

Welcome, A word from our Chief Executive

Dear friends

Welcome to the first edition of our new e-newsletter. We're really grateful for all the support you've given to Action Homeless over the past few months. With your help we've been able to achieve some great things, including the opening of our new harm reduction centre called Engage and the launch of our new partnership social enterprises Action Clean and Action Paint. You'll find out more about these initiatives below along with details of upcoming ways in which you can continue to follow and support our work.

With thanks and best wishes

Rob Parkinson, September 2011



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News Update

In June we opened Engage, our new harm reduction centre next to Mayfield House. The centre is equipped with a training kitchen, computer suite and therapy, counselling and training rooms. Opened with funding and support from the Leicester Drug and Alcohol Action Team, Engage offers homeless people in Leicester a new chance to deal with the harmful effects of substance misuse.

New social enterprise Action Clean is now open for business providing cleaning services to organisations across Leicestershire. The business is a partnership between Action Homeless, TREES, Apex-Works and Glen Parva YO1. In the few months since it was launched Action Clean has created jobs for four Action Homeless residents. Following the success of Action Clean we are about to launch two more social enterprises: Action Paint and Action Garden which will help create more jobs for homeless people in the future.

Mayfield House now has a new bird garden thanks to funding from the Big Lottery. The environmentally friendly garden aimed at encouraging wildlife is now up and running for residents to enjoy. This will give our residents a chance to get involved with nature in an urban setting.

Engage



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What's new at Action Homeless?

Case Studies, from September onwards we will be featuring a Case Study of the month on our website. Hear directly from our service users about their experiences of homelessness. This month, have a look at **Chris' story**.

We are now on facebook and twitter so please [like our facebook page](#) and [follow us on twitter](#) for all the latest updates.



Dates for your diary

Monday 26th September [Charity Curry Night](#) at Cuisine of India in Wigston. Join us for a spicy September supper. Tickets are £16, with £8 from each ticket sold going straight to Action Homeless. We will also be running a raffle with exciting prizes such as a Leicester City shirt and football signed by Leicester City legends.

Sunday 9th October [Leicester Marathon](#), we are still looking for runners so why not set yourself a challenge in aid of Action Homeless and run either the half or full marathon.

Friday 25th November [Christmas House Party](#) at the newly restored Launde Abbey near Loddington. Join us in beautiful surroundings for a cocktail reception and dinner with music. We will also be holding an auction and raffle with fantastic prizes to be won. Tickets are £35 each.

If you would like to take part in any of these events please phone us on 0116 221 1851 or email jonathancryer@actionhomeless.org.uk