

PRESS RELEASE

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“Foot Prints” launch an overwhelming success!

The launch of a new community magazine, “Foot Prints” took place at 2pm today at the St. Martins day centre in Bognor Regis. “Foot Prints” tackles issues such as, addiction, homelessness, service awareness and community interaction but unlike other publication it does this from the unique stand point of those who have and in some cases still are, experiencing homelessness and the surrounding issues.

“Foot Prints” was the brain child of Brian Morgan, who is in being supported by Stonepillow in recovery from alcoholism and is accessing their Move-On Accommodation, he said, “Nothing can prepare you for what you will experience living on the streets. I was lucky to receive the support I needed from Stonepillow and with their help I have turned my life around. I wanted to ensure that others in the situation I was in, know what help is available to them and how to access it. I also wanted to help educate society and build awareness amongst statutory services such as the Police, of the challenges faced by those of us on the streets”.

After running his idea past support workers at Sands (Stonepillow’s Rehabilitation Centre), Mr Morgan formed a steering group that over the past weeks has taken “Foot Prints” from concept to reality, with the 1st issue being launched today.

The steering group includes; copy writers, artists and an editor all of which are currently accessing support from Stonepillow’s Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre (Sands). Tim Hurrell, PR & Fundraising Manager for Stonepillow said, “We’re really excited about the magazine launch. It’s really great to see our clients sharing their success stories and actively



Brian Morgan & members of the steering group Launching the 1st Edition of Foot Prints

putting something back into society. We’re proud to have been able to support Mr Morgan and his team in producing the 1st issue and are keen to ensure the magazine continues well into the future”.

When asked what affect the Magazine has had on Sands residents, Chris Green, Sands Project Manager said; “The magazine has built enthusiasm amongst our clients particularly motivating those in the early stages of recovery. We commend the individuals involved and look forward to many more editions and more clients from Sands and the Day Centres becoming involved”.

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Stonepillow (St. Richard of Chichester Christian Care Association) offers shelter, information and support to empower homeless and vulnerable individuals to make positive changes in their lives. The charity runs 7 projects in the Chichester & Bognor area.

- St. Joseph’s Night Refuge
- The Old Glass Works Day Centre, Chichester
- St. Martins Day Centre, Bognor Regis
- Young Asylum Seekers Hostels
- Sands Rehabilitation Centre
- Move-on Accommodation
- Back To Work Skilled Workshop