

ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS IN POOLE: KEY DATES

- 1990s** Poole churches start a soup kitchen in Vanguard Street
- 2000** R2R opens its first Drop-Ins to bring the homeless off the streets for a few hours
- 2002** R2R becomes a registered charity
- 2003** R2R employs a part-time Outreach Worker to work with the rough sleepers
- 2005** The R2R Outreach Worker becomes full-time to develop a more proactive and assertive outreach role
- 2007** R2R employs a part-time Administrator to support the Trustees and Executive Committee and the Outreach Worker
- 2008** R2R pilots a Befriending Teams project in partnership with Quaker Homeless Action to assist those who are placed in accommodation to remain in their tenancy
- 2009** R2R forms the Poole Outreach and Support Team (POST) in partnership with Bournemouth Churches Housing Association to actively seek out the homeless and make sure they are safe and know where to access help and support
- 2009** R2R works with Dorset Wildlife Trust to offer homeless people the opportunity to develop skills doing conservation work on Brownsea Island during the Summer
- 2010** R2R establishes the provision of a hot breakfast for rough sleepers in winter through The Fisherman Café on Poole Quay
- 2011** R2R sets up its own Befriending scheme to provide more opportunities for its clients, accompanied by a befriender, to engage in meaningful outdoor activities and projects
- 2011** POST (R2R and BCHA), funded by the Borough of Poole, sets up a Severe Weather Emergency Provision (SWEP) so that rough sleepers are able to access immediate shelter
- 2012** R2R works with Holton Lee to offer the homeless outdoor conservation work
- 2013** R2R becomes an allotment holder at Holton Lee with clients planning and growing fruit and vegetables for the Drop-Ins
- 2014** R2R centralises all its Drop-In and office activities at Skinner Street URC
R2R becomes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
R2R confines its early morning outreach to breakfast provision in winter as Poole Council joins with Bournemouth to look after the rest of the POST and SWEP activities
- 2015** With the support of Green Pastures, R2R opens its first supported housing for rough sleepers in Poole, accommodating three homeless clients
New services offered at the Drop-Ins include advice sessions with Poole CAB and health sessions through HealthWatch Dorset
- 2016** The Poole Addictions Community Team provides a weekly harm minimisation clinic at the Drop-Ins