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FOR WORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Hi Folks and welcome to the first Hextol Happenings since the easing of lockdown.

As you will see we have been able to start offering working opportunities to some of our volunteers again – it is exciting that you're getting back to work!

We are only opening services when we believe they are as safe as we can make them. This means new procedures and reduced group sizes, so we can't bring everyone back – yet.

The enthusiasm of the volunteers who have returned has been great to see and your willingness to work with us and comply with our new ways of working is tremendous.

We are constantly learning and things will change over time, but rest assured we are back to doing what we do best - offering working opportunities to our volunteers.

Bruce

Having worked throughout lockdown, our gardening teams were first to see volunteers return. Egle has welcomed back three volunteers, and five are now working with Jo, Charlotte and Nicola on their exciting projects in Newcastle.



Connor, John and Alice are back in the Warehouse. They've hit the ground running – since coming back we have sent out 2775 accounts books.

In addition they are reorganising things and getting rid of surplus pallets and other items to free up space for new customers to use.

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The Hextol Tans



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The Tans reopened on 15th July with fewer tables and stringent new procedures in place. We have been overwhelmed by the goodwill from our customers – both old and new. We started with just Claire, Jo, Abbie and Sheila working while we tested our systems, then last week some of our volunteer supervisors returned. Today we have the first of our volunteers back in the kitchen!



The café is now open Wednesday-Saturday 10am-2.30pm serving daily specials, sandwiches, coffees, cakes and scones which you can sit in or take away. On top of that, we are also offering great deals including a takeaway meal deal for just £5 for a sandwich, drink and traybake or scone. We have also signed up for the Eat Out 2 Help Out Scheme which will run through August.

As we see more people coming back to work, we must remember that even though the way we work has changed, our core values and the skills we need are still the same.

Remember, we all have to adapt!



Cherie's Top Tips:

- Be the best version of yourself
- Try something new
- Push yourself to be better



It has never been more important to listen to and follow the instructions given to you by your supervisor.

By doing this you will:

Learn new skills that help in any job, not just Hextol
Keep you and everyone else safe at work
Enhance your skills and become confident
Grow your self esteem

Next steps...

In addition to volunteers coming back to the Tans this week, we are planning for some Greenbox packing shifts to start in early August.

We can only have a limited number of staff and volunteers at work at any one time so don't be disheartened if you don't start straight away. Please wait for Cherie to contact you.