



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROMNEY MARSH

## MOBILE PHONES APPEAL

Following the success of our 'Laptops for Schools' appeal, we are now inviting donations of mobile phones to help local Charity 'PORCHLIGHT' in its work with the homeless in our area.

So, if you have a working Mobile Phone and charger that you no longer use - it doesn't need to be a sophisticated Smartphone – will you donate it please? All we ask is that you delete any personal information, remove the SIM Card, take the phone to one of the four drop off points listed below, and place it in the Rotary Club's collection box.

Porchlight is a local Charity that helps people sleeping rough, the homeless, and vulnerable, in our area - including those who have experienced domestic abuse or modern slavery - and finds them accommodation.

Once in temporary accommodation Porchlight helps its clients to work with a coach and access other services available to them, through their local Council, CAB, mental health services, MIND, GP, Probation Officers, Samaritans and others. It also help them to make homelessness applications, apply for universal credit, set up utilities, etc.

A mobile phone is a vital device – a lifeline – for Porchlight's clients and is given, as a top priority, to anyone sleeping rough, so that its outreach workers can keep in contact, let them know when accommodation has been found for them, and establish a rapport with the client; it not only enables the client to keep in touch – it helps them to access other services, gives them some sense of independence and identity, and helps them to escape their current situation.

**Drop off points, from which the mobile phones will be regularly collected and delivered to Porchlight, are situated at:**

**DYMCHURCH – The Ocean Inn, 2 High Street, TN29 0NG**

**LYDD – Lyons Department Store, Coronation Square, TN29 9AT**

**NEW ROMNEY – Reception desk of Romney Marsh Community Hub, Sunflower House, Rolfe Lane, TN28 8JR**

**ST. MARY'S BAY – Foyer of St Mary's Bay Village Hall, Jefferstone Lane, TN29 0SW**

Alternatively, you can make a donation via our website, [www.romneymarshrotary.co.uk](http://www.romneymarshrotary.co.uk); all donations received in September, October and November will be allocated to this Appeal.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH.**