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New Mills Community Initiatives and Free School Meals

Following Government advice: next week we will prepare and deliver food hampers for our free school meals families. From 25th January until 12th February vouchers will be provided instead (similar to previously).

We are fortunate to live in a caring community and we would like to share some initiatives and news that might be helpful:

Donations to Schools

A big thank you to Mark Jones and the New Mills Youth and Community Project team for passing on to our local schools a £100 donation from fund raising – this is much appreciated.

Community Pantry

The Community Pantry is located inside the indoor market hall in New Mills. It has been set up for anyone and everyone to access with no set criteria to be met. It is both a financial and environmental project, so everyone is welcome to use it.

The Community Pantry has partnered with FareShare, Neighbourly (who manage surplus from Aldi, Lidl and M&S), Co-op New Mills and we also accept donations from members of the public and local businesses, churches and schools etc.

To access the Community Pantry people must become a member - this is so we know that our customers are from New Mills or surrounding areas; the Community Pantry is accessible to anyone who lives in New Mills, Hayfield, Whaley Bridge, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Furness Vale, and other local areas. Membership costs £5.00 per year and then it is £2.50 per visit. It is open twice a week on a Tuesday and a Saturday and members are welcome to come twice a week if they want to.

For £2.50 households of 1-2 people can take up to 10 items and households of 3+ people can take up to 15 items, then on top of these items members can also take home an unlimited amount of fresh goods such as bread, fruit & veg, pastries etc.



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*What we have available depends what comes in to us from our food share partners and the donations we get from the public. The money our Community Pantry generates pays for the rent on our unit and whatever is left over is used to purchase more difficult to get items such as Gluten Free and Dairy Free etc as well as a constant supply of early essentials such as nappies and baby wipes.

We have advertised the Community Pantry via Social Media and posters locally, but we really need your help to reach the families who need us the most at the minute. Please could you let people know we are there - for £2.50 people can take approx £25 worth of goods and can access this twice a week. Plus our volunteers at the Community Pantry are linked in with our Clothes Bank and our other services so they are able to offer further support to any members who feel that they would benefit from some extra help. We are desperately trying to prevent as many people as possible from reaching crisis point resulting in a more difficult journey back for them, if we can alleviate those difficulties in advance then it will keep people's heads above water.

People can register and pay for membership online at www.nmycp.co.uk or in person at the Community Pantry. If anyone would like to enquire first then I welcome messages via Facebook Messenger at www.facebook.com/nmycp2020

Helping Hands

Helping Hands have contacted school and made the following offer:

1. You can contact them directly on 07425177999 if you would like to arrange for free food collection / delivery.
2. You can email school if you would be interested in receiving free food collection / delivery and we can arrange this for you.

Kind Regards,

Mr Parry





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