

AIMS & VISION

Routes to Roots is founded on Christian principles and seeks to help all homeless, newly homed and vulnerably housed adults in Poole regardless of their faith. We provide basic necessities, such as hot food, clothing and sleeping bags, at drop-ins; we organise indoor and outdoor motivational activities; and we assist those who are placed in accommodation to remain in their tenancy. We aim to achieve long-term outcomes for our clients through participation in motivational and well-being projects which boost self-confidence and self-worth, expand and develop skills, promote a sense of belonging and encourage integration into the local community.

Vision To provide rough sleepers and vulnerably housed people in Poole with hope for the future

Mission Routes to Roots is a Poole charity with a Christian ethos providing a personalised service to rough sleepers and vulnerably housed adults, to enable them to become rooted in the community.

Aims Routes to Roots aims:

- To encourage participation rather than dependency
- To provide a place of security and warmth, through drop-ins, where there is immediate social and spiritual support as well as the basic necessities for life: food, clothing, a place to wash and a place to rest
- To put an end to the recycling of homelessness and to ensure that, once accommodated, clients are able to access the help and assistance they need to maintain that accommodation and become rooted in their community
- To continue provision of supported housing, currently Amos House for three men, and to work towards another property for female clients
- To provide support needs on an individual basis, tailored to the client, providing clear assessment and progression achieved
- To develop client self esteem, self-awareness, social skills, community engagement and employment skills by providing opportunities for team working, volunteering and training
- To act as an advocate for the client with other agencies, such as landlords, mental health teams, addiction teams, council officers, police, probation, etc.
- To inspire, encourage and equip the people of Poole to respond to the needs of homeless people with compassion, in ways that are creative and liberating
- To expand the provision of our services to a full-time resource centre for clients
- To collaborate with other agencies, organisations, and groups in Poole, who work with rough sleepers and vulnerably housed adults