

## The Besom in Ashtead

## **Mission Champion: Chris Purdy**

The Besom is a prayer led Christian organisation that aims to be a bridge for local church members to give their time, their money or their household items to help local people in need, we have links with social workers and housing authorities who refer clients to us. We serve the surrounding area of Ashtead, Leatherhead, and Epsom.

The Besom exists to help you make a difference to the lives of others and to make it easy for you to do so.

The Besom is a service for those who have. The result of a well-functioning bridge is that the poorest are blessed, yet our focus is not primarily on the poor, but on those on the other side of the bridge who have things to give. Besom enables effective and involved giving, where the giver of time, money, skills or things can see the difference that their giving makes.

The Besom is a lay-led faith ministry. It is our conviction that every member of the Body of Christ has been commissioned by the Lord to go into the world with His power and compassion, and that to do so does not require professional leadership qualification in advance. Rather, our focus is on equipping believers to serve from the grassroots, developing a response to teaching coming from the front.

The Besom is a relational service. Every stage of the Besom process is characterised by real and meaningful relationships. Whether that be within a Besom team, between team members and givers, team members and professional partners, or givers and recipients, at every stage of the process we are seeking to demonstrate Christ through our interactions with one another.

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