

HUNGRY?

Where to get help in Cambridge

HOMELESS?

Cambridge Churches Homeless Project

Exists to help reduce rough sleeping. Open from December to March in eleven churches and a synagogue. Most organisations listed above can give up-to-date details and refer people for this help. Donations welcome. For more information, see www.cchp.org.uk

Cambridge City Council Housing Advice Service

Free advice on a range of housing issues. Drop-in service: Monday to Friday 10 am–4 pm (except Wednesday, emergencies only, 1–4 pm).

Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, CB2 1BY – ☎ 457918 (out-of-hours emergency 0844 335 3944)

Cambridge Street Aid

‘Real change, not loose change’. Offers grants of up to £750 to help homeless people find accommodation and employment. Individuals must be referred by an organisation that has assessed the circumstances. There is a contactless giving point outside Co-Op Mill Road. Or text **CAMB16 £3** to 70070 to donate £3.

☎ 410535 – cambscf.org.uk/cambridge-street-aid.html

Jimmy’s

Offers short-term, emergency accommodation for women and men who might otherwise sleep rough. Dogs welcome. In addition to a bedroom and meals, they provide support and resettlement services.

1 East Road, CB1 1BD – ☎ 576085 – www.jimmyscambridge.org.uk

Police (non-emergency) ☎ 101

Salvation Army Community Centre

Offers advice to those in need, signposting them to local and national agencies for help and support, e.g. Cambridge City foodbank. Manager is Jan Mott. Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10 am – 1 pm.

104 Mill Road, CB1 2BD – ☎ 367633 – centre@camsa.org.uk

Street Outreach

Works with homeless people and others. Can help with accommodation, health care, welfare benefits, and alcohol abuse. Will sometimes come out to someone on the street who is unwilling or unable to visit the office. Office hours: Monday to Friday 8 am–4 pm; Rough sleeper early shift: 6 am–8 am (not Wednesday).

2nd Floor (above surgery, near roundabout), 125 Newmarket Road, CB5 8HA – ☎ 366292 – csmhot

Wintercomfort

Provides free breakfast, shower, clothing store, and laundry to those sleeping rough or unsuitably housed. Organises various activities including work placements, social groups, training, and workshops, with trained staff able to advise and signpost to support services. Open every day: 8.30 am–2 pm.

Overstream House, Victoria Avenue, CB4 1EG – ☎ 518140 – info@wintercomfort.org.uk

Useful Tip: If anyone encounters a homeless person or beggar, it is fine to offer a blanket or warm clothing or food, but never cash. Street Aid and other charities mentioned above welcome donations and will use them to help the hungry and homeless in a positive way.