

## **Mayors Charities (Your Sanctuary and Women's Support Centre)**

### *The Women's Support Centre (WSC)*

The Women's Support Centre (WSC) is based in Woking. It provides advice and practical support for Surrey women who are facing multiple disadvantages, in particular those affected by the criminal justice system or those at risk of contact with the system. Staff at the centre deliver a range of support that addresses the root causes of women's offending, including domestic abuse, experience of trauma, mental ill health, substance misuse, poverty and homelessness. As well as one-to-one support and advocacy, they run groups, including one for 13-17 year olds who are at risk of exploitation (in partnership with Targeted Youth Support) and one for parents, a weekly 'drop-in', specialist substance misuse support, and a counselling service, run by trained volunteers.

The WSC is managed by the national charity Women in Prison (WIP). WIP is a national organisation that provides support to women affected by the criminal justice system (including running women's centres) and aims to end the harm caused to women and their families by imprisonment, through a system that invests in community support services and alternatives to custody.

### *Your Sanctuary*

Your Sanctuary is a charity that supports people who are experiencing or have experienced domestic abuse. It is a local charity based in Woking, providing services in Surrey. They run the Surrey-wide specialist domestic abuse helpline; two refuges - safe houses - for women and their children who are fleeing from a violent and abusive perpetrator; a community outreach service for men and women living or working in North West Surrey and experiencing domestic abuse; and a therapeutic children's service for children affected by abuse in their families.

The vision is for a world free of domestic abuse and with your help we will continue to work to achieve this.

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## **Woking and Sam Beare Hospice**

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices is a patient-led charity that delivers specialist palliative care to people who have advanced life-limiting conditions, as well as supporting their carers and families.

Each year we care for around 2,000 patients, their carers and families. Over 70% of our care is delivered across Surrey in the community and we now have a fabulous new hospice in Woking.

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### **Transform Housing & Support :**

We are a local charity providing care and support to 61 young, homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded people in Woking.

We have 2 main centres in Woking which provide supported housing for young clients from the age of 16 who come from broken families, including abusive situations. Our clients often have underlying mental health problems together with self harming and suicidal tendencies. Some have drug and alcohol issues and some have lower learning and literacy.

We offer them a safe place to live and allocate them a Transform key worker who is dedicated to helping them gain confidence, life skills, and access to education, training and employment opportunities.

We empower them, when ready and able, to move on and to live happier and healthier lives independently.

Donations are used to help fund essential client needs as they make their journey to independent living. This can range from providing them with a move in / welcome pack of underwear and personal care items to buying them identification documents so that they are able to claim the benefits they are entitled to. Funds are then required to assist with their health and wellbeing such as physical exercise classes. When they are ready for further education or work, funds are required to pay for travel, college fees and interview clothing. And when they are ready and able to move on to independent living, funds are needed to help them with their first rent deposit or first social housing payment. Funding is also required to help them buy essential items to furnish their home such as a washing machine, fridge, cooker, bed, sofa etc.

Today, across Britain at least 320,000 people including rough sleepers and those in temporary accommodation, are now homeless. That equates to 1 in 200 people. Surrey and Woking, like every county and town, are experiencing this growing issue. With your help, together, we can make a difference to the lives of those affected.

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### **Horsell Village School**

The Horsell Village School is committed to outdoor learning and is one of the only schools with the Learning Outside the Classroom award. Two years ago the school developed its outdoor space further with the introduction of forest schools. We continue to make use of the school and local area. Our outdoors is used consistently and we continue to strive to make it as engaging and purposeful for children as possible. This outdoor learner-centred approach interweaves with the values and vision of The Horsell Village School and is aimed at ensuring that all learners experience the

cumulative and lasting benefits. This development in the school coincides with the plans to refurbish our pond area with a new bridge and continues to compliment the forest schools project we started two years ago. We are requesting funding for the cascade play centre, which will be used by all children in the school. This equipment has been soaked in vinegar, 'pickled' so it really does last and create value for money!

#### Objectives

- To have permanent water play at The Horsell Village School
- To further develop the grounds of The Horsell Village School
- Research now backs up that children are stimulated by the outdoors and typically experience, over time, an increase in their self-belief, confidence, learning capacity, enthusiasm, communication and problem-solving skills and emotional well-being.

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#### **Samber (Riding For the disabled)**

Based at Higher Park Farm in Chobham, SAMBER gives riding lessons, free of charge, to children between the ages of 3 and 12 who attend 3 local schools in the Woking area. The children have a wide range of disabilities, including Cerebral Palsy, Autism, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, Down's Syndrome, various genetic conditions, visual impairment, deafness, head injuries and learning and behavioral difficulties.

We are run entirely by volunteers and receive no direct funding from the National Riding for the Disabled Association - we rely solely on our own fundraising efforts and the kind donations of others. Currently we are looking to secure funding for:

- Hire of ponies
- Hire of the indoor riding school to give our riders shelter in inclement weather
- Specialist tack - we tailor our sessions to each individual child. A variety of hats, reins, stirrups and saddles allow us to make the child as comfortable as possible, removing any barriers previously prohibiting them from taking part

Specialist games and equipment - we are always looking for new fun ways to engage the children and preparing our older children to take part in Regional Competitions and building the courses they will face.

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#### **Woking Street Angels**

A short paragraph about our work:

Woking Street Angels are trained volunteers who, for the past eight years, have walked the streets of Woking Town Centre every Friday and Saturday night, whatever

the weather, from 10 pm till 4 am, working with the police, door staff, council staff and medical services to help night-time visitors to have a pleasant and safe experience in our town.

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### **Woking Shop Mobility**

Woking Shopmobility was founded as a result of a Mayoral Charity and opened in the Peacocks in April 1992. The Charity provides manual and powered wheelchairs and scooters. We also have travel scooters for hire for patrons to take on holiday.

Woking Shopmobility provides freedom and independence to disabled people and those with temporary mobility problems such as broken legs, heart problems, post surgery and pregnancy. We have a range of equipment to suit all weights and sizes.

Situated next to the Box Office in the Peacocks on Level three, it provides easy access to the shopping centre and the wider facilities of the Town Centre. Equipment is also available for use in the Ambassadors Theatre.

We hear lovely stories of people who have not been out for several years but with the help of Shopmobility, they are able to get around. We also link up with Woking Community Transport which brings our users into the Town and are met by a member of staff who helps them onto a scooter or power chair.

We receive a Grant from Woking Borough Council. Other income comes from fund raising and generous donations.

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