

# New base for bereavement charity

A NEW base for St Albans Bereavement Network (SABN) has been opened in Catherine Street, St Albans.

The charity, established in 2002, has until recently been operating from offices in Trinity United Reformed Church in Beaconsfield Road.

The new, more central location provides additional space to provide advice, support and counselling to bereaved adults and children.

The charity was founded by Dr Mary Groves Rowe and Rev Colin Rowe.

Dr Michael Elves, chairman of SABN, said: "I am very grateful to the mayor, our patrons and everyone who has supported us in our move to these great new premises. There is an office and counselling room

space which is really fit for purpose and will allow us to increase the level of support we offer to people of all ages. Its central location in the city means we are now much more accessible.

"The charity was set up in response to concerns raised in the community that bereaved people had no one to turn to. The network supports bereaved children, young people and families as well as adults. We also advise professionals, organisations and carers and the number of people we help continues to grow."

For more information about St Albans Bereavement Network visit [www.sabn.org.uk/](http://www.sabn.org.uk/)

It now handles more than 1,500 calls a year to its helpline 01727 841841 and provides more than 5,000 hours of counselling support.