



The Hub@BA15 Newsletter

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Please feel free to pass the Hub newsletter on.

Have your say!

Annual General Meeting Thursday 20th 7pm

United Church, St Margaret's Street

The AGM is an opportunity to hear more about our activities for the year, meet other supporters as well as our trustees and volunteers, and generally share ideas and thoughts about The Hub.

Over the years we have had a range of engaging and thought-provoking guest speakers and this year we are very pleased to welcome the Wiltshire Rough Sleepers team, with whom we work closely.

Join us next week to find out more, all welcome.

Coffee Mornings

Our regular monthly coffee morning, are generally held on the **second Friday of the month**. We offer a safe and warm space for anyone who wishes to use the Hub and find someone to chat to.

We offer coffee, tea and a selection of home-made biscuits and cakes. And each month has a themed table sale or raffle, with all proceeds going to The Hub.



Upcoming dates:

Friday 14th October	Accessories sale
Friday 11th November	Toiletries Sale
Friday 29th November	Tuning on of Lights
	Refreshments & Sale
Friday 13th December	Christmas sale

Holidays are coming



Our volunteers have been working hard over recent weeks to pack up the holiday bags, which are distributed via the local schools. Any families in need should contact their school or call The Hub directly.

With the space clear, we now begin the larger task of putting together Christmas holiday food parcels. As well as staple food items, **we would welcome donations of savoury snacks, biscuits and other Christmas treats and goodies.**

Debt & Benefits Advice

Chris Sanders now heads the team of trained advisors and runs **Hope Debt Advice**, although Jim Clarke continues to be available for some clients. Call directly for a face-to-face appointment, freephone **0800 840 2298** alternatively email hopedebtadvice@uwclub.net

In these difficult times, it is sometimes hard to know where to start when dealing with money troubles. The team can help contact your creditors, including bailiff action and courts for fines to provide some breathing space until things are sorted and a financial statement is finalised! Maybe they can help maximize your income and help with budgeting.

Hub Working in Partnership

The Hub works alongside many other organisations, both statutory within Wiltshire Council (eg Rough Sleepers), the Schools, Wiltshire Citizen Advice Churches and other charities such as Group 5. Twenty five regular volunteers attended the The Hub volunteer thank you lunch. They have a range of roles and skills and we are always on the lookout for additional personnel including a part time paid administrator, so let us know if you are interested.



We have a number of drivers that help with collecting food donations from local pick up points, delivering parcels to those unable to get to The Hub and these are extremely important as there are many other charities who are also seeking volunteer drivers. Please contact Group 5 <http://www.groupfive.org.uk/> (who collect and deliver donated household items and furniture) or Link https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/profile/link_2305 (who help get people to appointments) if this is something you could do.

The Hub Space

Available for hire for groups at a very reasonable rate

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Bradford-on-Avon Big Book Study: Saturday

Start time: 11.00 - duration 1hr

Cocaine Anonymous Meeting

Bradford-on-Avon Worn out Party People: Wednesday

Start time: 6.30 - duration 1hr

Find out more at www.boahub.co.uk or follow us on Facebook

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Your support

We continue to be thankful for the financial support of our donors, from pennies in collection tins to monthly cake sale visitors, every card and cash donation is gratefully received and helps ensure we can provide much needed food and support.

But there are other ways you can donate to The Hub, without costing you a penny!

Online shopping

- Register with www.smile.amazon.co.uk and select The Hub@BA15 as your designated chosen charity. Shop as usual and a small % of your purchase comes to the Hub.
- Access over 4000 retailers via a free 'Give As You Live' account and The Hub will benefit from every pound you spend.
Find out more at www.giveasyoulive.com

Food donations

We are often asked which food items are most useful to donate to The Hub. Whilst foodbank supply levels are ever-changing, we generally find ourselves well-stocked with with pasta, baked beans and cereal.

As we begin our Christmas campaign and collection of festive goodies, **items which tend to run short are tinned rice pudding and instant or microwave meals.**

To find out our most urgent needs before you shop, check out the website or look out for the QR code at our collection points.

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