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| Open Door | Devizes | Wilts | Devizes Opendoor is a small Christian-led mission to the towns socially isolated and unchurched men and women. Formed in September 2009 it operates three times a week at St John’s Parish Rooms: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is serviced by volunteers who come from various churches and denominations and is a good example of ecumenical Christian out-reach. It is held in prayer also by many churches in the Deanery, and receives donations of food from the active Redhorn benefice, and clothing and blankets from Oxfam linked supporters and St Johns. This church support is cherished by the leadership of Opendoor .The mission is grateful also for the regular donations of short-dated food from Devizes FoodBank .  Opendoor provides welcome, a meeting place, conversation, hot food and drink, shower and laundry facility. For some clients, the Opendoor meetings provide routine and familiarity and a sense of belonging.  Opendoor has a good working relationship with Community Four who once a week send advisors to provide access to guidance and information about housing, debt, finance, and benefits. Opendoor seeks also to move people to engage with appropriate addiction support agencies and also encourages approaches to vocational/educational training centres.  All users of Opendoor are long term unemployed adults. The adults who come are aged between 18-65yrs. Male and females . On average about 12 people attend each session. Many have addictions either alcohol or other substances which have shattered family structure and makes actioning positive changes difficult. The clients life styles are chaotic. Several feel very socially isolated. Some are on probation, several have experienced prison. Some are sleeping rough .Some have mental health problems. Some have depression. Some have challenging behaviour. Several have experienced abuse. Sometimes their eyes are downcast and their hands clenched. Other times they bang the table. Sometimes they swagger. Some turn up with thick lips and black eyes . Sometimes they are angry . They are full of ailments. Sometimes they sit and weep. Sometimes they stare into space. Sometimes they just sit and read the papers.  “Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them .” And He said to His disciples,  “They need not go away; you give them something to eat” | Sue Kemp |