

NewHope

PREVENTING
HOMELESSNESS.
TRANSFORMING
LIVES.



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AND A HOME
TO SOMEONE
EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS
IN WATFORD



Introducing New Hope

New Hope is a Watford-based charity working with people who are experiencing homelessness in the town. Our mission is to prevent homelessness and transform lives.

For over 30 years, staff and volunteers at New Hope have been working with people in Watford who are experiencing homelessness. Through a variety of services, we walk alongside people every step of the way from street homelessness to independent living.

We treat each person as an individual and support a wide range of beneficiaries, focusing on single adults.

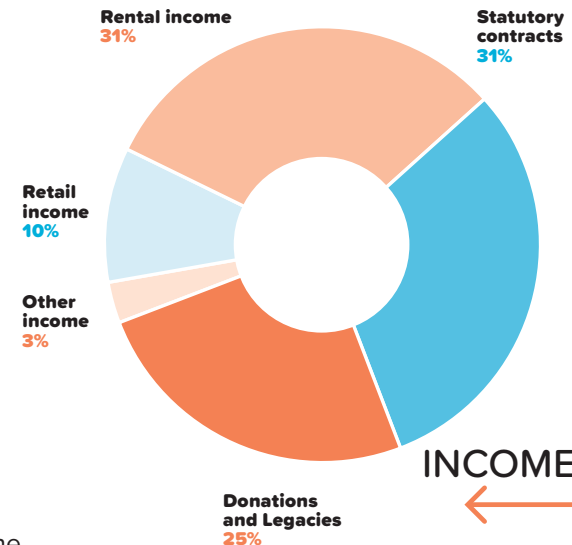
The people accessing our services are first and foremost people – people who for a variety of reasons have ended up street homeless in Watford.



How is New Hope funded?

New Hope was set up in 1990 by three Watford residents, the late Janet Hosier, Sheila Meaning BEM and Dr Tim Robson OBE, who were moved with compassion when they saw people sleeping rough in the centre of Watford.

From our very beginnings, New Hope has been dependent on the generosity of the local community – we are so grateful for the many individuals, faith groups, community groups and businesses who give gifts of money, food and toiletries regularly. We are also incredibly grateful for donations we receive in memoriam and as gifts in people's wills.



Each year, we need to fundraise for about 25% of New Hope's income which is usually around £500,000.

What do donations fund?

Each year we fundraise for our drop-in service for people who are rough sleeping. Here we provide people with hot food, showers, laundry facilities, and clean clothes. Alongside this very practical support, the team will provide help and advice.

Donations and legacies have also funded our emergency accommodation, tenancy sustainment team, and horticultural therapy programme. Legacies can also help with one-off items. Please read the story on page 5 of the legacy from Mr and Mrs Barnes which enabled New Hope to buy a five-bed house.

You can read our latest annual report with details of our accounts online at newhope.org.uk/communications



Jack's Story

“ Despite working hard and getting a good wage in the building trade when I was young, I slipped slowly into bad company. This led to excessive drinking, drugs and involvement with the police followed by jail. I ended up homeless and sleeping rough in

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Watford Junction Station for some 18 months and managing to work for some of that time. It all changed when I was found by New Hope one wet and cold night. I was soaked, cold, hungry and in need of a bed. That meeting changed everything.

My stay at New Hope was amazing. They helped me sort out my life, deal with my debts and addictions. This gave me my confidence back that I used to have so long ago.

To cap it all they helped me get a flat in Rickmansworth that I have been able to furnish with their help. ”

“ I am now LIVING The DREAM. Thank you New Hope! ”



The generosity of Audrey & Peter Barnes

Every day we receive dozens of phone calls. Sadly, most are from people in need of support. However, some are from people wanting to offer help and this is always an encouragement.

In 2014, we received one such call, from a local lady called Audrey Barnes who had been recommended to get in touch with us by her local vicar. We had no idea where this call would lead. We invited Audrey for a Walk of Hope around our different services and, as we walked, she shared her story with us. Tragically, Audrey and her husband Peter had both been diagnosed with terminal cancer. They had no children, but wanted to leave their home as a legacy, that it might be a blessing to those who have not known the joy of a home.

Audrey particularly warmed towards the fledgling idea of HopeHomes – a place where people with experience of

homelessness could call home. Audrey and Peter agreed that they would like to leave the bulk of their estate to New Hope. This astounding generosity is something we had not experienced to this level before.

Sadly, both Audrey and Peter passed away in 2015. However, true to their wish, New Hope benefited from the sale of their bungalow and the bulk of the couple's estate. In turn, we were able to buy a five-bed house in West Watford, a HopeHome.

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I am very happy and I like the level of support I receive. I feel safe and I like my weekly catch-up. It's good to know if I have an issue New Hope staff are at the end of the phone. It is so reassuring.”

Sam, a HopeHome resident.



All gifts make a difference

We are thankful for every gift we receive through wills and in memoriam donations – no gift is too small!

“My mother held New Hope with such affection and wanted to leave you a gift in her will.”

Nick

“My mother volunteered at New Hope helping service users learn new skills and she wanted donations to be made in her memory to the charity.”

Penny

“I have been fortunate throughout my life in always having the security of a warm and comfortable home together with enough money to ensure that I never suffered from any kind of deprivation. However, through my work in the police service I constantly came into contact with people who had nothing, often through no fault of their own. As a practicing Christian, I want to ensure that whatever wealth I have on my death is used to improve the quality of life of those who experience unimaginable suffering and misery daily.”

Peter M

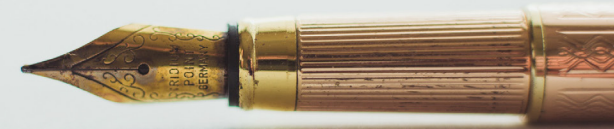
What gifts can I leave?

Pecuniary gifts are specified sums of money. If you would like a gift of money to keep its value over the years, we would suggest that you ask your solicitor to index-link it.

Residuary gifts are made from whatever is left over once gifts of money and specific items have been distributed. You can give the whole of the residue to a person or a charity like New Hope, or a portion of it.

Specific gifts are things, such as a house, a painting or a ring.

Your solicitor will be able to explain this in more detail.



What we promise

- We'd love to take you on a Walk of Hope to show you some of our services for yourself or come and have a cup of tea with some of our staff in one of our gardens.
- We won't put any pressure on you to give. Please put any loved ones first.
- We are happy to answer any questions you have about our finances, fundraising and plans for the future.
- We will treat your gift honourably ensuring that is used effectively and wisely.
- We will respect your wishes as outlined in your will.



For more information or to arrange an informal chat over a cup of tea to find out more about New Hope's finances, fundraising and plans for the future please call Rebecca on **01923 227 132** or email **rpalmer@newhope.org.uk**.

[newhope.org.uk/legacies](https://www.newhope.org.uk/legacies)



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