

## Purton Community Fridge

When Purton Community Fridge and Larder was offered the chance from Wiltshire Council to apply for a grant from the Household Support Fund I must admit I was slightly nervous. The CF has been running for two years and up until now has only been a saving food from going to waste project so to be offered the chance to purposely buy food items to distribute to those who needed it was a completely new challenge for me but one that I feel I've embraced with positivity and enthusiasm.

I have made contacts with a wide range of services, schools and local community groups including St Mary's & Bradon Forest schools, St Mary's church, Methodist and Pathfinder church groups, Brownie, Guide and Scout groups, Purton, Cricklade and Tinkers Lane doctors surgeries, Curate Judith Wells, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Edna Bunce (seniors lunch club coordinator), Parish & Town councils of Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett, Clyffe Pypard & Bushton, Lydiard Millicent & Lydiard Tregoze, Tockenham, Lyneham & Bradenstoke, Cricklade and RWB town councils, schools in Cricklade and RWB, Debbie Lawrence at the Parish Council to let them know that this funding is available to anyone who is vulnerable, in crisis or hardship and who may be experiencing food insecurity.

At time of writing this I have assigned over 37 vouchers and have distributed over 40 bags of groceries to residents in Purton, Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett.

The Community Fridge has also used some of the HSF grant money to provide Pips Community Cafe in Purton with tins of baked beans for their free beans on toast initiative which is currently ongoing. This is a totally free meal which allows anyone to have at any time of the day with no questions asked.

Everyone who I have met, emailed or messaged have all been extremely grateful for the help and support this funding has given them and wishes to express their gratitude to all concerned.

Kind regards

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