



## Quarterly Briefing

Hi All

We thought you'd like to know how things are going now we've been open again for a few months, so there are some highlights in this edition of *happenings*.

As you'll see we're busy – which means you are all busy too!

So a big thank you to everyone for all the work you're doing. It is much appreciated by all of us and our customers.

It's been great welcoming you back after the lockdowns - and we have quite a few new faces as well. If you're working with someone who's joined us recently please make them welcome and give them any help they need to get settled – I know you will!

We still have vacancies across most of our businesses, so if you fancy trying something new or you know anyone who might want to join us just have a word with Jo Elliott or your supervisor.

Stay safe - Bruce



### Hextol volunteers in numbers

- 42 Hextol volunteers across all services
- 17 in Catering/Tans Café
- 12 in Greenbox
- 8 in Gardening
- 5 in Warehouse

### John's Quiz Question #4

Q: Two Frenchmen designed what statue in 1931?

Answer in issue #56

**Answer to question #3**

Q: In the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, what everyday device were the Olympic medals partly made from?

A: Mobile phones

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# Service Updates

## Catering

- We have started making scones for local businesses again
- Lunch club is back 2 days a week and since starting in August we have served over 100 lunches to our volunteers. Third day hopefully being added soon!
- We have also started making fudge, jam and Christmas cake to sell at the Hexham Christmas Fair

## Tans Café

- We welcomed our new café manager, Emma
- The breakfast menu will be increasing with some delicious additions
- Getting some lovely reviews from happy customers



## Greenbox

- We now have 3 shifts a week
- Work is varied—packing cards for Simon Fraser, fliers for Equals and the Community Foundation Yearbook among others
- In the last 3 months, we have packed 6,133 individual cards for Simon and he has collected 1,678 packs of Christmas cards (that's nearly 17,000 cards!)



## Warehouse

- This month we have built and sent out over 1500 books on pallets to customers
- John has kept everyone busy with his difficult quiz questions
- Conor and John have helped with the pallet building, cleaning and organising of the warehouse



## Gardening

- We have a full quota of work in both Newcastle and Hexham, with 3 separate teams running
- This winter one of the Newcastle teams will be working with students from Thomas Bewick special college to grow vegetables in the new polytunnels—we're excited to see what we can grow in the colder months!

