

East Northants Community Services (ENCS) – September 2018 update

Also serving the district through the East Northants Faith Group (ENFG)

(Registered Charity Number 1154210)



ENCS NEWS

Thank you to Tesco at Wellingborough for donating almost £183 to ENCS as proceeds of a recent car boot sale. Thank you also to all the vendors, buyers and other people involved – and to the many individuals and groups who regularly give donations.

More generally, we are on track to receive about £20,000 in donations this year, as we did last year.

DIARY DATES

- a **homelessness sleepover** – to raise awareness and funds - will be taking place in Rushden on the night of Friday 25th January. More details later.
- Before then, on Wednesday 17th October: Helen Allan will be talking about **the work of ENCS** (including Night Shelter, Recovery House, Food Bank, Community Repaint, Cornerfield Café), 7 for 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, Midland Road, Rushden – an Anglican Deanery Synod meeting, open to all.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

- **Sanctuary Night Shelter** – people are needed for the night shift (10pm to 9am):
 - A couple of volunteers are needed for the **Cornerfield Café**, particularly on Thursday mornings
 - A **volunteer handyman** would be very useful
- Helen Allan has more details on the above - 07871999020.

ENCS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The various ENCS services feature on a total of **four Facebook pages** between them. ENCS in general, the recovery House and the Food Bank can all be accessed from East Northants Community Services on Facebook, and there is also a long-standing separate page for the Sanctuary Night Shelter, with many followers. In addition, information on ENCS and the East Northants Faith Group is regularly added to the **ENCS website** (www.encs.org.uk).

From 1st October, Rebecca Rowley will be employed part-time as our **Social Media Manager** (on a three months trial period), following an open competition and having previously been a volunteer. Please contact Rebecca if you have any relevant information or suggestions for promoting the work of ENCS (rebeccarowley90@gmail.com).

Neighbourhood Watch

One of the first Neighbourhood Watch schemes was set up in the county in 1983. Since then, many thousands have been created as a way of preventing crime and strengthening very local communities. To find out about any that are near you, please visit <http://northantsnhw.co.uk>
Why not help set one up, if there's not one nearby?

The next **East Northants Community Leaders' Lunch** will hopefully take place in November: details to follow shortly.

A COUPLE OF FORTHCOMING CHURCH-BASED EVENTS:

'**Mission Possible**' will be taking place on the evening of Saturday 6th October at Rushden Full Gospel Church, 60 High Street South, Rushden, NN10 0QX
Time: 7 to 9pm

Admission fee (if applicable): £10 – concessions available
Contact information: Mark Lees - 01933 418002 and <http://buytickets.at/rushdenfullgospelchurch/192645>
15 word description: With music, short talks and Turkish food.

'**The God Particle**' – a scientist and a vicar walk into a bar... - a Christian-based romantic comedy play with a hint of sci-fi written by James Cary. Tour dates are available at <https://www.thegodparticleplay.com> – including at Woodside Church, Bedford on Friday 2nd November.

The next meeting of **Friends of Refugees East Northants** (formerly known as the East Northants Refugee Support Group) will be taking place at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th January – at Rushden Full Gospel Church.

Transport of Hope was formed as a community organisation in June 2017 after the operations of the Helpful Humans charity ceased. Clothes and supplies for refugees are sorted locally and passed on to Friends of Refugee group in Bedford and Derby, they then go out to Europe and into Syria. We also supply clothing for homeless people by direct distribution via Teen Challenge Wellingborough or groups such as ENCS and Wellingborough Homeless Forum.

During September, Transport of Home starts to think about getting warm clothing and supplies to homeless and displaced people.

Donations of the following always wanted:

- Men's clothes
- Toiletries
- Wind up torches.
- Blankets
- Rucksacks
- Bottled water 500 ml.
- Sanitary pads and towels.
- Sleeping bags
- Sleep mats (or yoga mats)
- Rain ponchos.
- Women's and children's clothes.

In addition to the above we also take new or good condition second hand cuddly toys, these are passed to Northamptonshire Search and Rescue.

We also take gift items (new) for fundraising and local charities.

Chris Clavey can be messaged on the **Transport of Hope Facebook page** if you require a collection or are interested in getting involved.

Please contact Andrew Presland at andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com or by phone on 01933 316927 if you would like any more information on anything mentioned on this sheet.