



The Hub@BA15 Newsletter

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Thank you for supporting us!



**We are now needing
Easter Eggs**



What an amazingly busy year we have had. As always, our volunteers have been working hard to pack up holiday bags, which were distributed via local schools.

With the cost of living crisis, we have provided more food parcels than ever. We have had such wonderful support from our local community this year, which enabled us to provide over 860 families with a holiday food parcel, via local schools, for each school holiday. This is in addition to our regular agency referral requests.

We are so grateful to the incredible local community who are always so generous in donating food items via our local supermarkets or directly to the Hub. Many supporters donate regularly either directly by bank transfer or via our card reader and gift aid their donations which helps us enormously. Gift Aid makes a huge difference, it boosts donations by 25%.

Thank you to everyone who supports us, we simply couldn't do what we do without you!

Any families in need should contact their school or call The Hub directly.

Here are the figures for financial year April 22-March 24:

Community links

We have developed strong links with the Julian House outreach team who join us fortnightly on Tuesdays.

Rethink visit regularly and are holding a drop in coffee morning at the Hub on 1st February.



Representatives from Selwood Housing regularly visit, as do our local social prescribers and our local community police officers.

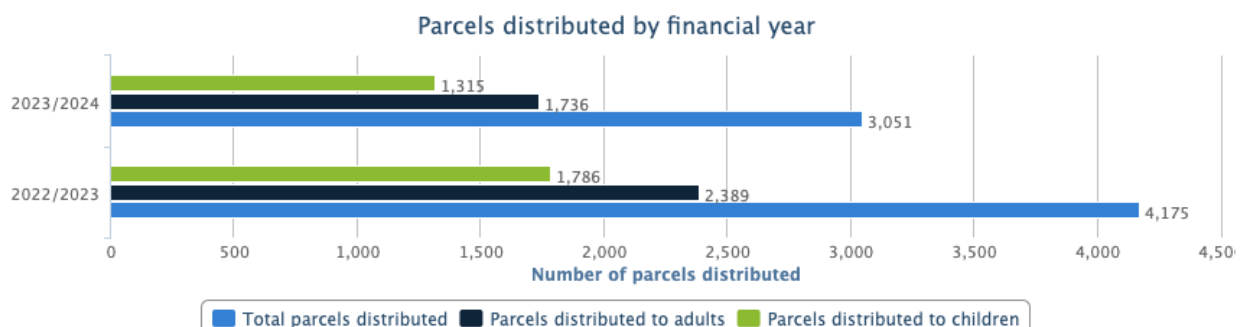
GrownGreen@HartleyFarm veg boxes are delivered fortnightly by Kate, enabling us to provide fresh vegetables in our food parcels.

Coffee Mornings

Our coffee mornings are held on the **second Friday of the month. Please join us between 10.30am-12pm on the following Fridays: 9th Feb, 8th March, 22nd March (extra Easter coffee morning & Easter raffle), 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th Aug.**

Or just pop into the Hub and see us – we are open weekdays from 10am-1pm. We can help with form filling, benefits advice, use of computers and signposting. We have a job club on Wednesdays with help creating CVs, job searches, applications, mock interviews etc.

Total parcels distributed



Debt & Benefits Advice

Chris Sanders and his expert team of advisors work for **Hope Debt Advice** at the Hub. For an appointment, email advice@hopedebtadvice.org or call the Hub on 01225 920748.

In these difficult times, it is sometimes hard to know where to start when dealing with money troubles. The team can help contact your creditors, and may be able to postpone any action by them to recover debts until things are more sorted! They can also advise on maximising your income and budgeting. The volunteers have all undergone training through CMA, and several have wider experience in this field.

The aim is to provide free, confidential, unconditional and impartial debt and budgeting advice.

Hub Volunteering Opportunities

Want to
Volunteer?



We have over 24 regular volunteers at the Hub, with a wide range of roles and skills. We are always looking for more volunteers who could help with organising:

Events – fundraising events throughout the year

CV and Job applications

Benefits/ housing advice

If you're interested in joining our friendly team of volunteers then we'd love to hear from you. Drop in or call us.



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Training

We have been running training courses at the Hub for our volunteers, including:

- ❖ First Aid in the Work Place
- ❖ Signposting
- ❖ Supporting Communities
- ❖ Dementia Awareness

Plus there has been in-house benefits training.

There will also be a Trussell Trust course on the Benefits system and Wiltshire Money Course on PIP applications.



Thanking our volunteers

As a way of showing our appreciation to our amazing team of volunteers, it was lovely to be able to put on a thank celebration at the Hub just before Christmas. Just our way of saying thank you for all their dedication and weekly support of the Hub.



The Hub Space

Need a friendly local space for your group?

Our meeting room can be hired for groups at a very reasonable rate.

Our weekly groups include:

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

The Big Book Club

Saturday - Start time: 11.00 - duration 1hr

Cocaine Anonymous Meeting

Bradford-on-Avon Worn Out Party People:

Wednesday - Start time: 6.30 - duration 1hr

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