

Looking ahead

It has been, as always, a busy start to the year and the cold weather is likely to bring increased demand. We are looking at how we might support people with specific needs or at times we know can be difficult so watch this space. Sometimes these projects don't quite fit into the timings of our newsletters so if you would like to find out about them earlier, join our Projects and Appeals group [here](#) or email office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk and we can send you all the details in case you would like to be involved.



Christmas update

Thank you for your donations we received in preparation for Christmas. You gave 75 12 Days of Christmas hampers, 1.3 tonnes at the Tesco's collection, 0.9t at Sainsburys, 0.27t through the collection point at Waitrose and £441.58 at ASDA. With donations from local schools including Farleigh, Bishop Challoner, St John the Baptist and Clatford Primaries, Little World and Finkley Down Nurseries as well as those from individuals, organizations, groups and companies, 815 gift boxes were distributed to local children, 352 family hampers and 62 singles. This is an amazing community effort. One of the most common things we hear from clients is 'people are so generous' We agree, you are!

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The Sheep Shed Gallery A-Z

Before Christmas the Sheep Shed Gallery and Tea room, Weyhill Fairground held their annual art competition. Each entrant was given a postcard with a letter and some amazing artworks were created from pen and ink, paint, pencil, wood and embroidery. After helping out with the judging (a tough job!) prizes were awarded (you can see the winning entries [here](#)) and the artworks put up for sale to benefit ourselves and The Enham Trust. We were delighted to receive a cheque for a huge £470 as a result! Our grateful thanks go to all at the Sheep Shed Gallery and Tea Room for putting on this event and for those taking part.



Bea and Sue at the Sheep Shed Gallery and Tea Room

IN OTHER NEWS

Andover foodbank Lake Run

22nd September 2019



The 4th Andover foodbank 5 & 10k Lake Run will be on

Sunday 22nd September 2019

Registration will open shortly and for all the latest news, chat, top tips and stories visit our run Facebook page.

BT Mydonate

BT MyDonate, our online giving platform will be closing at the end of June 2019. We are now looking at alternative sites to see which gives us best value for the future but will continue to keep our MyDonate page open for the moment.

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Andover Young Carers

Andover Young Carers is the local charity that raises awareness, provides support and advocates on behalf of young carers of Andover and the surrounding villages. This is done through working in schools or engaging with other statutory agencies and charities to ensure their specific needs are understood and met. In addition, young carers can attend after schools clubs at the AYC bungalow, where they have access to a key worker. There is also the chance to have a break from their responsibilities, time to relax, have some fun, go on trips and spend time with other children who understand their situations.

We have worked with the Andover Young Carers for a number of years, helping families particularly at Christmas with gift boxes and hampers.

They can be contacted on 01264 333788, or

info@andoveryoungcarers.co.uk
or visit
www.andoveryoungcarers.co.uk

Easter appeal

They appeared in the shops only days after Christmas and the first has already come into the warehouse so yes it will soon be time for us to collect chocolate eggs! With a late Easter and most schools breaking up two weeks ahead of the Easter weekend we need your eggs in plenty of time this year. We would love to receive them from February 22nd to 1st April which gives us time to get them distributed to local children before the break.

Medium sized eggs are perfect thank you.



Dates for your diary

22nd February Easter egg appeal begins

1st March 10:30am coffee and cake

1st April—last date for Easter egg donations

5th April ASDA supermarket collection 10am-4pm (tbc)



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