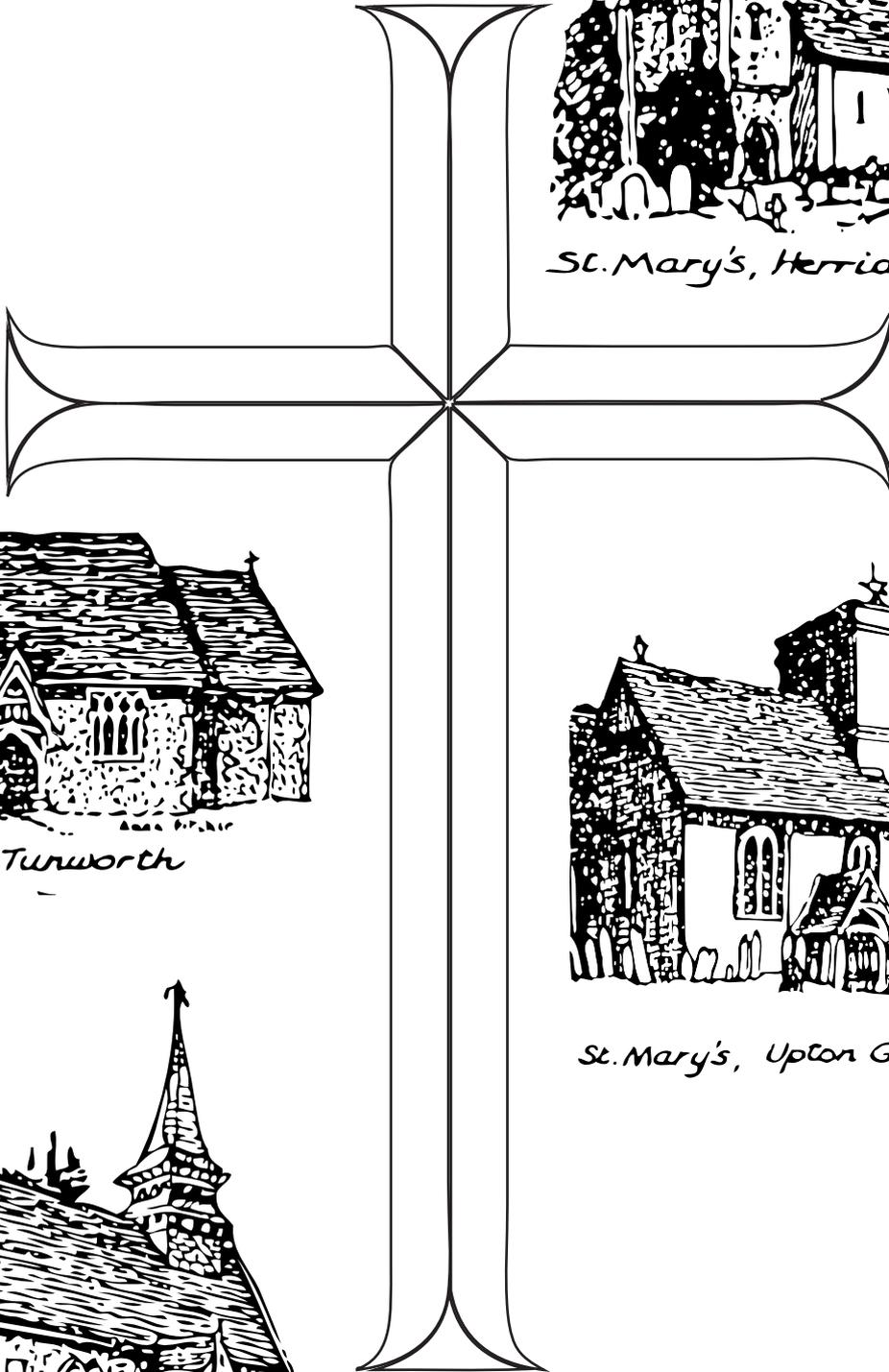


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Letter from the Ministry Team

At this time of year many of us get huge enjoyment from crosswords, puzzles, quizzes etc. They are fun, make a good change from television and sometimes result in learning something new. So, here is a question - what do you know about Miss Haskins? Miss Minnie Louise Haskins? Is she a character in a novel? Is she someone you might have met on a holiday or seen interviewed on television? None of these.



Minnie Louise Haskins was born more than 100 years ago. She had a strong Christian faith, and lived that out firstly as a missionary in India and, following a return home because of ill health, secondly as a pioneer in industrial sociology. She studied at the London School of Economics, achieving academic distinction, and continued as a lecturer and tutor for many years. But her fame does not rest on this success.

Throughout her life Minnie Haskins wrote poetry, much of which arose from her religious life and experience, and some of this was published in 1912. It is uncertain which member of the Royal family became aware of these poems - it seems likely that it was the Queen as a very young princess who showed them to her mother, who in turn encouraged her husband George VI to use one of them in his speech to the nation on Christmas Day 1939.

This was a difficult and dark time for the country. War had been declared earlier in that September, the armed forces were mobilised, but nothing seemed to be happening. This was the time of the ‘phoney war’, and the future seemed very uncertain and fragile. The onus was on the King to change the mood of the nation from anxiety and inertia to one of confidence and determination. At the end of his speech he read the following poem:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: “Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown”. And he replied “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way”.

It seems to me now that, as we emerge from such a difficult year, we need to find courage and confidence to move into the next year, 2021. We

cannot know what it will bring, but then the future is always new and uncertain and unknowable. A little child sets out on a walk and comes to a busy road; his companion says “hold my hand and we will cross together”. The child places his hand in the other’s, and as he does so he feels confident and safe.

We are at the ‘gate of the year’. Let us place our hands in the ‘hand of God’ who is our Father who loves each and every one of us. Jesus told us that God knows and loves the whole of us - body, mind and spirit. As a child trusts his parent, so we can put our trust in God our Father to be with us wherever the future may take us.

Minnie Haskins gave this title to her poem - GOD KNOWS.
With every good wish to all who read this for a happy, safe and joyous New Year.

Jill Lestrille (Licensed Lay Minister)

CHURCH NEWS

January services (government restrictions permitting)

The January services in this group of churches are as follows:

Sunday 3rd January

9.00am **Herriard** - Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.00am **Tunworth** - 1662 Morning Prayer

11.00am **Upton Grey** - Family Service

Sunday 10th January

9.00am **Weston Patrick** - Holy Communion (Common Worship)

11.00am **Herriard** - Family Service

5.00pm **Tunworth** - Evensong

Sunday 17th January

9.00am **Tunworth** - Holy Communion (Common Worship)

11.00am **Upton Grey** - Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Tuesday 19th January

10.00am **Upton Grey** - said BCP Holy Communion

Thursday 21st January

10.00am **Herriard** - said BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 24th January

9.00am **Herriard** - Holy Communion (Common Worship)

9.00am **Tunworth** - Family Service

11.00am **Upton Grey** - Family Service

5.00pm **Weston Patrick** - Evensong

Sunday 31st January

10.00am **Upton Grey** - Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Services online or telephone based

With some parishioners not in a position to attend church services, the streamed traditional Sunday service is continuing. It is available from 9.15am – search YouTube for ‘North Hampshire Downs Churches’.

In addition to streamed services, the Church of England has established ‘Daily Hope’, a telephone line offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. The line, which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044, has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind.

Private prayer

Many of the twelve North Hampshire Downs churches are available for private prayer and quiet reflection at some point during the week. In this group of four churches, **St Mary’s Upton Grey** is open for private prayer from **10.00am to 5.00pm on Wednesdays and Sundays**. (St Mary’s Herriard, All Saints Tunworth and St Lawrence Weston Patrick are not currently open for private prayer.)

If you would like to pray with someone, or ask the clergy team to pray for someone, please email prayer-requests@moretolife.church.

Explore Life, Faith and Meaning – a new Alpha course

There’s never been a better time to do Alpha!

We’re starting a new Alpha course online (using Zoom) in January, and would be delighted if you’d like to join us.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith in an informal, fun and friendly environment. Each talk looks at a different aspect of faith and is designed to create opportunities to ask questions. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone’s welcome.

No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: hospitality, a talk and good conversation. The talks explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions from Who is Jesus? and How can we have faith? to Why and how do I pray? and How does God guide us? The course is free of charge.

Alpha is great whether you’re exploring faith for the first time, or you’ve been going to church for years but want to re-visit some of the foundations of your faith.



Why not join us for the intro evening on **Wednesday 20th January at 8pm**, and see what you think? We look forward to seeing you!

For more info, contact **Revd Chris Dudgeon (01256 702918, chris@moretolife.church)**, one of the local clergy team in the North Hampshire Downs network of churches.



KidsZone

Well, it's been a strange old year hasn't it? Who could have imagined that we would have had months off school, not been able to go on holiday and run out of toilet paper in the shops?! The thing is, we can never be sure what the future is going to be like, can we, and that can be scary sometimes...

I remember as a child my Grandad had a poem hung upon his wall, which I always loved, as it gave me hope for the new year. Can you crack this code to find out what it said? I've given you all the vowels to get you started.

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and quad bike have not been seen since. I ask if anyone can assist with sightings as it was only mid evening, or if anyone has door or CCTV cameras, can they please check from say 7:45 through to 9:15 PM to see if anything concerning this incident has been recorded.

Slightly further afield, poachers were very active overnight on November 28th and 29th when substantial damage was caused to fields at Preston Candover. I am aware that similar damage was caused to a field in Green Lane Ellisfield that same night. Between November 28th and 30th similar damage as a result of poaching was also reported at Dummer Grange.

May I also make residents aware of yet another further nasty incident in which two 10-month-old sheep lambs were killed by a dog(s). This happened on Thursday November 26th in a field next to the by-way on Oakhill Lane Preston Candover. Sadly, both lambs died of bite wounds. I am aware that the dog ran through an electric fence in order to get at the sheep. I cannot reiterate enough that this is a very serious matter and I urge all dog owners to please make sure their dogs are under proper control and on leads near livestock. Please be aware that farmers have authority to shoot any dog found worrying livestock on agricultural land. This is the third incident of sheep worrying that I have had reported to me in as many weeks. If you have a dog please keep it on a lead or strict control when near any livestock. Many thanks.

If you can assist me with any information on this or any crime, please call me direct on 01256:389050 – 07768.776844 or email andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.uk as always all calls are treated in strictest confidence.

May I conclude by wishing you and your families a very happy and good 2021. Sincere wishes and many thanks

Andrew Reid, Local Constable

Have an Old Computer? Help a Hardworking Student!

Following up on articles in recent issues of this magazine... The Lions Clubs in our area are running a scheme to recycle old computers, and peripherals like monitors or printers, in support of deserving students and school children. All computers are completely cleaned of all existing data, and then reloaded with Windows 10 Pro, together with a range of free software including Libre Office. The computers are then given to deserving students and school children to aid their ongoing education at this difficult time. We are trying to ensure that no student's home learning suffers because they do not have adequate online access.

Many thanks to all those who have already donated their computers. Over 700 computers (desktops, laptops and notebooks) have been refurbished and donated, which is fantastic - the last time the subject was mentioned in this magazine it was 400. Plus, hundreds of monitors, printers, speakers and other peripherals have been donated. However, because of the high demand, we are in urgent need of more equipment to support students and school children in need.

Do you have a spare computer or computer equipment that we can collect from your doorstep? If so - or if you have any queries - please contact me. I can arrange to collect from you, and the team will then recycle it and deliver it to someone who can really benefit from your generosity. Many thanks.

Alison Barker (Cleves Lane, Upton Grey)
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Hart Lions Club (Charitable Trust number 1035726)

Farming News

One of the quieter months on the farm is December, but we will soon be trimming most of the hedgerows around the farm. This will have given enough time for Sloe Gin enthusiasts to gather some Sloe berries ready for their annual batch of Gin making, but, more importantly, for the wildlife to feed on the hedgerow berries and nuts.

On the whole the crops are looking fairly well, grateful for a couple of dry weeks allowing them to get their roots well established. One crop that has suffered this year is the Hybrid Rye that we have down at Weston Patrick. It has been bombarded by 'Frit fly' which lay their eggs in straw and chaff left over after harvest, that then hatch and feed on the following crop that is planted. With the loss of all seed treatments that protect the plant there is nothing we can do but wait and hope that there is enough of a crop left over to take through to harvest. We will assess the damage in the early part of 2021 and make a decision on whether we need to replant a spring crop or not.

The other 'Pests' we have been suffering from of late are the frequent visits from poachers who are driving all over the fields. Especially with the wet weather, they leave ruts and wheel lines all over the fields. So, we are now having to block up gateways and put-up gates and barriers to stop poachers from driving off the road and into and across the fields so easily.

With what seems the second worse topic of 2020 (BREXIT) looming we will be bracing for whatever the first month of 2021 brings for us farmers, but it won't be long before we are be back out in the fields tending

to the crops and prepping to plant our spring crops. Also, with the news of a Vaccine we can only hope that some agricultural shows may be able to go ahead and resume as normal for 2021.

Will Cheyney

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Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club Draw

The winning numbers are drawn at the monthly Parish Meetings. The November winners were R. Anscombe, first prize and B Stringer, second prize. If you would like to join please contact **Caroline James or Brian Thrussell**.

Upton Grey Fibre / Superfast Broadband Update

I am delighted to say that we have successfully completed the voucher pledging and validation process and that all residents and businesses of Upton Grey (except for a remaining query with the Little Dean Lane community), Weston Patrick, Weston Corbett, Weston Mark and part of Tunworth will be getting installation of superfast fibre for free.

We beat our pledging target by over 20% and must now wait for Openreach to carry out the installation – hopefully by next Autumn. Thanks to everyone who made this happen by speedily pledging their vouchers.

Roger Clark

Upton Grey Open Gardens Charity Event

I hope to organise another Open Gardens in Upton Grey, preferably the first week of June when the roses are out. If you are able to take part or would like more information, don't hesitate to contact me, I would be happy to let you know the format. It would be wonderful to have some gardens that have not been opened before.

Margaret Haynes

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Will you support our community? If you are interested in supporting our community, then please contact one of the Churchwardens below. Contact details are available at the front of this magazine.

Simon Butler, Vicar
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HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS

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Herriard and Lasham Poppy Appeal 2020.

This is just to say a huge thank you to the companies that were permitted to display the poppy merchandise and collection tins this year within Herriard and Lasham Villages.

It has been a difficult year for the Remembrance Poppy Appeal as house-to-house collections were not permitted for safety reasons and unfortunately the Church Remembrance Services in the country were cancelled, which is where a lot of the donations are collected.

The generous contributions made by the people in these villages raised £1133.82p. All funds are incredibly welcome and go to provide vital care and support to our retired servicemen, so many thanks.

Poppy Coordinator Mrs Patricia Pegg



The results of Phase 1 of the Greening Herriard campaign in which 40 households took part, mean that we saved 33 tonnes of CO2 and a total of £14,550. This is a fantastic result and shows that changes in behaviour don't cost anything and taking small actions is priceless in becoming carbon neutral. The idea behind the CO2 challenge cards was to simply highlight that everything in our daily lives costs energy and has a carbon footprint that we can't keep on disregarding.

Many of you will know, there are plug-in energy monitors on the market to help understand which appliances can waste energy and need to be turned off when not in use. Smart meters are next-generation gas and electricity meters. As well as getting an automatic meter reading you also get an 'in-home display' that communicates wirelessly with your smart meters, monitoring what energy you're using and showing you how much it costs. Most energy suppliers are only installing second generation smart meters, but it will take time for everyone to get one across the country.

Renewable energy accounted for 47% of UK generation in the first quarter of 2020. When you change your tariff, look out for electricity companies that offer 100% of their electricity from zero carbon sources.

This is just the start of our Greening journey; I hope that it has encouraged many of you to take part in further Community led 'Green' events.

The energy savings figures are calculated from Energy Savings Trust information and are an average guide to potential annual savings, although it must be remembered that analysis of an individual situation could well produce different results.

Food waste information is based on households of 2.4 people. Our source was the Waste and Resources Action Programme, WRAP. Furniture carbon/finance savings are based on calculations from the National Furniture Reuse Network.

G. Hill - Gill.hill@herriard-pc.gov.uk

Herriard Garden Club

December. Let's talk about it! Yes, it may be dark, cold and grey some days, but the bright, sunny, frosty days are beautiful! The earth and its flora are resting, conserving energy for the arrival of Spring! Help them along by mulching and improving the condition of the soil, by adding compost.

We set about spreading compost/mulch at our allotment this month. So satisfying and great for catching up (at a distance). We are ready for Winter and have a few more tasks on our list - the greenhouse needs a

good sort out, as does our compost areas. We meet on the first Saturday of every Month at our allotment, it's working really well!

Tasks for January in your own gardens:

1. There are plenty of crops for harvesting:
Leeks, brassicas and parsnips sweetened by a touch of frost.
2. Established freestanding apple and pear trees are pruned this month, but only do this if necessary.
3. Clean greenhouse!
4. Sow broad beans, I like to start them in the greenhouse. Keep toilet roll cardboard tubes, they're great as root trainers. No need to disturb the roots, plant the tubes directly into the warmed soil in Spring, as they are biodegradable! Keep warm, enjoy winter and its beauty!

We wish you all a safe and healthy New Year, thank goodness for our gardens, to keep us grounded with gratitude.

Gill Venning (RHS Cert Dip)

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Basingstoke & District Disability Forum (BDDF)

Your local disability charity wishes you and your family a Happy New Year and all the very best for 2021!

Our Services. Last year we all quickly learned new skills and ways of living and working to keep us as safe as possible. BDDF swiftly moved our services online concentrating on fun and interactive activities to put a smile on our members' faces. We offer seated exercise for mobility and wellbeing; walking clubs for health and social interaction; Friday Tea Break - a safe online club for chat, laughter and creativity. All of our activities are free and fully inclusive.

New Support Group. As soon as it is safe to do so we are keen to offer face to face support groups. We're looking for your feedback on how our disabled community would like these to run.

We would welcome your thoughts and opinions via this 2 minute survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KXCLZL9>

Our Lockdown One Members survey results. The driving force behind the new support group is addressing the needs identified by the survey, which BDDF conducted to understand the impact of the lockdown on disabled people.

The Top Three Challenges faced by our disabled community were:

1. Psychological distress / mental health (50%)
2. Social isolation and loneliness (45%)
3. Difficulties accessing NHS healthcare and treatment (35%)

Keep in touch. Info on all our free services are updated regularly on our social media and website.

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Disability Awareness Event. BDDF are preparing to host our annual Disability Information & Awareness Day in The Malls shopping centre on Friday 26 March. For the first time we will be hosting the physical stalls and sessions virtually. In the hope we can reach as many people as possible. If you are a charity who would like to be represented either via physical stall or online, or if you are a key speaker on issues affecting disabled people because of Covid, please get in touch by emailing info@bddf.org.uk

NEW 121 Digital/IT support. Our survey results highlighted that digital exclusion of the disabled, especially some of our older generation, was adding to isolation. To address this, BDDF have been offering our members a free 90 minute 1-2-1 session with an IT expert. The aim of the session is to ensure they can be involved in online activities and keep in contact with friends and loved ones if isolating. We are teaching how to get online and how to use Zoom. If you know someone who would benefit, BDDF are happy to offer further sessions, so please get in touch.

New Wellbeing Course. Start January in a positive way by joining our free wellbeing course which aims to reduce anxiety, increase your confidence and find inner calmness. The commitment is 2 hours per week on Tuesday mornings. Open to all. If you would like to take part, please contact us.

New Member Care Calls. Many commented on survey that what they really want right now is a call, a friendly voice on the other end of the line. We currently have three wonderful volunteers calling our members and making a difference to their day. If you know someone who is isolated or lonely who would like to hear from us please let us know.

Amanda Knowles
Service Coordinator BDDF
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Odiham and Old Basing Health Centre – Patient Participation Group

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Our Screening Programme has been running throughout the pandemic. There are Saturday clinics as well as appointments during the week – please contact reception to book or book online if you are due or overdue your smear test. The test itself takes less than 10 minutes and the results usually come back within two weeks, so it really is simple to have peace of mind that you are looking after your health. Screening invites are sent out every three years to women aged 25 to 49 and every five years to those aged 50 to 64. If you think you have missed an invite or have been putting off going for a smear test, then please do get in touch with the Health Centre. You can find out more about the screening programme at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cervical-screening>

Open for Business the Health Centre is very much open for normal business during this pandemic. Like everywhere else it is having to work differently. Telephone triage makes sure patients get seen by the right person, e-consult has become very popular and more and more patients are using the NHS App to book appointments and request their medication. The now well established Covid precautions are working well at keeping both patients and staff safe from the virus. The key message from all the Doctors and staff is that the most important thing we can all do is to get in touch when we have a concern about our health. It is easier to treat things at an early stage rather than letting them develop into a more serious issue.

Hampshire Medical Fund Charity – “Dig Deep” Campaign Results

A few words of thanks from Lara Alloway, Chief Medical Officer at Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust:

“The equipment that was so generously funded by way of the Dig Deep campaign, has made a massive difference to what we are able to do and hence many more patients are accessing the treatment they need, in the safest way. We are incredibly grateful for that.”

Our mission is to aid our NHS Trust in providing the best possible treatment and care for patients in Hampshire. We achieve this by raising funds to buy cutting-edge medical equipment for Andover War Memorial Hospital, the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester, and Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital.

We empower the Hampshire community to directly impact their hospitals by supporting the Hampshire Medical Fund through donations, fundraising, attending our events, sponsoring our events and leaving legacies.

Please visit our website. <https://www.hampshiremedicalfund.org>

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust - Wild winter larders.

The sight of your fridge or cupboards full after a trip to the shops can be very satisfying, but did you know humans aren't the only ones who like to keep a well-stocked larder over the winter months?

All sorts of animals have been seen hiding food away, ready to eat in the depths of winter when other food sources get scarce.

In the woods Some of the first animals that we might think of when we hear the words ‘winter larder’ are squirrels. These furry mammals hide high-fat food in a scattered fashion, either burying their hoard or stuffing it into hollows in trees. Their stash often includes nutritious meals like acorns and hazelnuts, but red squirrels have also been seen keeping fungi in dry spots between branches to eat later. Squirrels hide so much food in preparation for winter that they inadvertently help woodlands to grow, with many of the forgotten seeds germinating in spring.

Looking to our feathered friends, acorns are also a firm favourite with jays. They cache their food in a similar way to squirrels, scattering it throughout the forest and often forgetting some of the piles. If not buried or hidden well, their stores may be eaten by mice before the jays ever get the chance.

Under the ground Perhaps more unexpectedly, some British subterranean species also keep food stores in winter. Moles keep stores of earthworms at this time of year, in preparation for the ground freezing and becoming too hard for them to feed. A mole's storage method is rather

gruesome; they bite the heads of worms, immobilising them and then keep their meal in chambers off their tunnels. In areas where flooding is likely the moles might also store their prey in a ‘fortress’ above ground. Some worms have a lucky escape, if they haven’t been eaten by the time the weather warms up, they can heal their heads and tunnel their way out.

Helping wildlife stock up for winter can be really simple. Putting out food for birds and letting your garden grow wild with log and rock piles provides food and places for wildlife to wait out the cold.

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Odiham Foodbank Update

If you could do with a bit of help in putting food on the table, please don’t hesitate to contact us on 07387 116947. All calls are treated in the strictest confidence, and we are happy to make deliveries directly to you.

A big thank you to so many of you who have donated food or finance to the Foodbank. Having only been started in May, the Foodbank is developing rapidly, and we have now provided nearly 30 food parcels to local individuals and families - a number which is growing. Thank you also to all the volunteers who have made that possible.

There are currently a few items that we need more of: sponge puddings, tins of custard / rice pudding / fruit / meat / vegetables, and ‘treats’! If you’re able to help with any of these that would be wonderful, and please do just drop them off in the donations crate in the Coop (near the tills), or at the Foodbank itself (Ostlers Place, Deer Park View) between 1.30 and 2.30pm Monday or Thursday.

The Foodbank Team

National Garden Scheme - Hampshire – 2020 Fundraising

Great news. Let’s face it, we could all do with a bit of cheer. Despite all the trials and tribulations of 2020, the National Garden Scheme were able to donate close to £3 million to our Nursing, Caring & Health charities (£2,884,710.00) * at the end of 2020.

The main beneficiaries are as follows:

Marie Curie £425,000.00 Macmillan Cancer Support £425,00.00,

Hospice UK £425,000.00, Carers Trust £340,000.00, The Queen’s Nursing Institute £370,000.00, Guest charity: MIND £80,000.00

The lion's share - £2,587,000.00* - goes to the nursing and health charities, without which the NHS would have struggled during the coronavirus crisis.

*£2,587,000.00 – the total donated to nursing and health beneficiaries is made up of nursing and health, gardens and health and guest beneficiaries.

To see all the details of the donations follow the link:

<https://ngs.org.uk/national-garden-scheme-donations-to-key-nursing-and-health-charities-provide-critical-support-in-year-of-crisis/>

To achieve these results, we had to cut cost to a bare minimum and come up with innovative ideas. The first of these was the very successful campaign to view online 'Virtual Gardens'. At the same time we launched our 'Help Support Our Nurses' campaign, urging people who watched the videos to make a donation. Our target was £100,000.00 - staggeringly this campaign raised over £250,000.00.

Then at the beginning of June we were able to start reopening gardens. So, keeping strictly within the government guidelines, we tentatively started opening our gardens with limited numbers and timed visiting slots, to ensure social distancing - and all tickets had to be pre-booked online. Amazingly by the end of October, when the last visitors had left the open gardens had raised a total of £450,000.00.

Our wonderful garden openers did not disappoint in other ways. There were many initiatives to raise funds - the main one being Plant Sales - often from driveways with 'honesty buckets'. This raised £117,000.00.

These results are based on National figures, but in Hampshire our garden owners did not disappoint raising £50,000.00. A very enterprising couple from the New Forest went one further and with the help of a few pallets and some silver birch created some fantastic bug houses, which were also for sale.

We look forward to a very different 2021 and hope to be able to welcome many more visitors to our gardens. Keep Safe and Best Wishes.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events remain subject to cancellation following Government advice and restrictions on events and public meetings resulting from Coronavirus. If in doubt, please check with the organisers before attending an event.

13th Mar 2021 Upton Grey Safari Supper

SMALL AD

F B Design Cabinet Makers

require a **Workshop Cleaner/Assistant**, Herriard Park.

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Call David Forrest 07764 187960 01256 381855.

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(subject to government guidance and local constraints)

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8.00am–1.00pm Sun

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