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Beatrice Laing Trust	Portishead Nautical Trust
Henry Smith Foundation	Weston-super-Mare Town Council
Lloyds Bank Foundation	Trusthouse Charitable Trust
MacRobert Trust	Souter Trust
Marsh Christian Trust	The Mall Fountain Fund
Olive Tree Trust	

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Make a donation** - (please make any cheques out to "WDGB LTD" - our old name! - and send to the address below). Gift-aid donations welcome from tax-payers.
- **Join our Mailing List** - receive newsletters and information about events.
- **Run a fundraising event** - coffee morning, table-sale, concert, quiz, cake-sale, boot sale etc.
- **Make us your church or group project** - we will support with talks and information leaflets, displays etc.
- **If you are a landlord** - please consider allowing us to place our clients with you.
- **Consider joining our Board of Trustees** - we are looking for local people with a real heart for, and commitment to, helping local people to avoid homelessness.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Maggie or Julia at the office (details below).

KeySteps

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Beyond the Bond

Newsletter



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE - *extract from a client feed-back letter*

- ◆ KeySteps has enabled me to quickly get back into job-seeking frame of mind.
- ◆ KeySteps does EXACTLY "what it says on the tin".
- ◆ KeySteps "stepped in" at a low point and assisted me in avoiding the cycle of:

homelessness

unemployment

low self-esteem

- ◆ KeySteps helps life-restructure to happen.

TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS KEYSTEPS

The Mayor of Weston-super-Mare Town Council presented a cheque to various local charities, including KeySteps, at a special evening held at the Blakehay Theatre in Weston earlier this year.



The event provided an opportunity for staff and volunteers of the different organisations to meet each other and to share ideas and information about the vital work they are doing in the community.

The grant of £750 will help KeySteps to fund the twice-weekly advice and information drop-in sessions where local people who are affected by homelessness can come for assistance with the issues they face.

We much appreciate the support of the Town Council for our work.

LANDLORDS - THANKS!

We would like to thank all the landlords who help us help people get back on their feet by accepting a bond in lieu of a cash deposit on their properties.

New funding from the Lloyds Bank Foundation (see opposite) ensures we can continue to offer ongoing support to tenants, assisting them with paper and online applications for Housing Benefit and helping them sort out any other issues that might affect their tenancy before they become a problem.

CONCERT PERFORMED BY

GLOUCESTER & DISTRICT CHRISTIAN CHOIR

Raising funds for KeySteps

SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER

7.30pm

Yatton Methodist Church,
High Street, Yatton BS49 4DW

Tickets £5.00

(includes light refreshments)

Please contact KeySteps Office -
details on back page.



In-Crisis info-Sheet



This helpful leaflet was produced by KeySteps as part of joint initiative with Churches Together Weston District, with funding from the Church Urban Fund. It gives concise information about available support (health, food, shelter) for those in crisis in Weston-super-Mare.

Homeless people can use the information to access help at short notice and it is fast becoming a vital resource to professionals and volunteers in the sector, with requests for copies from local charities, churches and even the Avon and Somerset Police.

Download a PDF version from:

www.KeySteps.org.uk
or
www.ctwd.org.uk

GRANT FROM LLOYDS BANK FOUNDATION

KeySteps staff and trustees are delighted that our vital support for local homeless people can continue with the help of a £75,000 grant over three years from Lloyds Bank Foundation.

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We will use their grant to fund the salary of a Support Worker and Administrator to ensure that safe housing is in reach for the local people that need it.

As well as helping people with the initial cost, KeySteps provides ongoing support to people who have moved into new homes, ensuring they go from strength to strength and make a success of, and sustain, their safer and more secure lifestyle.

Martin Knight, Chair Trustee Board of KeySteps, said:

“This grant from the Lloyds Bank Foundation will make a huge difference to the homeless people KeySteps works with, enabling people to access our Deposit Guarantee scheme and, critically, our ongoing support. Thanks to specialist, one-to-one support at a critical time in their lives, people will turn their lives around, leave homelessness behind and have a much more positive future”.

FOUNTAIN FUND

Thanks to the generosity of shoppers, grants have once again been distributed amongst charities working in the local community.

All the money thrown into the fountain at the Mall at Cribbs Causeway in Bristol – around £10,000 a year – goes into the Fountain Fund, which is further supplemented by a range of fundraising activities at The Mall.

KeySteps was given a donation of £1000, which will greatly help us in our work with local people who are affected by homelessness.

