

A helping hand in times of need



Autumn 2020

As a charity that works with the disadvantaged and vulnerable we have been a bit busy in recent months as the output of the Drop In and Share Centre (DISC) Newquay demonstrates. During lockdown [#1] we delivered 14,000 meals in 14 weeks keeping up to 200 people fed 7 days a week.

Why? Because, in addition to our regulars, there were many more people finding themselves in difficulty without

employment or means of support or delays in Universal Credit payments. We were also asked by Cornwall Housing to feed the homeless for whom they had found emergency accommodation.

We also offered financial help to those struggling with food and electricity or gas bills. With enforced isolation many found their costs increasing as they were at home all day, every day.

Christmas 2020

We moved to a new venue with bigger kitchen and work areas in November to match the demand. We now operate out of part of the Sandy Lodge Hotel on Hilgrove Road.

As well as ensuring a full turkey Christmas dinner was included as part of our delivery, we operated on 24th, 28th & 30th and then went back to normal hours from the 4th of January.

In addition, we ran our usual Christmas toy appeal, the last 2 years we distributed 450 parcels for different age groups, for both kids and adults. This year 1800 parcels were distributed and that's all down to donations received. Luckily the Hotel provided rooms so we could store donations and a large team of 'elves' did the wrapping.



Spring 2021

You may have seen our little van around Town, it has been busy. By the end of last year we had provided 60,000 food portions and the situation kept getting worse with more and more people in need. 1,000 food portions a week turned into in excess of 3,000 a week.

Writing this in early 2021 we are still at 3,000 a week, providing those in need with 4 days supplies on Mondays and 3 days on Fridays. That includes a main meal a secondary meal, some fruit or desert and when available donated cakes, drinks snacks or even some food supplies, free of charge.

We are able to assist financially due to the support of Cornwall Community Foundation.

Many families have been helped this way many only coming in once to tide them over a short term crisis. We had 400 beneficiaries in our first year up to October, and 400 in 10 weeks since then.

Donations from Fareshare in particular, individuals from Newquay & district and further afield have been fantastic as these mean so much in terms of a morale boost.

There's been a superhuman effort from our volunteers and other charities and churches plus some amazing chefs on furlough or out of work who have made this possible

A BIG positive from this crisis is the generosity we have seen. Thank you Newquay. We can keep going if you can keep giving.



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For more details about how you can get involved get in touch today

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