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West Somerset Food Cupboard



Dear Friends and Supporters of West Somerset Food Cupboard As the summer holidays roll on, we wanted to share some of the wonderful things that have been happening at WSFC over the past few weeks. From new partnerships and community events to a few well-deserved thank-yous, it's been a busy season. And as ever, we're so grateful for the support of our local community.

Porlock Country Fair – Sunday 2nd August

A big thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the fair, including **Butlins, Shearwell Data, Snazaroo, Amicus Law Networking Group, Miles Tea, Morrisons, Tesco's and everyone in the community who dropped a prize in.** Your generosity enabled us to offer lots of interaction with the community with "guess the number of beans in the wheel barrow" and our tombola. An amazing total of over £370 was raised thanks. For those that wanted to know the wheelbarrow contained 118 tins of beans and the prize of a family pass was won by a lovely family that supported us throughout the day with many attempts to win prizes. Thankyou to everyone that made this event such a success for us.

Healthy breakfast packs for local schools

As we look ahead to the new school term, we're hoping to put together **healthy breakfast packs** for local schools, to support children who arrive with hungry tummies. We're collecting items such as:

- Breakfast bars
- Porridge pots
- Individual cartons of juice
- Other healthy, easy-to-eat snacks that need little or no preparation

These simple items can make a real difference – helping children settle into their school day with the energy and focus they need until lunchtime. If you feel able to contribute to this initiative, we would be incredibly grateful for your support.

Donations we would be grateful for

- Instant Coffee or Hot Chocolate
- Jam and Marmalade
- Tinned Potatoes or Packets of Mash
- Tinned fish- tuna, sardines, mackerel
- Crackers/Savoury Snacks/Crisps
- Small jars of Fish Paste & Meat Spread
- Individual puddings- custard, rice pudding, jelly
- Sugar
- Tinned Fruit



Save the Date: Quiz Night – 25th September

Get your thinking caps ready! We're hosting a **Charity Quiz Night on Thursday 25th September at Minehead Social Club.** Full details will be announced soon but grab your friends and start forming your teams now. We'd also love your help with **raffle prizes** for the night, if you or your business can donate something for the raffle, however big or small, please get in touch. Every prize helps us raise a bit more for local families who need our support. **If you would like tickets please email on info@wsfoodcupboard.org.uk or call on 07398613720**

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Some donations keep on giving



Caring for Climate and Community

Computers4Good kindly gifted us a laptop as part of their mission to get technology into the hands of people who need it most. We recently asked if we could re-donate it to our local YMCA and they said yes without a moment's hesitation.



Residents at the YMCA had been relying on staff laptops to complete online benefit applications. Now, thanks to **Computers4Good**, there's a dedicated device on-site, used solely for that purpose and fully looked after by the YMCA team. For residents like Chris and Glen, it means one less obstacle at a time when every bit of support counts. A huge thank you to Computers 4 Good for their generosity, and for trusting us to pass the impact on.

Building good connections with Citizens Advice Somerset

Over the years, West Somerset Advice Bureau played an important role in helping local residents access essential support. We recently met with Citizens Advice Bureau Somerset; it was a really positive conversation and they have really stepped up to fill the void. We now have good lines of communication in place, and they're able to refer people on to us if they feel they need food support. **Citizens Advice Somerset** run a **drop-in session every Monday, 10am–2pm, at the Minehead Eye**. It's a short introductory session where people can then book in for a more detailed appointment another time. If you need support, call in to the Minehead Eye on a Monday or contact them on **0808 278 7842** or via www.citizensadvice Somerset.org.uk. They are there to help.



If you know of any one that needs support with food please contact us via our website, www.wsfoodcupboard.org.uk or call 07795 080637.

Thank you, James!

A huge thank you to our brilliant website guru, **James** of JPC Design at <https://jpc-design.com/> who so generously designs and maintains our website for us. It's thanks to his hard work behind the scenes that we're able to keep our community updated and connect people with the support they need. We really couldn't do it without you, James!

There are many ways to support us. Food donations make a huge difference, but monetary gifts help us to fill the gaps,— helping us provide balanced meals to more families in our community. Whether you donate food, funds, or both, your support helps ensure no one goes hungry.

You can sign up to EasyFundraising with no cost to you: We already have 38 amazing supporters and have raised over £678 this way— every penny helps so please sign up. Over 4,000 retailers will make a donation when you shop through @easyfundraising. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/west-somerset-food-cupboard/>

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