

Local charity needs extra volunteers to keep its doors open

A Homeless drop-in centre, which is running to full capacity, is calling for volunteers to help keep its doors open.

Open Door, operates a drop-in centre in Conniburrow and Bletchley, serving the homeless community within Milton Keynes. They provide shower facilities and food for the homeless and vulnerable. There is additional support for users of this service with mental health workers, English teachers from MK College, tenancy support and Next Step with job skills.

Mark Lancaster lent a hand at Open Door this week when he served tea and coffee to the visitors.

Mark said; 'It was great to experience first-hand the work which is being done for the homeless community within Milton Keynes. I have enjoyed serving the teas and coffees and hope that as a result I can help get some more volunteers through the door.'

Jacqueline, advisor and acting co-ordinator of Open Door added; 'I would like to say thank you to Mark for his help and company and for making the teas and coffees.'

Open Door was set up in 1987 to give support to homeless people. The drop in centre at Conniburrow has been open since 2006 and the Bletchley drop in since 2008.

They are looking for donations of food, toiletries and clothing from anyone who can provide these items. Volunteers are also needed for the Monday and Wednesday drop-ins.