

Charity No 1155945

Patron: *The Right Reverend Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne*

15th September 2016

Dear Friend and Supporter

We are writing to invite you to the second AGM of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO, which will be held on **Thursday 13th October from 7pm at Skinner Street URC.**

Since Routes to Roots first became a registered charity in 2002 our work has become more widely acknowledged and accepted in the town. Our operations are centered at Skinner Street URC from where we give assistance to those in need – vulnerably housed as well as homeless people. This includes: two lunch time drop-ins with light lunch, two evening drop-ins with cooked meal, breakfast vouchers for rough sleepers from December to March, one to one support for benefits claims, calls to agencies, doctors, landlords, etc., one to one professional counseling, referrals to other agencies, postal care-of address, access to landline telephone, chiropodist and hairdressing services, clothing, toiletries, sleeping bags, food, etc. We also continue to provide motivational and well-being activities through our association with Holton Lee as well as through activities at our afternoon drop-ins.

During this past year we entered into a partnership with a national charity Green Pastures, which has enabled us to offer supported accommodation to three of Poole's rough sleepers. We are looking forward to telling you all about this.

We are always very encouraged by your support of Routes to Roots – in time, money, and goods. When negotiating with government agencies and potential grant providers, it is vital to show that we have a good number of members and supporters, so please be assured that we value your partnership in our efforts to help those who are so vulnerable here in Poole.

We would like to remind you that membership subscription is renewable annually. Regular monthly income helps us to plan our finances and if you set up your subscription through a standing order, with Gift Aid if applicable, this will also help to minimise our administration costs. A Standing Order / Gift Aid form can be found in our recent Newsletter and you can arrange payment on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis, as you prefer.

Thank you so much for your support, and we also ask for your prayers for all our supporters, workers and volunteers, and especially for the homeless and vulnerably housed.

With many thanks

Yours sincerely

Marilyn Latcham

Honorary Secretary

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the members of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO, Charity No 1155945, will be held on Thursday 13th October 2016 commencing at 7.00 pm at The United Reformed Church, Skinner Street, Poole, BH15 1RQ. Refreshments will be available from 6.30 pm. The meeting is called to consider the following:

1. To receive the Trustees' Annual Report
2. To receive the Treasurer's Report and adopt the accounts for 2015/16
3. To confirm closure of the old Charity No. 1093689
4. To re-elect Trustee Gabi Sanger-Stevens

Marilyn Latcham

Hon Secretary on behalf of the Board of Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous AGM of Routes to Roots, Charity No 1155945, held on 9th July 2015
4. Finalisation of R2R, Charity No 1093689
5. Trustees' Annual Report from the Chair
6. Treasurer's Report and adoption of Accounts for 2015/16
7. Re-elect Trustee Gabi Sanger-Stevens
8. Any other business