

2017

Norwich Open Christmas



2017 is the **26th year of Open Christmas in Norwich** and it is a well-established event at St Andrew's Hall in Norwich which last year attracted over 500 people on Christmas Day. This event is supported by Norwich City and Norfolk County Councils.

Norwich Open Christmas provides Christmas Lunch and Tea, entertainment, food parcels, clothing and a warm welcome on Christmas Day from 11am to 5pm, for those who are on their own or homeless in Norwich & Norfolk. Everything at Norwich Open Christmas is provided **free of charge** and no booking is required. Free transport can be arranged for Christmas Day, to and from St Andrew's Hall. Guests are welcome to stay all day or come and go as they please. During the day there will be entertainment including music, a quiz and bingo. Coffee, tea and cold drinks are available all day.

The event attracts many different people. Our guests range from the homeless to those who own their own homes but are on a very low income/pension. The number of Social Services/Care in the Community referrals is increasing every year. We also have guests who have been discharged from hospital, or released from prison immediately before Christmas. Our volunteers are from many backgrounds and professions, some, like our guests, would be alone at Christmas and benefit from helping others.

We give every guest a food parcel and clothing to take home.

Please see how **YOU** can help us.



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Many of our guests live alone, therefore need a variety of **small** size non-perishable food items and for our homeless guests, easy to open tins (e.g. ring-pull). Below are some of the items we hope you can donate.

Small boxes/cartons of	Tins of
Breakfast Cereals	Fruit
Cake	Stew
Fruit Juices	Sausages & Beans
Pasta & Pasta Meals	Steak & Kidney Pies
Rice & Rice Meals	Salmon/Tuna/Fish
Instant Mash Potato	Ham
Cup o'soups	Potatoes
Chocolate bars	Peas
Biscuits & Snacks & Crisps	Beans
Coffee & Tea	Baked Beans
Milk (UHT or powdered)	Tomatoes
Custard (ready to eat)	Soup
Sugar	Vegetables
	Puddings
Any Vegetarian options of the above	

Boxes or tins of biscuits and sweets for use on the day.

* We cannot accept alcohol or any item containing alcohol.

We would be very grateful for warm winter clothing and sleeping bags that are in good condition.

Other Items: Socks (unisex), Warm gloves, scarves and hats (unisex)

Last year sleeping bags were in great demand and much appreciated.

For more information, please visit
www.openchristmas.org.uk/donations.html

or `phone Linda or Colin on 01603 624877



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