



*this is what God asks of you,  
only this...*

*To act justly,  
To love tenderly, and  
To walk humbly  
with your God.*

*micah 6:8*

On the streets, in homes, on estates in Basingstoke and the surrounding area many people struggle to meet their daily needs and those of their families. Even food can be in short supply, especially if there has been an unforeseen crisis which has interrupted their usual budget. Sometimes the loss of a job, illness or depression can set people on a downward spiral. Meanwhile, in the same locality there are generous people who recognise that they have so much more than others, but have no idea how to go about distributing what they would like to give.

The simple aim of Besom is to join together the gift with the need. Whether the offer is to help with a task, give money or donate an item of furniture, we can identify – usually through the caring agencies – people who need the very thing that is donated.





Good quality  
furniture

Starter pack for  
those who are  
moving to a  
new home



New or nearly  
new white goods

Baby pack for  
new or expectant  
mothers



Beds and  
new duvets and  
clean bedding

items people love to receive

# The past year at Basingstoke Besom...



**Apart from delivering hundreds of household items, time-givers have decorated rooms, transformed gardens and done many DIY jobs....** *(our main DIY man, Alan, can now put up curtain poles in his sleep)*

**In March we hosted a lunchtime conference at the Sarum Hill Centre for Besom representatives from South East England. We shared our triumphs, disasters, problems, solutions and ideas....it was a time of great encouragement which we hope to do again.**



**The Core Team, which meets every Thursday morning at Wessex Christian Fellowship, is drawn from churches of all denominations. It is amazing how well we work, fellowship and laugh together – without barriers.**

*"As a Christian, I always wanted to serve others outside my Church in a practical way, and until I heard about Besom that seemed to be quite difficult. Through Besom it is possible to get involved, not only with donating goods and food but also giving time to help people through Besom projects. I have tidied gardens, painted rooms, cleared rooms, unpacked and packed up rooms for all sorts of people who just needed a helping hand. Great way to serve directly and feel like what you are doing is making some sort of difference to someone"* *(Colleen, core team member)*

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- ❖ **follow us on Facebook (The Besom in Basingstoke)**

❖ note our new mobile number: 07541 123797 (email: [besominbasingstoke@gmail.com](mailto:besominbasingstoke@gmail.com))

# Christmas is coming!

Fill a hamper  
special time for

and make it a  
someone



cover a cardboard  
box with Christmas  
paper and fill it  
full of Christmas  
treats .....



..... then call us on  
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Last year, thanks to your generosity, 260 hampers were delivered