



The relaunch of café services inside our centre - calling all volunteers !

Over the past two years the Gatehouse has managed to continue providing food and drink plus other essential items through a combination of a takeaway/alfresco café service for the homeless and vulnerably-housed and a hugely successful food, drink and practical provision delivery service. This adaptation of our service model allowed us to operate safely throughout the pandemic, but it did reduce our ability to provide a welcoming indoor community space where guests could relax and socialise.



We have always aimed to return to our normal pre-pandemic café services once conditions allowed, and are pleased to announce that our doors reopened in May 2022. This service needs a larger volunteer team, however, so we are putting out a call for help. Could you spare a few hours a week to make a difference?

E-mail admin@oxfordgatehouse.org to volunteer | see www.oxfordgatehouse.org/volunteer

Support from the local community

A huge thank you to all of our supporters who have helped us out by donating or raising funds. Unfortunately we haven't got room to mention everyone, but here are just a few of the local organisations who have supported Oxford's homeless community through the Gatehouse recently. Particular thanks to the Oxford Food Hub for their continued support.



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Behind the scenes ...

Over the past year there have been huge changes away from front line services which have helped to improve overall management of the charity. These include a new accounting system / financial procedures, a new trustee with lived experience of homelessness, and a new data management system called Lamplight to improve recording and reporting on positive impacts (see the 2021 Annual Impact Report on the website News page).

Our next major project is a complete redesign of that website which will take place over this summer. By September we hope to launch a brand new user-friendly and informative site that truly reflects the aims, services and achievements of the Gatehouse.

St Edward's School

A huge thank you once again to everybody at St Edward's School for their continuing support of the Gatehouse.

Following on from a massively successful charity dinner and auction in late February there were some individual heroics from Housemaster Simon Roche in April when he ventured into the Sahara Desert to take on the incredibly gruelling Marathon Des Sables. Not only did he complete the course in a very respectable 38th place (out of around 1,000 entrants), he also single-handedly managed to raise over £11,000 for the Gatehouse.



Truly amazing!

Roll up, roll up, it's sandwich time !

Now the Gatehouse is returning to its pre-pandemic café model with guests welcomed inside our community centre we are in desperate need of sandwich and food donors. We use 6 loaves of sandwiches a day as well as 120 baking potatoes, 36 tins of baked beans and 9 pizzas across the week. Would you be interested in helping us by donating sandwiches or other provisions? We also need around 30 food groups to keep us up and running and feed around 80 individuals a week. For more information and for a copy of our latest food safety handbook, please email our Operations Manager Zoe via admin@oxfordgatehouse.org and look at the volunteer page of our website at www.oxfordgatehouse.org/volunteer



Back on the road again

As the Covid-19 pandemic gradually loosens its grip fêtes and festivals are starting up once more. Pictured here is our stand at the gloriously sunny Oxford Eid Extravaganza held this May.

Keep your eyes peeled for us at other events over summer.



The Gatehouse Newsletter

Much more than just a café - other services provided by the Gatehouse



Casework Team

The Casework Team offers a bespoke One to One service helping guests to obtain the right information, guidance and support. They cover a range of needs including safeguarding, referrals to other services, gaining and retaining housing, advocacy until a person can self-advocate, budgeting & welfare, health & well-being, and reducing isolation and loneliness.

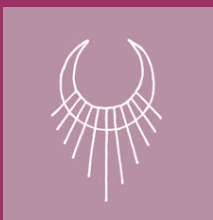
Counsellor

The counselling service is delivered by a fully qualified BACP Counsellor and aims to benefit the mental health and well-being of guests of the project longer term by providing psychological and therapeutic support.



Women's Hub

A new service introduced in 2021, the Women's Hub provides a confidential space for women needing bespoke support and/or company. Weekly meetings every Thursday, 11am-1pm at the Gatehouse, run in partnership with Aspire and Oxford City Council. Women can choose to participate in a range of workshops and/or forge positive and supportive relationships with other women.



Lived Experience Advisory Forum

LEAF is run by and for people with lived experience of homelessness and in partnership with Aspire, funded by Oxfordshire Homeless Movement. The input of Experts Through Experience is included within service planning and policy making across Oxfordshire, while offering members opportunities, connections, and room for growth.



**Volunteers
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Looking for something worthwhile to do in your spare time?

Why not join us as a regular volunteer and help run our daily café sessions?
A few hours of your spare time can help us to make a big difference to people's lives.

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E-mail admin@oxfordgatehouse.org to volunteer today | For more details see: www.oxfordgatehouse.org/volunteer

Fundraising Initiatives - for more ways to donate see www.oxfordgatehouse.org/support-us/donate-money

The Oxford Lottery

Buy your lottery tickets for £1 each, the Gatehouse receives 50p and you have a chance of winning £25,000!

[www.oxfordlottery.org/
support/the-gatehouse](http://www.oxfordlottery.org/support/the-gatehouse)



Bike Oxford and the Oxford Half



Spaces in Bike Oxford 2022 on 3 July over 26, 48 or 80 miles available now. We pay the fee, and you ride and raise funds.

For details on how to participate see:

www.oxfordgatehouse.org/updates

Bookings for the Oxford Half 2022 on 16 October available from June/July.

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