

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Membership** Annual membership (1 April-31 March) costs only £24 for an individual or £48 for a Church, School or Business (pro rata for mid year joiners). Membership contributions help R2R to provide immediate assistance to those in need on the streets and to the vulnerably housed. Perhaps even more important is that the number of members that R2R is able to declare does make a difference when it negotiates with government agencies and particularly with potential funding partners.
- Volunteering** R2R relies heavily on its small army of volunteers. They offer rough sleepers and the vulnerably housed valuable opportunities for renewal of social contact and bring a variety of invaluable life experiences and skills. Even a few hours a month can make all the difference to them and to the volunteer. Full induction and training is provided. The current minimum age for volunteers is 18.
- Fundraising** Organise a fun activity to raise funds for us. Auctions, concerts, quizzes, raffles, cake sales, sponsored runs and cycle rides – the list is endless. Contact the R2R office for support and ideas.
- Donations** It costs about £80,000 each year for R2R to continue its current level of service to the homeless and vulnerably housed: £1 for a pair of socks, £2 for a pair of boxers, £4.50 for a cooked breakfast, £4 for a scarf or gloves, £5/person/day for an outdoor activity, £10 for a pair of jeans, £25 for a sleeping bag, £40 provides food for one Drop-In, £200 helps to make an empty flat a home, etc.
- Donations in Kind** We welcome donations of suitable clothing, shoes, socks, rucksacks, sleeping bags, food and treats as well as toiletries for the guys. Also office supplies and marketing materials for our use. Please contact the R2R office.
- Buy Online** Buy online and raise money for R2R at absolutely no cost to you by visiting your favourite retailers through 'Easy Fund Raising' or 'Give as You Live'. Log on to the sites, register yourself and the charity, Routes to Roots, that you would like to support and start shopping. Every time you buy from one of the businesses on their lists, R2R will receive a percentage of what you spend:  
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/routestoroots>  
<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/routestorootsfightinghomelessnessinpoole>
- Legacies** A legacy to Routes to Roots could be your way of giving something back for everything you've received in your life. Every gift in every will, however big or small, will make a very real difference. If you're thinking about leaving a gift to R2R in your will, we suggest you talk to a solicitor.

If you gift aid your contribution R2R will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that you have given. You are able to gift aid your contribution if you have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that you donate to will reclaim on your gifts for the current tax year. Taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. In 2014-15 we received a whopping £3058 as a result of Gift Aid.