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**Final reminder!**

**Your decorative stars need to be with us by Friday 27th  
November.**

**Don't miss out!**



Hi All—I hope you are staying fit and healthy.

So much to celebrate this week. As you'll see we've been chosen to be one of our local Co-op's good causes for the year, and our neighbours PDL are fund raising for us by (virtually) travelling to Lapland!

Thanks to all our supporters and especially PDL and Co-op this week.

I'm loving all the stars you've sent in—please keep them coming. We need them by Friday. They are going to look fab in the Tans!

The news that we can mix a little more over Christmas is also positive, although we will all still have to be very careful and think hard about what we actually do. And the prospect of a vaccine next year means the end might—just—be in sight. There is certainly light at the end of the tunnel.

In the meantime it's vital we all stay safe and follow the rules.

Have a great week

Bruce

### Lockdown update

The current lockdown will end next week and we are waiting to find out which tier we will be put in. It's important—tier 2 means we can reopen the Tans—tier 3 means we can't! As soon as we know we'll update our social media and website. Those of you who have shifts in the Tans will be contacted direct. It looks like we'll know on Thursday so we will be in touch by the end of this week.

Even if we can't reopen the Tans we expect to keep our other services open and will give our Tans volunteers the chance to work in another area if we can.



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## The Co-op care about Community

We are thrilled to have been selected by the Co-op Local Community fund to be one of their charities this year.

### It's what we do

The Co-op's ethos promotes togetherness and community support, which reflects our mission at Hextol. The opportunities we offer to work for our customers in a supportive environment allows our volunteers to make a positive contribution to their local communities, while helping to reduce social isolation and improve self-esteem.

We will be promoted in the Hexham, Ponteland and Corbridge stores, as well as Co-op Funeralcare, to raise money for gardening and kitchen equipment, as well as general support for the Tans and gardening teams.

Co-op Causes works like this...members can choose their local cause and it costs £1 to join the Co-op. 1% of a member's spending on Co-op branded products goes to their chosen local cause; 1% goes to an 'Altogether Fairer' Fund which supports national causes (often linked to food poverty or education causes for young people); and 2% goes as a personal reward to the member.

We have worked extremely hard this year to continue to offer working opportunities and support to as many of our volunteers as we can, despite COVID restrictions and it's great to see others doing the same. This year, the Co-op have doubled their contributions to their community funds and their selected charities will receive donations for the next 12 months. This continued support from all of our funders is essential for us to continue to do what we do best.

Follow this link to support us: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/44004>

Or find out more about how the Co-op helps nationally : <https://causes.coop.co.uk/>



### An early Christmas present

Our neighbours are off to see Santa. Not literally – virtually of course, this being 2020!

PDL are world leading engineering analysis experts who just happen to be based across Tanners Yard at the back of our office on Gilesgate.

We have a long standing relationship with PDL, partly based on their penchant for a Thursday morning score.

Now the staff from PDL have set themselves a challenge to accumulate enough kilometres to reach Lapland in time to see Santa before he sets off to deliver some cheer on Christmas Eve. They are cycling, walking, running and whatever else they can think of, and together hope to cover over 2000km! And while they're at it they've very generously offered to raise money for Hextol.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who is taking part. Support like this means a lot to us especially at the moment.

Go Team PDL!