

Supporting those who are Homeless

Guidance from Kerry at The Padley Centre

What should I do if I find a person who is homeless?

- Avoid giving food, money or clothing as this will not help them and may actually harm the work of a support organisation if they are working with them.
- Tell them they can go to the Padley Day Centre 5 Liversage Street, Derby, DE1 2LD and we will help them register as homeless for emergency accommodation.
- Or they can go directly to the council house to register themselves.
- For out of hours help you or they can contact careline 01332 956 606.

What should you do if someone refuses help?

- If someone refuses help, you can register your concern with the council's outreach team:
<https://www.derby.gov.uk/housing/homelessness/concerned-about-rough-sleeper/>

Can I volunteer to help?

- We have volunteering available as a support assistant or cook at our day centre.
- Van driver and drivers' mate for collecting donations.
- Warehouse assistant to help sort and distribute incoming donations.
- Retail assistant in our charity shop.

Download a volunteer application form from our parish website

- Potential upcoming volunteering in the community shop. This is still in the 'we would like to do that' phase but if it goes ahead people who are struggling with poverty can pay a £5 a month membership and shop free of charge.
- The Derby university community garden project also offers volunteer opportunities where they will be growing fruit and veg to provide to those in poverty and also to sell and donate money to Padley.

How can I support the Padley Centre financially?

- Our hope is for St Hugh's, St Alban's & The Church on Oakwood to raise £10,000 over a one-year period to sponsor one of the Padley Centre Sessions at the day centre. We need someone to coordinate this & coordinate events both for individuals and groups to support this... could this be you? If so, see Fr David.