



God's love transforming lives

A local soup kitchen based in Hastings town centre, which serves the homeless, the insecurely housed and vulnerable including those who suffer from drug or alcohol addiction.



"...whoever is kind to the needy honours God."
Proverbs 15v31

Hope Kitchen operates under 'Hope Trust Hastings'
Charity No: 1131550.
Chairman: Dr Mike Cooper
Vice-Chair: Rev. Chris Sears MBE.

OPENING TIMES

Hope Kitchen opens on both

**Thursday and Saturday nights each week
from 7.30pm to 9pm.**

During the month of August Hope Kitchen will open on Thursday nights only.

"...it's been a lifeline to us."
Mick & Michelle

Contact us

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History

Hope Kitchen began in November 2005 after a meeting between a local doctor, church minister, and a retired teacher who shared the same vision for the local church to help meet the needs of the homeless. Soon others from different churches with the same vision joined alongside them and a pilot project began whereby soup and rolls were delivered to those living on the streets at night. The need for a dry, warm and safe place to offer soup became more and more apparent, and after a few months, the soup kitchen was established in a basement of a town centre church where it still takes place today.

Who we are

Hope Kitchen is run by volunteers from many different local churches, who have a desire to help the poor and needy of our town through the provision of soup and refreshment.

Aims

- To provide guests with soup, sandwiches and hot drinks.
- To provide a listening ear and sign-post guests to other relevant agencies where necessary.
- To provide items such as sleeping bags, socks, toiletries, and occasionally other items for guests where necessary.
- To offer prayer to guests who request such help.
- To help restore hope, value, respect and a sense of self worth for each individual.

Help for housing

Hope Kitchen has recently expanded its work by operating alongside other agencies including Hastings Borough Council, Seaview and Homeworks, to offer grants towards rental deposits for those who are serious about improving their lifestyle.

How you can help

- **Pray.** Great things can happen through prayer. We really value all the support given through this important ministry. For further information on how you can pray for Hope Kitchen, please contact Katie Harrison at katieharrison81@hotmail.com, or by phone on 07733216695.
- **Volunteer.** If you are interested in joining the team of volunteers, then please do get in contact (details overleaf). We are in need of more volunteers who are able to lend a listening ear to our guests.
- **Donate.** If you would like to donate to the work of Hope Kitchen, here is what you can do:

Cheque. Cheques can be made payable to 'Hope Trust Hastings'. Should you be a UK tax payer any contributions you make can be 'Gift Aided' which means we can claim back 25p in the pound from HM Revenue and Customs.

Just Text Giving. A new, quick and easy way to donate via your mobile phone! To donate just text 'ACTS11' followed by the amount you would like to give (either £1, £2, £5 or £10) and send the message to the number 70070. For example if you would like to donate £2, just text: ACTS11 £2 to the number 70070. You will then receive a reply to confirm the amount you have donated.

Standing order. If you would like to set up a monthly payment to Hope Kitchen, please contact George Hornsby (details overleaf).