

THANK YOU

YOUR GENEROSITY IS AMAZING

It's always heart-warming to hear about organisations making a positive impact on people's lives. We're excited to show you how your donations to Gillingham Street Angels have made a difference to those who are homeless, experiencing financial hardship and food poverty in Medway.



With your help, we've been able to provide hot, freshly cooked, nutritious meals and other vital resources to those who might otherwise go without.



With your support and our holistic approach to our services, we're not only meeting the needs of our clients, but we're also improving their health and wellbeing.

Together we make a tangible impact by transforming lives, inspiring hope and tackling homelessness & food poverty.

On behalf of everyone at Gillingham Street Angels and all those we support we say **thank you from the bottom of our hearts**, and we look forward to continuing to make a difference with you for those in need across Medway.

*Neil, Tracy, Tracey
& The Gillingham Street Angels*

Did you know that every month our food initiatives feed around:

Foodbanks - 23,200
Soup Kitchens - 910
Family & Community Lunches - 180
School Holiday Lunches - 1,400

That's just under 25'000 'fed' people in need per month or just over 300,000 per year!



HOMELESSNESS

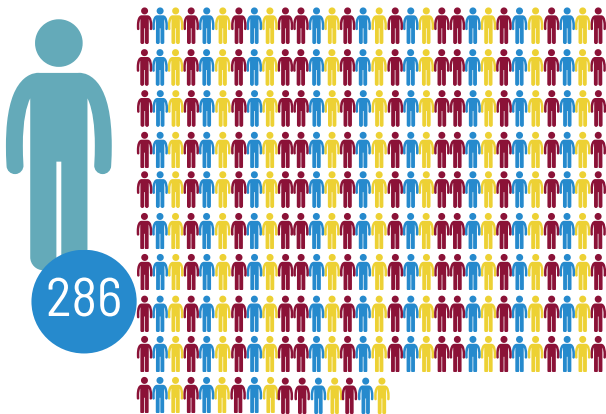
The 'stark' reality in Medway

Nationally, Shelter's research shows that at least 271,000 people are recorded as homeless in England, including 123,000 children. That equates to a national rate of one in 208 people.



Alarmingly **there are a large amount of people living on the streets** across Medway and this is increasing.

Medway has the joint **3rd highest** homeless rate in Kent. There is 1 homeless person for every **286** people in Medway.

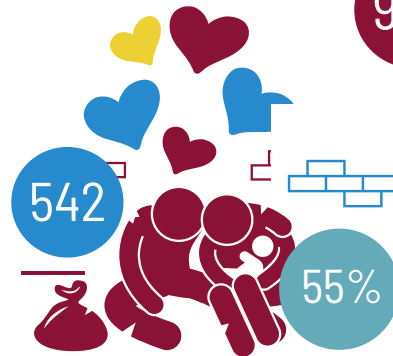


The risk of homelessness is a lot closer to you than you think! How would you & your family cope if you missed a couple of wage payments!

Medway has **980** people rated as homeless. This is the **highest** number across all of Kent.



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542 of these are children in temporary accommodation. A staggering **55%**.

These are exactly the reasons why **Gillingham Street Angels** are passionate about providing a **holistic** approach to tackling homelessness in Medway.



We aim to make accessing community, and health & wellbeing services as easy as possible for the people we help!

Sad but true facts...

- Homelessness occurs for many different reasons, normally made up of a combination of more than one.
- Reasons range from lesser obvious ones such as parents not allowing people to stay at home (21% of cases) up to financial hardship & tenancy agreements ending (27% of cases).

The stark reality is that it can happen to anyone and at any time. This is reflected in the continuing growth of homelessness in Medway.

Homelessness & rough sleeping are not 'choices'. People do not choose to live on the streets!

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'There is an alarming number of homeless people in Kent. The Homeless Charity Shelter has warned that it is 'bracing' for a spike as the figures continue to rise at an alarming rate!'





Gillingham Street Angels

We're not just a homeless charity anymore

SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN MEDWAY NO MATTER WHAT THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES ARE

Opened **3 New School Uniform Banks** for families to help with rising costs of school uniforms.

Shed Angels:

A programme of groups to learn and share hands-on' skills with like-minded people, socialise and have fun. Creating amazing projects from unloved items for your community.



Our **Rochester Café** offers **great value, freshly cooked meals** alongside lots of community activities such as **Bingo, Dementia Cafe's, Kids Breakfast Clubs**. Plus a welcoming community space available for meeting hire.

Our **Fishy Fridays** offer Restaurant quality Seafood at affordable prices. Ingredients directly from Billingsgate Fish Market freshly sourced same day by Neil himself!



Let's talk Rubbish!

Working with Medway Norse & Medway Council's 3 Recycling Centres we've **recycled 65 tonnes** of items headed to landfill to be repurposed and reused. **That's the weight of around 21 Elephants!**



Pets are Family to!

Pet friendly venues and free treats for good behaviour in our cafes and shops. Pet supplies are available at our Foodbank when we can!

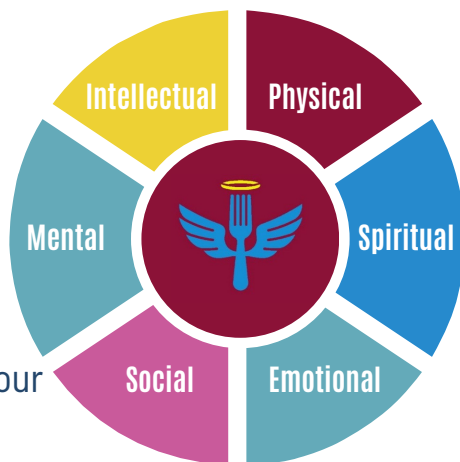


New for 2024 for Gillingham Street Angels:
2 Charity Shops, a Shed Angels Recycling Group, a fully inclusive Wellbeing & Welfare programme and 2 Community Hubs with affordable Meeting Space.



Volunteering:

We provide a range of volunteering opportunities that others don't as part of our commitment to embracing diversity and supporting challenging behaviours.



Our Wellbeing Wheel:
Holistic health simultaneously addresses the physical, mental, emotional, social & spiritual components of a persons overall health & wellbeing. We use our 'Wellbeing Wheel' with our commitment to a range of 'holistic' services' to ensure we offer people the best type of support for them.

Community Partnerships:

We are proud to be working with our corporate volunteering partners. we can't do what we do without them.



Wellbeing Services:
Our wellbeing support is being delivered in collaboration with the NHS and other local welfare providers. This gives the people we help access to a wider range of services, empowering them to make healthier lifestyle choices.



Gillingham Street Angels

Our **Food Donation Partners** are amazing and we are very grateful for the daily support and commitment they give us day in- day out!

Some of our partners are: Brakes, Bidfood, Sainsburys, Coop, KFC, Bookers, OCADO, KFF, Dobbies and weekly donations of fresh eggs from Dippys Farm.

Our Community Soup Kitchens:

Provides a vital 'well-used' service. We make free hot meals to serve to those who are homeless or who can't afford to feed themselves. We do lunch at St Augustines Church in Gillingham and Family Meals at the Gospel Mission Church Strood.



Community Hubs & Signposting:

We continue to help people to access local services and are a main go to' for help for communities and other voluntary and community sector organisations.



At our Foodbanks

We support the 4 fundamental basics for life: Free food, water, clothing and shelter... Not forgetting to check that people have the necessary tools too!



We support the **HAF School Holidays Programme supplying meals for children** who would normally receive school dinners through the holidays and run

fun and nutritious Cooking Activities.

