

The Mayor of Woking's Charity for 2018/19

The Mayor of Woking's Charity for 2018/19 is Woking's local homeless charity, the York Road Project. The York Road Project provides emergency lodging, longer term accommodation and ongoing support to help those experiencing homelessness get back on their feet. The Mayor is hoping to raise funds for this very deserving cause, and also raise awareness as to how local residents can best support people who have fallen on hard times.

The Project has a one main emergency accommodation property in York Road and four 'move on' properties, in total comprising of 29 beds. The York Road Project also has an outreach centre on Goldsworth Road. The Project primarily focuses on serving the local community in Woking, but they do accept queries from people who live in the surrounding boroughs of Surrey.

Your Sanctuary

Your Sanctuary is a local charity based in Woking that offers support, sanctuary and empowerment to women, men and children affected by domestic abuse. Our specialist services include a community-based Outreach service, a Refuge Service, a Children's Service and a telephone helpline available from 9am to 9pm seven days a week.

Our services are confidential non-judgemental, and we provide information, emotional and practical support for as long as we are needed. Members of staff and volunteers are passionate about making a real difference to the lives of survivors and their children; the work they undertake depends upon the generosity of individuals, local community groups, trusts and foundations and corporate partners.

Friends of Woking High School

The Friends of Woking High School would like to support Woking High School's exciting project to refurbish the Design Technology room to create a new Computer Technology Resource. In our fast paced world of increasing digitalisation, it is beneficial for students to have the opportunity to be educated using up-to-date computer technology and this project will provide an important educational enhancement to the existing provision.

The total cost of removing the existing kit and replacing with new flooring, data points, furniture, computers and latest CAD software is estimated to cost in the region of £20k and we will be working hard to raise this money.

Dementia Carers Support Group

The charity aims to enhance the lives of those living with Dementia and Alzheimer's. They provide opportunities which offer stimulation, inclusion, friendship and relaxation for those residing in Runnymede and the surrounding areas.

The group was set up to look after and give respite for the Carers who are looking after sufferers. They run a drop in Day Centre for Carers to bring along their loved ones and enjoy a very social time together. A Supper Club is held twice a month, where a buffet is served and a fun raffle is held. The venues are free of charge.

The Friends of Woking Community Hospital

Woking Community Hospital is an immensely valuable NHS resource for the Borough, and deserves all the support that it can get. Its Walk-in Centre is used by many thousands of us each year. Its outpatient departments bring many specialist services to us in Woking. Its Bedser Hub is a national leader in providing integrated care to the elderly. The Alexandra Ward provides in-patient rehabilitation for people released from acute hospitals. The Bradley Unit provides wonderful neuro-rehabilitation to stroke and accident victims.

The Friends of Woking Community Hospital is a registered charity which exists to improve the quality of the patients' experience at the hospital. It does this mainly by funding equipment - medical or not. For example, Rotary's previous donations have contributed to the provision of wetrooms, which make showering much more convenient for the patients. We also fund some ongoing items which are valuable to the patients, but would not otherwise be available, such as craft materials and newspapers. Most importantly, we only fund items which the staff propose as being valuable; and we do not fund anything which the private sector organisations at the hospital should themselves be providing.