

OpenHouse

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OpenHouse is a community drop in centre offering support and advice to those who seek our help

Open Tuesdays at Fathers House 10 -12pm (Lock Down opening times)



Staff – Nikki Hall (left) was appointed Project manager in December, Helen Beecham (right) Administrator.

Due to current COVID conditions our volunteer pool has reduced and services curtailed. As soon as restrictions are reduced we hope to have the café up and running.

Volunteers Wanted

We need volunteers to help run the café and for our Storehouse deliveries when the lock down ends, please contact us if you would like to join our team.

School Supplies for home school learning. Thanks to everyone who has donated so far to our current initiative. We have had a very good response with lots of donations. If you would like to donate items such as pens, pencils, paper etc.,

there is a collection box at St. John's Enmore Green 10 -3pm, St. Peter's 10 – 4pm or drop them in at OpenHouse on a Tuesday 10-12pm. Many families have already benefited from these donations and it makes the children's learning just a little more manageable.

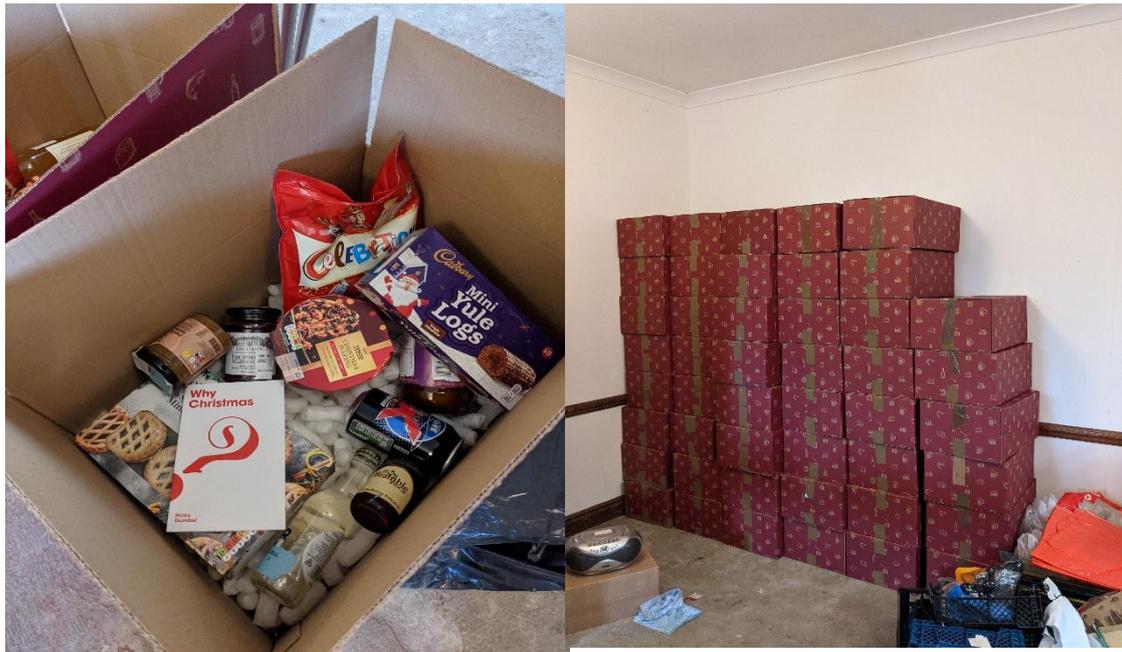
StoreHouse - Many thanks to Dawn Merry who has very successfully organised and coordinated the StoreHouse team over the last couple of years. This is a very popular service where the team have delivered an abundance of household items to OpenHouse clients. Dawn has now stepped down from this position but is still with us, volunteering in Support Services.

Open Fridge - Plans are in place to role out a community Fridge and Freezer in the next couple of months. How this works is that restaurants and supermarkets who have excess fresh or raw food donate their produce and the items are checked and placed in the fridge/freezer for anyone from the public to pick up. There's no criteria for anyone who wishes to take the food, with the aims of reducing food waste and helping all. We will be looking for volunteers to collect, check and stock the fridge and Openhouse will provide training including a level 2 certificate in Food Hygiene.

Christmas Hamper Appeal

Ever since we've opened we have been able to have a Christmas party for our clients and in the past this has been really popular. We didn't want our clients to miss out so we provided a very generous hamper to all our clients and children received presents. Thanks again to Virginia Hayward for providing 50 hampers and a further 50 boxes, in total we gave out over 110 hampers to clients that have used our services over the year of 2020.

Hampers in production and ready for delivery!!



- The health and wellbeing of all our volunteers, for those who are able to help and those who are currently shielding.
- For new people to access our services, that they feel welcome and cared for when they visit OpenHouse.
- The planning and preparation of the 'Open Fridge' – There's a lot to be done.
- For volunteers to come forward in the area's mentioned – café, storehouse and open fridge.

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