

What Nightstop Guests have to say...

...I was a bit **nervous** about staying in someone else's home but they made me **feel very welcome**. Nothing could have been better; I really **enjoyed** and appreciated my stay...

...Nightstop **helped me** to acquire permanent **accommodation** without being on the streets. I have got a 6 month lease which will give me **time** to save up a deposit. I have applied for **several jobs** and I would like to seek out an **apprenticeship** in plumbing. Without Nightstop I would have probably fallen into a deeper hole...

...My hostess and her family have been really **great** and **helpful** and **caring** and I am really grateful. Thank you so much Nightstop for everything you have done for me. I shall be **forever grateful**. Thank you.



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NIGHTSTOP
Preventing homelessness through community hosting

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Please send referrals as early in the day as possible if you are looking for a placement that night to allow us enough time to carry out checks. It is helpful if you call us before sending a referral

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Who we are...

Nightstop is a local charity with a team of households around the New Forest providing emergency accommodation for 1 - 5 nights and on occasion longer for homeless people while they receive further advice on housing, employment and health.

We have a careful risk assessment process, working alongside other professional agencies in the New Forest, and no homeless person who is unsuitable is able to stay with Nightstop hosts. Those who do stay are, without exception, very grateful to their hosts.

Nightstop is not a permanent solution to local homelessness, but it gives people a breathing space to consider their situation.

New Forest Nightstop currently has around 30 volunteers who are hosts, drivers and ambassadors.

Hosts

Our host households are approved and security-checked people from the local community. All our volunteers are equipped with training and information regarding the challenges homeless people can face.

We have a range of households on the team including young families, single and retired people.

Hosts are not called to be counsellors but the focus is on basic hospitality and offering safe, friendly overnight accommodation.

Drivers

In addition to host households, Nightstop drivers provide lifts to people if there is no public transport available. Drivers sometimes collect a person from a referring agency and take them to a host's home or maybe get a person to an important appointment.

Ambassadors

Everything a Volunteer Ambassador does helps to publicise and raise awareness of the dangers of homelessness, and the valuable work that Nightstop does within the New Forest providing emergency accommodation for homeless people. This is with the purpose of encouraging volunteer recruitment charity promotion, fundraising and social inclusion.

They do this in the following ways:-

- Give talks to local Community groups
- Attend group events as a Nightstop representative - e.g. a cheque presentation
- Help out on the Nightstop stall at local events / Carnivals / Fetes etc.



Time or Talent?

Perhaps you have other talents beyond our core volunteering roles and would like to invest them in a worthy cause, making a difference to homeless people's lives and the work of Nightstop in our community? Could it be...

- Marketing
- Publicity
- Admin Support
- Fundraising activities

Get involved...

- Being a Nightstop volunteer is very rewarding and you would be part of a friendly and like-minded team.
- You can choose how much time you give from a few hours, a couple of nights a month to longer, expenses are covered.
- All volunteers receive induction training and ongoing training related to homeless people's issues.
- Please give us a ring on **01425 482773** if you are interested in finding out more or visit our website:

www.newforestnightstop.org.uk