

FOOTSTEPS

Helping the Homeless and the Needy

FOOTSTEPS is a Drop-in-Centre which opens on Sunday evenings only between 5.30 and 8.00 p.m. each week at the Centre at Leapale Lane, Guildford. It was founded in 1990 by a group of concerned Guildford people from local churches, particularly St. Joseph's R.C. church, who felt that there was an urgent need to help the homeless and underprivileged in and around Guildford. It is a registered charity (RCN: 1085472).

As many as 20 to 30 men and women, young and old, attend the Centre where they can shower, shave, have soup and sandwiches, read newspapers or just have a chat. All food and facilities are provided completely free. A team of 30 volunteers take it in turns to run the Centre; of these, two (known as Key Holders) supervise as well as open and close the Centre with the help of three or four others. The food, consisting of soup and sandwiches, is made by a volunteer cook who delivers them to the Centre at 5.30 p.m.

FOOTSTEPS also opens on Christmas Day when traditional Christmas fare is provided. Many of the volunteers are long-standing but new ones are constantly needed.

FOOTSTEPS runs on a relatively small budget of about £4,500 p.a. Funding comes from donations from local churches and their parishioners who give generously. It receives sponsorship from Guildford Borough Council, local churches and other charities. A committee of volunteers manage it; all volunteers are automatically members with a right to vote, appoint committee members and attend meetings.

Those who wish to help, either assisting personally on Sunday evenings or else with the food, should contact one of the following:

**Richard Beeston 01483 574583 (Chairman)
Mike Gibson 01483 538818 (Rota)
Margaret Davies 01483 565541 (Cooks)**

Your help and support are greatly appreciated