**Council-Church partnership to brief public on “How to help the homeless”**

A briefing meeting for church members and the general public will be held on Thursday 7th June (7pm to 8.30, Oakham Baptist Church, Melton Rd, Oakham, LE15 6AY). This will advise on the statutory and community services available to support people vulnerable to homelessness.

The briefing is arranged by Churches Together in Oakham and by Rutland County Council. Town churches and the council worked in partnership last winter to support homeless people in Oakham.

Rev’d Canon Leo Osborn, Chair of Churches Together in Oakham, said: “Most of us have had the experience of seeing someone in need, but not knowing how best to help them. Everyone vulnerable to homelessness needs understanding and support, so Churches and Rutland County Council are stepping forward to enable us to learn about the help that is available and the part we can play”.

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