



What's happening at Hope Nottingham?

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It's been a while...

Dear Iain,
You may have noticed that it's been a while since you heard from us. You can see how busy we have been below. Apologies if you have previously unsubscribed, this is a new newsletter system for us, so please forgive any technical problems. If you'd prefer not to hear from us please click the 'unsubscribe' link below.



Coping with the cost of living

The communities we serve have been significantly affected by the recent rise in the cost of living. In addition to providing a growing number of food parcels, Hope Nottingham also helps local people in other ways, such as providing warm spaces at our community hubs and offering advice services at food banks.

Thanks to the efforts of our amazing volunteers, we continue to support local people in crisis, but we need your help to continue.

[Make a donation](#)

Looking for a unique gift for someone special that you know will make a real difference to local people? We have a range of virtual gifts which highlight the work we do to support local communities.

[Buy a virtual gift](#)

Our new website goes live

After lots of hard work, we are really excited to launch our new look

website where you can find out more about the work our wonderful volunteers do to support people right across Nottingham. Have a look for yourself: www.hope-nottingham.org.uk

Expanding our advice provision

"Being able to access emergency food parcels, debt advice and help with my benefits all in one place has been so helpful"

Thanks to funding from the Trussell Trust's Financial Inclusion Project, Hope Nottingham has been able to facilitate weekly drop-in advice sessions at several of our food banks. Citizens Advice Broxtowe and Step Forward Money Advice are providing drop in sessions at Hope House, Beeston; The Ark Advice Centre providing sessions at our Carlton Community Hub; and Nottingham Citizens Advice at our Aspley and Broxtowe food banks.

We look forward to exploring further ways of working more closely with other advice agencies to improve access to advice across our food bank network.



Emma from Citizens Advice Broxtowe (third from left) with the Wednesday befriending team at Hope House, Beeston.

Staff changes

After stepping down as Hope's Director in the summer, Nigel Adams is now working part-time as Hope Nottingham's 'Founder and Ambassador' – a role focusing on building stronger partnerships and raising awareness of Hope Nottingham's work across the city. Dominique Scott, previously our Operations & HR Manager, has stepped up as our Interim Director.

Earlier this year we appointed Lauren Bailey as our part-time Chaplain, to support our front line volunteer and staff teams, and Andy Thomas as our Bookkeeper.

We also welcome Rosie Allen to the Hope staff team, who joins us part-time as Friendship Projects Co-ordinator. We are currently very short of telephone befrienders for our Two's Company scheme. If you can help, Rosie would be delighted to hear from you. [Contact Rosie](#) for more details.

You can read more about Hope Nottingham's people and what they do [here](#).

Amazing support

We are delighted to have been chosen as the Victoria Centre's charity of the year. If you are in Nottingham doing some shopping - do feel free to throw a few coins into the Emmett Clock fountain! [Read more...](#)

Thanks to Squeeze who are supporting local Trussell Trust food banks on their current UK tour. Audience members at the Royal Concert Hall donated nearly £2000 and over 145Kg of food! Thanks so much to the band for their help.

Hope Nottingham is one of the beneficiaries of The Robin Hood Fund, a fundraising initiative relaunched by The Nottingham Project and Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service. [Read more...](#)



WHP charity single

The talented students and staff at schools of the White Hills Park Trust have once again written, performed and recorded a fantastic charity single, which this year is in aid of Hope Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Mind, supporting local need and mental health in our communities. You can listen to the single and donate [here](#). Many thanks to all involved.

Building community in Carlton

Thanks to our awesome volunteer team, our Carlton Community Hub at the former Main Street Methodist Church on Carlton Hill, continues to go from strength to strength. Now hosting a twice-weekly community cafe and food bank, alongside weekly advice sessions, Job Club, Friendship Club, Stay-and-Play session and growing Art & Craft club, Carlton Community Hub offers support, friendship and a warm welcome for everyone.

Do feel free to pop in and say hello - the team would be delighted to see you! Read more about our work in Carlton [here](#).



Members of our fantastic volunteer team at Carlton Community Hub

Community food and fellowship

Since June, inspired by members of the community, we have been running a monthly community meal at Hope House in Beeston – the second Tuesday of every month 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm. Pay only what you can afford for a two course meal cooked by our volunteers.

The next meal is *Tuesday 10th Jan 2023*
You can let us know you're coming [here](#).



Donations and Christmas opening hours

Thank you to everyone who has kindly supported our food banks with food donations. The list of items we require can be found [here](#), however we are currently particularly in need of *toilet roll* and *long-life milk*.

Our 14 food banks can only run because of the dedicated efforts of over 250 amazing volunteers. Thank you to them all for everything they do to support people across Nottingham.

The opening hours of all our food banks can be found [here](#), but please check for updates before visiting.

Thank you all and

Merry Christmas

Finally, all of us at Hope Nottingham would like to say a huge thank you for your continued generosity. We love hearing about the fantastic ways you support us. Read more [here](#).

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and every blessing for a happy and peaceful 2023.



Please feel free to share this newsletter with anyone you know who may be interested in hearing about our work.

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