

Hi everyone.

Exciting news – we are going to start gradually reopening our services from next week.

When we closed in January, at the start of this lockdown, we thought there was too much risk to you, our volunteers, volunteer supervisors and staff to allow us to continue operating safely.

We realise that a lot of you have missed coming to Hextol and, given the falling case numbers locally, we think it's time to welcome you back.

Unfortunately we won't be able to have everyone back yet. The precautions we were operating last year, with smaller groups, face coverings, social distancing etc will still be in place to protect you all. It is very important you all follow these rules. We'll remind you what you need to do when you start.

The Tans is likely to remain closed till mid-May but we will reopen as soon as we can.

So this is a step back towards normality, but if we feel that there are any changes which increase the risks we will take whatever steps we have to, and this may mean closing again – let's hope that's not necessary. Safety will be absolutely our top priority!

Cherie will be in touch with those of you who we can invite back first. We can't wait to see you again.

Stay safe

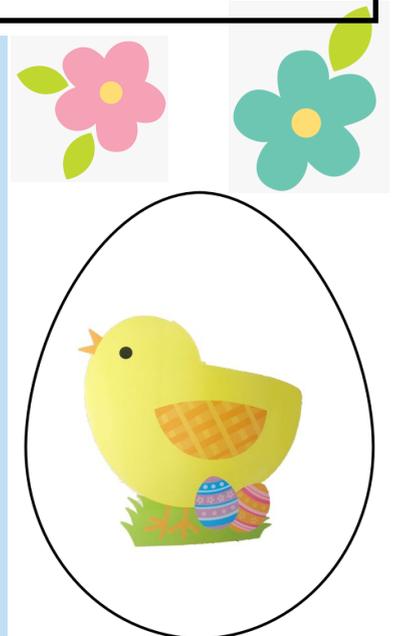
Bruce

Easter festivities!

Easter is fast approaching and we want to celebrate #teamhextol style!

With this edition we have sent some Easter Eggs for you to decorate and design however you wish. Just like at Christmas we will be decorating the Tans window with your wonderful eggs to showcase how much we appreciate all of our volunteers, staff and funders.

Please send us your designs back no later than Friday 26th March to make sure they can be displayed.



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I Spy with my little eye...Spring!

The days are getting lighter, afternoons are getting warmer and we are already starting to see the first signs of spring. Bruce has seen the first lambs of the year on his commute to the office and the Gardeners are enjoying flowers appearing in customers gardeners.

Here are some of the top indicators of spring to look out for over the next few weeks...which one is your favourite?



FUNDERS' CORNER

We'd like to give a big shout out to Hexham Town Council! They have just awarded us a very generous Covid-19 emergency grant to go help with our recovery from the pandemic. The timing is perfect as it means it will go towards re-opening our services again as we come out of lockdown.

Thank you!



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