

What has Hextol been doing during lockdown?

Here are some of the things we've been doing...

Gardening

The gardening supervisors have been very busy during lockdown. Jo B, Nicola, Egle and Charlotte have done over 560 hours of work for our customers. We haven't worked out how much grass has been cut and how many weeds have been pulled out - but it is certainly a lot!



George Vyner Books



We have sent out 8,512 George Vyner books during lockdown to customers all over the country.

Hextol Happenings

We have sent out nearly 800 copies of Hextol Happenings during lockdown. Lots more people have seen it on our social media pages as well.

Grant Applications

We have applied to a number of grant funders with some success and hopefully more to come!

What has Hextol not been able to do during lockdown?

Firstly - and most importantly - we haven't been able to work with our volunteers. And we've missed you! Giving our volunteers supported work experience in all of our businesses is why we are here. Here are some of the other things that we have missed because of lockdown:

- 3,500 hours of volunteer hours
- over 2,500 thousands of cups of coffee not drunk at The Tans
- over 2,500 scones not baked at The Tans and at Gilesgate
- over 20,000 envelopes not sent out by Greenbox
- nearly 300 Lunch Club lunches not eaten
- social events, including the barbecue, making Mother's Day cakes and bowling trips
- our Northumbrian Night at The Tans



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Getting Ready to Re-open

There has been lots to do to get ready to welcoming everyone back. We have made a few changes at Hextol to make sure that it is a safe place for everyone to be. Cherie will be contacting volunteers individually to talk about coming back. Please wait until she contacts you.

Last week we were finally able to welcome back our first volunteers. Here is Conor on his first shift back in the Warehouse...



The Hextol Tans

The Hextol Tans Café opened again today! We are open 4 days a week from Wednesday to Saturday, from 10am until 2.30pm. We are serving delicious homemade lunches, cakes and drinks... and of course, our famous cheese scones! All available to sit in or take away.

Important message to the volunteers from Cherie:



I will be contacting each volunteer individually to discuss a return-to-work plan. Please don't come back to Hextol until this has been done! It won't be possible to have everyone back to start with but we hope to have everyone back as soon as it is safe to do so.

Matthew D's Lockdown

We cannot believe how busy Matthew D has been during lockdown! He says, *'I have been very, very busy during lockdown. I started to read a lot of books (Harry Potter and David Walliams), I am on my 7th book. Been on great horse rides with Auntie Christine and I have been going for a lot of walks. Been enjoying the countryside and looking for wildlife and watching Springwatch. I have been to the beach at Druridge Bay for my first time since lockdown. I have been remote working using Facebook and Zoom with my drama group called Lawnmowers. Played loads of Scrabble games.'*

