

TAKE THE ROTARY SLEEPOUT CHALLENGE 2016

JOIN US ON 17 SEPTEMBER



On Saturday the 17 September 2016, in support of the homeless and local homeless charities, the Rotary Club of Canterbury Sunrise is inviting 50 influential leaders and other VIPs to a one-night sleep out in the Cathedral Precincts. This is following on the success of our 2013 Sleepout in the Cathedral which raised an impressive £39,000.

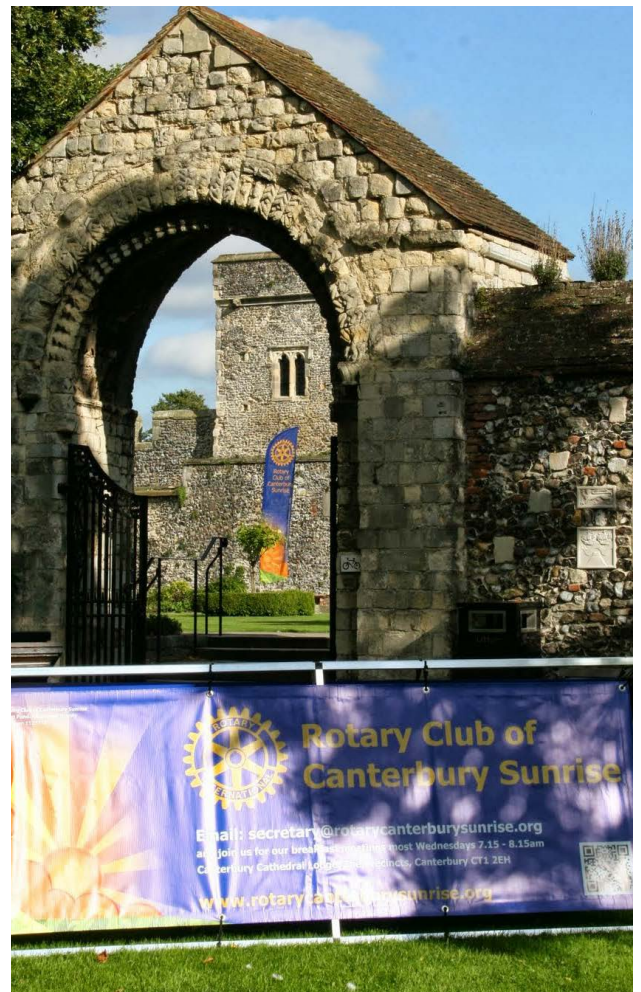
INVITATION

Our aim is to develop awareness of the issues surrounding homelessness and to raise substantial funding in support of the two main charities who deal with the homeless in our local area namely Catching Lives and Porchlight.

Catching Lives provides basic human needs such as food, sanitation and clothing from its Canterbury Open Centre located by Canterbury East Station. From here the charity works with the daily service users in tackling their issues or quickly finding access to accommodation and putting an end to their street living. Porchlight works to change people's lives for the better by helping the most vulnerable and isolated people in our community to access housing and related support services.

With so many charities asking for funding we are conscious of some scepticism surrounding homelessness.

Becoming homeless is not the preserve of the feckless: relationships can break down and jobs can be lost leaving the once treasured financial security that supports a home in tatters. Alcohol and other substance misuse and leaving an institution including the armed forces, local authority care, hospital and prisons are further causes for men. For women, physical or mental health problems and escaping a violent relationship are the most common reasons for becoming homeless. Once homeless, access to work and benefits is almost impossible, thereby worsening the problem.



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Why is this of interest to you and how can you be involved?

Even those of us who feel completely secure in ourselves can be prone to sudden and unexpected events that can devastate our lives. Fortunately for most of us this rarely if ever occurs; for others life is less generous.

As people in business, we accept our social responsibilities and invite you similarly to share in this worthy enterprise of working to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our local area.

This is why we are inviting you to join us on the evening of Saturday 17 September 2016 to experience sleeping out in support of the homeless and homeless charities.

What will be involved?

In 2013 we provided tents and an open gazebo area. This time we will be asking you to emulate those sleeping rough by building your own simple cardboard and plastic shelter to sleep in. There will still be an open gazebo area as there's not enough room for everyone to sleep in their own shelter. We are asking 50 influential leaders and other VIPs to join us to sleep overnight within the Cathedral precincts.

For those not in the gazebo you will make your own shelter and all materials will be provided. You will need to provide your own sleeping equipment such as sleeping bag and inflatable mattress. Soup, cheese rolls, tea and coffee will be provided in the evening and you will wake up to bacon and egg rolls, tea and coffee.

We ask that you raise a minimum of £250 in sponsorship in addition to a £25 administration fee,

the latter to be paid on acceptance of this invitation. You may wish to raise the sponsorship money from, amongst others, your staff, friends, family and colleagues.

Funds raised will be given equally to Catching Lives and Porchlight, information about which will be provided to you in advance of the event together with our Terms and Conditions.

Please sign up now

By inviting the key decision makers from major local businesses and other organisations, we aim to raise attention to the problem and attract substantial, much-needed funding, to address homeless issues in the local area. This will undoubtedly improve the lives of those needing help and demonstrate that businesses in Canterbury promote social responsibility for the benefit of all who live in or visit our City and we look forward to you joining us in this enterprise.



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