



Dear Town Council,

I would like to write to ask for some advice in an area of our towns life that we seem to be facing.

Over the last 6 months I have dealt with 3 or 4 people who have turned up at the church and have been homeless. As a church we are more than happy to help them, we have paid for them to be put in local hotels and then offered support in the morning to get them on their way. We recognise that some may be more genuine than others, but we do not feel that is our place to judge. I would want to also state that others from the community have been sending these people our way and again we are happy to be the place where homeless can get support in our town.

Believe it or not, we are not asking for money! But we are asking for some possible support.

For one reason or another the majority of people have come to us on a Saturday evening, I then find a hotel for them locally and then arrange to meet them on the Sunday morning to talk through what is their next best thing to do.

One recent event shocked me, we had to drive someone over the bridge to get support as Cornwall were unwilling to help as they only had one person in the office and the best they could offer was an overnight stay down in Truro when the gentleman in question was wanting to go in the opposite direction. Plymouth were willing to get him a bus ticket that day, but clearly he needed to be on the Plymouth side.

The challenge is that most of the services seem to be closed on a Sunday and also not local to this area. A lot of the time we are ringing around trying to find any help we can to help these people go on their way.

Like I say, we are more than happy to do this and are more than happy to be the place where people are directed if they are in this situation, but we are needing support in trying to find a process that no matter what day it is, we know the support that people can receive and get without being sent down to Truro.

I would appreciate if this could be discussed as to what support, or action plans we could come up with together to make sure that we are not wasting time playing with these peoples lives and demeaning them as well as making sure that Saltash is a supportive place for those who find themselves in this situation.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Parkman". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tim Parkman

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