

Good Soil

Growing lives. Releasing potential



NEWSLETTER Autumn 2019

Well, the leaves are starting to turn, and I am looking forward to my last Veg Box of 2019. The seasons come and go but work on the land never stops and nor does the work of Good Soil.

We are so grateful to God - and the owners! – for the provision of House No 2, to be known as Willow House. It is not far from Oak House and it is currently being made ready for occupation for four residents. We are seeking applications and interviews are already underway, in the hope that we can open Willow House in November.

Oak House was always envisaged as just the start and we rejoice at what we see as a step forward. We hope there will be more houses in the future, by God's grace.

We trust that opening a second house will put us on firmer foundation financially, but it will mean more work for Dave & Alison in particular, so if you feel you could volunteer in any way, please contact alison@goodsoil.org.uk or 07541 701823 for an initial conversation.



A Resident's View

"I have been a resident at Oak House for over 6 months now. It's a brilliant place for me to live and I feel safe and secure, where I hadn't before. I love being at the farm and in particular in the wood workshop – it's a peaceful place to be and work. I have an issue with drinking when I am stressed and I am being supported in this, especially with the Genesis Process which is really helpful."

We were proud to receive the Premier Christian Radio, Love Britain & Ireland Award for working with disadvantaged people which was presented to Nev & Jim in London this month.



We are registered with **EASY FUNDRAISING** and **AMAZON SMILE**. Select Good Soil as your chosen charity and raise funds for us when you shop online



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/9BII9H/7Z67KW>
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1163345-0>

NEWS FROM THE FARM



Over the past six months there has been an amazing transformation of the Arts & Crafts cabin!



This has only been possible because of generous grants from Fortis and Worcester Roundtablers. Both inside and outside has been improved to create an attractive warm, dry and functional space where clients can express themselves in a creative way.

There are now various work-stations and facilities to sew, print, press, design cards and create pottery, with help from our highly gifted volunteers.

The Feeding Station (FS)

We give thanks for the teams of volunteers who continue to provide hot and cold food and drinks to between 30 and 50 homeless folk in the city every Saturday night. A referral was recently received from the FS for a potential client in need of housing. Although this did not come to fruition, it was an encouragement to see that the potential exists for attendance at the FS to lead to residency in a Good Soil home. Our heart is to see individuals move on in their lives from addiction and homelessness to learning practical and social skills, gaining confidence and independence as well as being transformed spiritually.

URGENT: The van that we use for the FS is on its last legs and needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Please do join with us in prayer about this and if anyone knows of any sources of funding that we may be able to tap into please let Steve Gillgan know.

We held a meeting for volunteers working at the FS on the evening of October 21st at Lifehouse Elim Church, to review how things were going and to explore how to improve the connection between the feeding station, the farm and the housing activities of Good Soil.

SIGN UP!

We would love you to pray for us, so if that's for you, please email info@goodsoil.org.uk and ask to be included in our monthly prayer and praise points email.



www.goodsoil.org.uk

Contact us at info@goodsoil.org.uk;

Follow us on Facebook

