

Support people experiencing homelessness this harvest

Dear Supporter,

Thank you so much for thinking of The Winchester Beacon and our residents this **harvest**. We really value your support and it means so much to our residents to know that our community is thinking of them.

Your donations will go **directly to people experiencing homelessness**. Not only will they help to provide vital sustenance, they will also **bring hope** to our residents during challenging times.

Thank you for helping us to **light a way out of homelessness** and enabling our residents to **transform their lives**.

Robyn Kohler, Chief Executive

Our most-needed items

To help you decide what to donate, we have put together a list of the items we need most. We have limited storage which means we try to focus on the things we really need.

Instant coffee (including decaf)

Tea bags (including decaf)

Cereals (no porridge oats please)

Granulated sugar

Squash

Gravy powder

Stuffing mix

Tinned potatoes, tomatoes and sweetcorn

Table sauces (ketchup, brown sauce, mayo and salad cream)

Tinned meats (spam, curries, stewed meats, chilli, corned beef)

Tinned custard, evaporated and condensed milk

Toilet rolls

Baked beans, ravioli and macaroni cheese

Biscuits

Marmite, chocolate spread and peanut butter

Microwave rice pouches

Cook in sauces (bolognese, chilli, curry and vegetable)

Pot noodles and cuppa soup

Cooking oil

We already have plenty of pulses, soups, tinned fruit, rice and pasta so these items are lower on our list of priorities at the moment.

We are also happy to accept **vouchers** for supermarkets. These enable us to purchase ingredients after harvest supplies have run out. They can also be given to residents when they move on to help them with their first shop.

Please email admin@winchesterbeacon.org.uk if you plan to make a donation of harvest items so that we can ensure there are staff or volunteers available to receive your donation. Many thanks for your support.

How your donations will help



Food donated at harvest time is stored and used to make **thousands of meals** for our residents during the coming months. Many of these meals are cooked and served by volunteers.

Your donations may also be given as part of a **food parcel** to our residents when they move on to their own accommodation. The food parcels help to ensure that they start independent living in a strong position and without the worry of empty cupboards.

Donations of coffee, tea bags and sugar enable us to provide **warm drinks** along with a listening ear throughout the evenings to people sleeping rough.

Supporters' Evening

We would love you to come to our **Supporters' Evening on Thursday 15th October, 6.30pm-8pm** at The Arc on Jewry Street in Winchester. We will share news and updates about how we are helping people experiencing homelessness with the support of our community.

Please scan the QR code to reserve your free place or email marketing@winchesterbeacon.org.uk

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