



Larder report : October 2020

6 months into this crisis what was very different at first is now regular procedure. We don't wish to call it "normal" but that is what it has become! The new Committee has fresh people and fresh ideas alongside leaders who have been working in The Larder for years before; the Larder organisation, storage and delivery schedules are unrecognizable from the way we worked 6 months ago!

We are in an area of low transmission, but a few local people do test positive - in fact the Town Crier was hospitalised with Covid19 in the first wave. Sooner or later a volunteer might test positive, following which track and trace bureaucrats may impose a 14 day or longer isolation on people judged by them to be co-workers, resulting in a shortage of staff. But The Larder must continue without a break!!

Should we need help we feel sure that you, our church and community supporters, would step in for a few weeks - though meanwhile we already have more offers to volunteer on file. Nothing is predictable, but preparedness is better than panic!!

Hopefully this won't happen - but the world is currently full of hopes and maybes.

Demand is going up again, though not yet at the levels we saw in April and May. If anyone has a clear vision of how this will all work out, please tell us - and let our politicians know as well the reality is that nobody knows.

Watching dog walkers, the dachshund has a lesson for all of us. We must do the best we can with what little we may have especially in snow.

Harvest Festivals are helping us enormously as usual; churches collecting and above all schools being very generous as always. THANK you to all who help us to help those in need.

Future plans include reshaping the website and a change of name to "Exmouth Foodbank" which is perhaps what we are called anyway. Eight years ago everything was done in a hurry on a zero budget; now is a good time, with a fresh Committee, to plan and rethink combining new ideas with eight years experience.

Does anyone have the skills to manage a website and keep it up to date - and a willingness to volunteer ?? If so, please email to our "info" email address. The key is having a page which gives clear, simple and up-to-date information to people in a food emergency, leaving artists to superbly improve the overall appearance!

In summary, The Exmouth Community Larder continues - acting as intermediaries between people needing help and a community which is very generous giving supplies and also generous in volunteering time, both regularly and reliably,

It measures up to the East Devon motto - an **OUTSTANDING PLACE !!!**
THANK YOU ALL !!!