

# Open Door

at the heart of our community



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## Fundraising Pack

“It means the world to us when people choose to fundraise for Open Door, to bake cakes, hold concerts and run marathons to raise money so that we can carry on being at the heart of our community, helping those who need it most. It is utterly inspiring.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.”

*Helen Tribble, Projects Director*

## Thank you for choosing to fundraise for Open Door Exmouth!

Open Door Exmouth has been at the heart of our community, helping those who need it most for over 25 years. We run community projects to help reach the vulnerable in our town, and to make a positive difference for all. Through our Community Café, Men's Shed, Community Craft Room, Parent Hub, Haven and ICE Project, we support people of all ages, facing issues including homelessness, financial crisis, unemployment, poor mental health, loneliness, addiction, domestic abuse, bereavement, and more. We listen, we care, we walk alongside people and hopefully help them find a way forward.

Here are just a few words from our beneficiaries...

“Thanks ever so much for all the help. I really appreciate it and sad I won't see you this week! Got a new job so that I can be fully independent financially and with child care, which I think will really help me. Leaves me no time to do anything else but I'm hoping with my new mind set, things will improve.

Thanks again for listening to me bang on, not sure you realise how much you helped.

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“Wonderful food,  
wonderful company  
and wonderful volunteers.  
Thank you so much.”

(Christmas Day)

“My partner attends Men's Shed. He had a brain haemorrhage a while ago and a small heart attack last year. Since going along, he's made friends, enjoys having a chat with everyone, and working on projects.

**He absolutely loves it. It's made a new life for him.**

I just think in a small place like Exmouth, aren't we so fortunate to have something so wonderful!”

**“Without this place, I'd be dead”**

With your support, we can carry on...







# Get Inspired!

There are lots of ways you can raise money for Open Door Exmouth. Whatever you get up to, everything you raise will go towards helping those most vulnerable in our community and making a positive difference for all.

**Raise sponsorship...** 5k, 10k, half or full marathon, swimathon, walking, roller skating, cycling, triathlon, sponsored silence, sponsored slim, rowing, skydive, mountain climb, abseil, shave your head/beard/legs! Or how about Exmouth's Christmas Day Swim?

**Charge a fee...** music concert, golf tournament, football tournament, open mic night, cricket match, quiz night, dinner dance, safari supper, chess tournament, School Sports Day, It's a Knockout, Tug of War, pool or darts competition, tennis tournament, treasure hunt, board game tournament, BBQ, art exhibition, barn dance, car boot sale, disco, stand up comedy night, photo competition, pantomime, duck race, picnic, tea party, teddy bear's picnic, inter church/office university challenge

**Shake a bucket...** supermarket bag packing, carol singing, dress down day at work, ask for donations in lieu of gifts at a party or wedding, cake sale, coffee morning, raffle, tombola, (silent) auction, heads or tails, bob a job, car washing, dog walking, bring and buy sale, clothes exchange, busking, cooking competition (cakes, ready steady cook, come dine with me etc!) , Easter Egg hunt, Christmas fair, fashion show, pet show, plant sale

**Save the pennies...** collect pennies, small change, foreign coins. Fill jam jars, smartie tubes, even pringle tubes! Even better if a group of you commit to doing it!

Or give up expensive habits for a week, month, year or forever, and donate the money you would have spent on... smoking, alcohol, coffee, cakes, chocolate, driving, junk food, magazines, meat etc etc!

To discuss any of these ideas or to request collecting buckets, shaky tins, sponsorship forms, banners, posters, leaflets or balloons:

call 01395 224218 or email [info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk](mailto:info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk)

# Some tips to help you make the most of your fundraising...

## Get planning

Careful planning will help ensure your fundraising is a success. It is worth checking: whether your date clashes with any other big events in the area; if you've allowed enough time to organise everything, and whether you've got all the equipment and supplies you need. Remember you can contact us for collecting buckets and shaky tins, posters, banners, sponsorship forms and balloons!

## Go online

Setting up an online fundraising page makes collecting sponsorship and donations and claiming Gift Aid really easy. It's also a great way of spreading your fundraising to friends and family who don't live in your area. To set up your page, go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/jqfrhcwedy>, click 'Fundraise for us' and follow the simple instructions.

## Be safe and legal

You need to make sure your event meets health and safety requirements. If there are a large number of people attending, you may need first aid cover. If you're preparing food, check [food.gov.uk](http://food.gov.uk) for guidelines. If you think you need insurance, contact 01395 224218 for more info. Also check [gamblingcommission.gov.uk](http://gamblingcommission.gov.uk) for info about laws relating to raffles and lotteries. Please remember, if you are collecting money in a public place you will need permission from the owner of the premises, or the local authority if you're collecting in the street. Finally, if you are holding an event, you may need an alcohol or entertainment license, check with your local authority.

## Go public

To spread the news of your fundraising far and wide, send press releases to the local papers and radio stations (contact us on 01395 224218 or [info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk](mailto:info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk) for a template press release). Remember to use facebook and twitter as well!

## Watch the pennies

Use sponsorship forms and other records to keep track of your donations and any money you've spent. When it comes to paying the money in, ideally take the money to your bank, get a receipt for the money you've paid in, and write us a cheque made out to 'Open Door Exmouth'. If you can't do this, contact us on 01395 224218 or at [info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk](mailto:info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk) for further advice.

## Finally, have fun!

## The difference you can make

£5 - buys a hot meal and a drink for someone sleeping rough

£15 - buys a maternity box for new mums being supported by our Parent Hub

£50 - pays for 5 meals on Christmas Day for people who would otherwise be on their own

£500 - pays for the ICE Awards, celebrating local children for being inspirational

# Thank you!