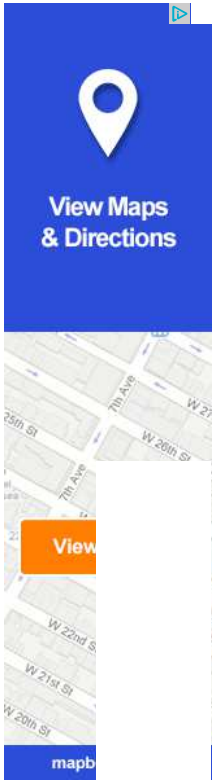




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Bournemouth Café Seeks Gifts For Families Affected By Domestic Abuse

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Flirt Café Bar in Bournemouth's Triangle is helping to bring some festive cheer to victims of domestic abuse this Christmas by asking customers and members of the public to donate a gift to go under the tree in its premises.

Under new ownership and management, Flirt is continuing the legacy of previous owners, Peter Moody and Rob Hazell, and supporting local charity BCHA, which runs two Women's Refuges in the Poole and Bournemouth area, as well as many other local services supporting families with young children.

The Bournemouth-based organisation, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary next year, is a specialist housing and social care provider, helping homeless and vulnerable people access the right housing, health, learning and work opportunities.

Flirt Manager, Louise Keeley, said, "We are really pleased to continue Flirt's support for BCHA again this year. The wonderful customers and friends of Flirt are always so generous and we hope that this year we can beat our previous record of the number of presents for those who probably feel a bit forgotten. Many of our friends add a small present to their shopping and put it under our tree on their way home it is as easy as that and makes such a huge difference. It is great to know that those, especially children, in BCHA's services will have a slightly happier Christmas this year because of what we can all do."

People are being asked to bring presents, big or small, unwrapped or in open gift bags by noon on December 22nd in time for BCHA staff to deliver them. Flirt Café Bar is based at 21 The Triangle and is open every day from 8am until 11pm.

Paul Tucker, Campaigns and Communications Manager at BCHA, said, "Flirt has supported BCHA for a number of years, so we are delighted that the new owners and management wish to continue this relationship. This time of year is always a particularly difficult time for the women and children in our refuges, not to mention the many other families experiencing homelessness and poverty at Christmas. However, through the generosity of Flirt and the public, we can deliver some joy with gifts and help reassure them that this year they are safe, warm and comfortable and also not living with fear, intimidation and violence."

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