



Dear Friends of the Exmouth FoodBank,

We have good news! Over the last month we have seen a decrease in the number of people using our service. This means that for the moment things are looking up. However we want to make sure that we continue to reach the people that really need us. That is why we are endeavouring to raise our profile and spread awareness, by using facebook and displaying posters in doctor's surgeries, hairdressers, dental practices, schools and other places around Exmouth and the surrounding areas. We do not want anyone to fall through the net and miss out on help. We don't want anyone to be struggling and having to choose between paying a bill or food to eat.

For some people there is still a stigma attached to coming along to a foodbank. We want to change this way of thinking. We want to make it known that it is ok for you to come to us. There may be times when, even if you are working, that an unexpected bill lands. We are here for just those times too. Together we are stronger, together we can make a difference and together we can offer you support to get you through.

The hall is having a revamp this month, with a new roof, some alterations in the office and a cafe area. It is going to be even more welcoming and hopefully feel more relaxed and friendly. As we look forward to people coming back inside the building in the near future, we hope this will create a space, where people can relax with a nice cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. They will then be called forward to collect their food parcel, which will be packed into carrier bags for carrying home. We hope that every person can feel at ease and leave with a smile. Our dedicated volunteers are looking forward to engaging with people again and we can't wait to welcome you. We had a visit from the Budleigh Lions club who presented a certificate of appreciation to all our volunteers for the work they had done supporting people in need during the pandemic. (See photo Exmouth Journal online)

As we move out of lockdown and look forward to even less restrictions, we will let you know further details of our planned opening of the hall. This will include details of our policies regarding the way we will be working within the new revamped space. We value you, our supporters and it would be great if you would like to come and visit us and see the building when it has had its alterations. See the website for our opening times. Please, do come and have a coffee and a chat with us, we would love to see you. Thank you as always for your dedicated support.