim for, but... **...if just 3% of the adult population of Wiltshire donates £5 per month we could secure this amount each year.**

Population of Wiltshire (Exc Swindon)	500,000 approx
No of Adults	350,000 approx
3 donors in every 1000 adults	1,050 approx
Average donation	£5 per month
Provides	£5,250 per month
Gift Aid (assuming 67% of donors consent)	£11,818 per year

Total Annual Giving £74,818

Please help us reach this target by making a regular donation to our appeal

– you can do this by completing the form below. If you'd prefer to make a one-off donation, please do – we're very grateful for your support. *Thank you*

I would like to make a donation of £5 £10 £50 £100 Other _____

giftaid it (tick here to consent) - Please tick here if you are a tax payer and would like us to be able to claim Gift Aid on this and all donations you have made to us in the last six years (prior to this year) and all future donations you make to us until further notice. To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount we will claim in the tax year.

Regular donation by Standing Order	
To the Manager (Bank/Building Society Name)	
Bank/Building Society Address	
Postcode	
Name of Account Holder/s	
Account Number	
Sort Code	
Please pay the Royal Bank of Scotland (16-31-12), Salisbury Branch, 14 Minster Street, Salisbury SP1 1TP, to the credit of Alabaré Christian Care Centres (a/c 11119999), the sum of:	

£5	£10	£50	Other
each month	each quarter	each year	
Until further notice (please tick amount & frequency)			
Starting on (date of first donation)			
Signed		Date	
Please return your completed Bank Standing Order Form to Alabaré at the address below. DO NOT SEND TO YOUR BANK.			

We would like to keep you informed of the work we are doing at Alabaré Christian Care Centres. If you are not happy for us to use your contact details for this purpose, please tick here We may occasionally share information with other organisations whose values are similar to Alabaré's. If you do not wish your details to be shared then please tick here

I enclose my cheque made payable to Alabaré Christian Care Centres

My contact details are	
Title	Full name
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone	
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Please debit my			
Visa	Mastercard	Switch	CAF card
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3 digit code (on signature strip)		Exp date	Issue No

If you prefer not to receive acknowledgement of your donation please tick here

Please use my donation towards Alabaré's...

- Drop In Centres (general)
- Devizes Drop In Centre
- Salisbury Drop In Centre
- Trowbridge Drop In Centre

- ✓ I would like to receive the Alabaré newsletter (twice yearly).
- ✓ I would like to receive email news updates.

Please return this form to us at: Alabaré Christian Care Centres, FREEPOST (SCE 9703), SALISBURY SP1 2YZ

