

Hi all – I hope you're having a good summer.

One thing I really enjoyed was the Olympics and now I'm looking forward to the Paralympics. The Games show how capable people with disabilities and challenges of all sorts really are—which you prove every day in your work at Hextol!

In this edition we say hello to a new member of staff and goodbye to another.

We are all looking forward to our "Welcome Back" barbecue in September and I'm so pleased that many of you have already said you can come. It will be fantastic to have people back together again.

Finally, a shout out to the two volunteers I saw doing the Park Run at Tyne Green on Saturday. Well done! Great effort.

Stay safe everyone - Bruce

Meet our new 'Beneficiary Engagement Manager' Jo Elliott

Hello Jo

This is Jo Elliott who has joined us as our Beneficiary Engagement Manager – effectively Cherie's replacement.

She will be based mainly in Gilesgate but will be working in each of our services as she gets used to what we do. She will be arranging to meet all our volunteers for one-to-one chats so you can get to know her. Jo will use that opportunity to make sure we have all the right contact information for you as well.

Jo says: "I'm looking forward to meeting you all very soon. My husband, dog and I recently moved up from Leicestershire and we're really enjoying the amazing surroundings. I love walking and reading—the first thing I did when we moved was join the library. I have been a vegetarian for years so am really pleased that The Tans is a vegetarian cafe"

I'm sure you'll all give Jo any help she needs as she finds her feet here.



Farewell Jo

As we welcome one Jo, so we say farewell to another.

We are very sorry that Jo Dickinson is leaving us. She has been here for 7 years, first leading the gardening team in Hexham before transferring to the Tans.

Jo is going to be a chef in a hotel kitchen, and we wish her all the very best. We'll miss you Jo!



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Hextol Welcome Back Summer BBQ

Thursday 9th September 6pm - 9pm

Tynedale Cricket Club. Eilansgate, Hexham

For all our volunteers to say thank you

We are delighted to be able to invite all our volunteers to our summer BBQ. You should all have your invites by now but if not please contact us. If you would like to come let us know by 30th August by returning the reply slip enclosed with the invitations.

In the spirit of the Olympics and Paralympics we will be inviting volunteers and staff to take part in games provided by 'Smile through Sport', a disability sport development charity founded by Paralympian Stephen Miller MBE to create increased awareness, opportunity and ultimately enjoyment in disability sport throughout the North East.



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If you are a Co-op member and choose Hextol to be your cause, when you buy selected Co-op branded products and services, we will receive 1p from every pound spent .

We have had £2,526.44 raised so far!

So if you are a Co-op member please choose us as your cause and help us raise as much as we can.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/44004>



John's Quiz Question #1

Introducing a new feature to our regular Hextol happenings newsletter... 'John's Quiz Question', given to us by our Warehouse volunteer John Trueman. The answer will be revealed in the following issue.

Q: In Tudor times what were known as bags of mystery?