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NOAH Newsletter



Message from our CEO, David Morris

Thank you for taking the time to read this brief snapshot of NOAH's recent activities. NOAH are privileged to be able to work with truly inspirational people, every day. I hope that you find this short update useful, and if you share our interest in providing practical help to those who most need it, you may wish to [click here](#) to receive our regular newsletter!

Wishing you and your loved ones all the best, David

NOAH Academy

In spite of the speed at which we suddenly had to adapt to provide online courses, online provision has now overtaken face-to-face training. And, as COVID restrictions are slowly lifted, we will be opening more face-to-face provision in Luton, including Job Club.

We are happy to announce that we are implementing *Investors in Volunteering*. Quite simply, NOAH could not exist without our wonderful volunteers, and it's thanks to people like them that NOAH can help people in very difficult situations.

We are also delighted to say that we will soon be launching our new Inclusive Recruitment Service, aiming to secure sustainable employment for people who have experienced disadvantage, thus raising community awareness of the benefits of adopting a socially responsible strategy.

Success Story: Christine Davis - **Staying Well during Isolation - ONLINE** *"I can think of nothing but positive things to say about this course and how it has been run. I thank NOAH very much for the opportunity to take part in the course, and highly recommend anyone to consider taking part."*



NOAH Welfare Centre

Although the Welfare Centre has been closed to visitors since the beginning of the COVID crisis, meals have continued to be delivered either directly to recipients or prepared in the Welfare kitchen and picked up outside the building.

Amazing work was done by two members of staff to help repatriate 6 Romanian nationals after they escaped terrible working conditions in a UK farm.

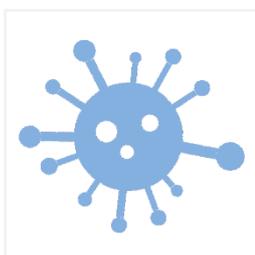
In June, 18 homeless people were moved into accommodation, the Welfare Centre served 750 lunches and the Dayroom received 402 visitors.



NOAH Social Enterprise

We are delighted that all four of our stores are open for business! We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the public in their donations of furniture, although we are still in need of men's clothing and sofas (for donations, please call 01582 484001).

And lastly, NOAH are honoured to be recognized by the Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Helen Nellis, for services to our community during the Coronavirus pandemic. Helen's support for voluntary organisations is highly valued by us all, and very much appreciated.



COVID Statement

NOAH takes the safety of our clients, staff and volunteers very seriously, and this is especially important during the pandemic. We maintain thorough risk assessments for all of our activities, which evolve as the circumstances change. If you have any questions about this, please contact us on 01582 728416 or email us at info@noahenterprise.org
