

Standing Order

To the Manager

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Branch address (including post code)

Please pay: The Friends of the Rendezvous

The sum of £ _____ to

Bank: HSBC

Account: 21269135

Sort code: 40-41-23

Start date: _____

and make similar payments

monthly annually until further notice

Gift Aid

Yes, I want The Friends of the Rendezvous to reclaim the tax I have paid on all donations made in the last four years and all future donations until I notify you otherwise.

No, I am not currently a UK taxpayer.

To qualify for Gift Aid, you must pay an amount of UK Income Tax and or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that you donated to will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year. Other taxes such as VAT and council tax do not qualify. We will reclaim 25p for every £1 you give.

Signature _____

Name (PRINT) _____

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Post code _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please return this form to

The Membership Secretary
The Friends of the Rendezvous
Under Cheap Street Church
Cheap Street
Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3BJ
Charity no: 1162722 Company no: 7592624

How you can help

- Membership - become a member and make a regular monthly or annual subscription
- Help – lend a hand at events
- Support - come along to our events
- Run your own – organise your own fundraising event in aid of the Rendezvous
- Sell - Rendezvous Christmas cards
- Remember the Rendezvous in your will and leave a legacy

If you'd like to find out more then please get in touch with Professor Bob Eccleshall, the Chair of the Friends.

- Drop in and see him between 10am and 12 noon every Tuesday or Friday morning at the Rendezvous
- Email: robert.eccleshall@btinternet.com
- Telephone: 01935 812446

Gift Aid

If you make a donation and pay UK tax the Government will give us another 25p for every £1 you give if you complete the Gift Aid section. That one little tick will make a whole lot of difference!

“They taught me how to talk to people on the phone, fill in forms and take control of my life.”



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Helping young people to help themselves

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The Rendezvous is a local Dorset charity that has been providing high quality support services to young people (14-25) living in the Sherborne area since 1997.

The Rendezvous operates as a drop-in centre with its coffee bar at its heart. The centre is staffed by qualified youth workers and local volunteers and provides a place where young people can be accepted regardless of who they are or where they come from.

The centre runs a weekly Young Parents group and the Open Doors mentoring programme provides opportunities for young people to improve their literacy and numeracy.

On site there is a recording studio and engineer available to help young people for free, a computer training suite and small work rooms.

The numbers

- over 2500 visits every year
- over 50 drop-ins each week plus groups like Young Parents and mentoring and training sessions
- 75% male / 25% female
- more than half have diagnosed mental health conditions or ADHD ASD



What does the Rendezvous do?

The staff team provides a listening ear for young people and aims to help them to take responsibility for themselves and their actions.

The team can help with problems including relationships, substance abuse, benefits, debt management and housing including providing support for young people living in Osborne House. They regularly advocate on behalf of young people with housing departments, health officials and benefits' teams. Where literacy is a problem they help with form-filling and will encourage them to improve their basic skills through the centre's mentoring programme, Open Doors.

How does it do it?

The Rendezvous does not judge a young person for the choices they make but tries to help them make better choices in the future. Young people trust the Rendezvous staff and the team are successful in working with those most 'hard to reach.' The growing number of committed volunteer mentors continue to provide invaluable support enabling the centre to meet the needs of the young people living in the area.

“They listen. Give help. Give advice. My life has been turned around by the help given by the Rendezvous.”

The Friends

Why we're needed

The Rendezvous is highly respected by the local community and by statutory agencies including Dorset County Council. However, less than 10% of their annual running costs come from official sources and this means that the Rendezvous relies heavily on grants from trusts and foundations and the generosity of local people and organisations to keep afloat. The Friends is a major revenue stream for the centre and raises over £20,000 every year towards running costs and specific projects including a weekly cooking session.

How we fundraise

We run two weekly coffee mornings at the Rendezvous (Tuesday and Friday) where you can get a delicious piece of cake and cup of tea/coffee for a very reasonable price. We also run a number of annual events including a range of concerts, a Christmas Fair and support the town's annual Christmas shopping day.