

## How is the Beacon Financed

Through fundraising events, donations from local Churches, charitable organisations, companies and individuals. (We receive a grant from Cherwell District Council which covers some of our costs.)

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The Beacon is a project of the Banbury District Housing Coalition which is a local charity set up to help those in housing need.

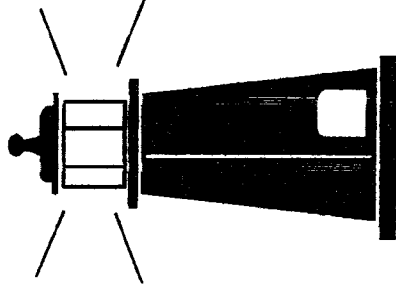
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## How to contact us

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# The Beacon



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Banbury's Drop-in Centre for homeless and poorly housed people.

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If you wish to know more about the Beacon or how you can help, please read this.

## What is the Beacon?

The Beacon is a drop-in centre for homeless, poorly housed and disadvantaged adults.

It is open Mon-Thurs\*

10 am-12.15 pm each week

(\* closed 2nd Thursday of month).

## Where is the Beacon?

The Beacon is based at the St Mary's Centre to the right of St Mary's Church in Horsefair, Banbury

## Who uses the Beacon?

- Homeless people
- Poorly housed people
- People with substance abuse problems
- People with mental health problems
- Those marginalised and disadvantaged

## What does the Beacon offer?

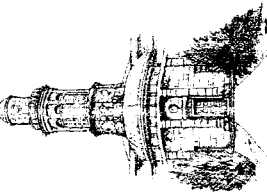
- Companionship
- Nourishment
- Shelter
- Support

## How can I help?

- Donations made to **The Beacon** are always welcome and are vital to the continuation of our work.
- Become a volunteer. We have approximately 25 volunteers who run the centre on a *very* flexible rota basis. (even once a month or so is fine). Many volunteers work solely in the kitchen.
- The following provisions (in particular) are also always welcome.
  - Instant coffee
  - Biscuits
  - Mild Cheddar Cheese
  - Baked Beans
  - Tinned spaghetti

## History of the Beacon

The Beacon has been in operation since 1994, originally in a portacabin behind Iceland Supermarket. It was very much a grass roots initiative to help those most vulnerable. We have been at St Mary's Centre since 1999, our third home and ideally placed in the centre of town.



Please contact the coordinator if you can help, or would like more information. (see over).