



FOCUS4HOPE NEWS

Keeping you updated on what we are doing!

JANUARY 2024

FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH



Please join us at **The Church of St John the Divine, Brighouse** for a pay as you feel community lunch at 12noon, followed by our afternoon cinema 1.30pm-4.00pm.

| MONTH | DATE | FOOD | FILM |
|-----------|------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| FEBRUARY | 6th | Community Lunch | It's a Mad Mad Mad World |
| MARCH | 5th | Community Lunch | The Notebook |
| APRIL | 2nd | Community Lunch | Mama Mia |
| MAY | 7th | Community Lunch | Footloose |
| JUNE | 4th | Community Lunch | Cocoon |
| JULY | 2nd | Community Lunch | Quartet |
| AUGUST | 6th | Community Lunch | Little Women |
| SEPTEMBER | 3rd | Community Lunch | Rain Man |
| OCTOBER | 1st | Community Lunch | Breakfast at Tiffany's |
| NOVEMBER | 5th | Community Lunch | Dirty Dancing |

Please note, films are subject to change if an alternative classic film is requested.

The Venue

The Church of St John the Divine, St John Street (off Gooder Lane), Brighouse HD6 1HN

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Charity No: 1192543

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR 2023

Every month throughout the year we love to acknowledge our fabulous team of volunteers and have a special 'shout out' to those that have gone above and beyond our expectations

For the first time we are awarding **extra special 2023 'thank you's'** to three of our volunteers – they all do so much that we can't thank them enough!

Dee Halcrow (Replenish), Rose Taylor & Kate Jowett.



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR 2023

We are privileged to work with some amazing businesses, and we appreciate that we couldn't do what we do without their continued support.



We wanted to celebrate this so have chosen McVities as our Business of the Year!

They are simply amazing, always donating and supporting our charity throughout the year. They also invited us with a group of seniors for a special afternoon tea where the staff waited on us and played bingo – such a fantastic thing to do!

They always go above and beyond and all of us at F4H want to say THANK YOU.



Senior Afternoon Tea



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SAT 20TH APRIL

12-3PM

SAT 14TH SEPTEMBER

Please Join us for Our Afternoon Tea at
St John The Divine, Rastrick HD61HN

ENTERTAINMENT

RAFFLES BINGO

**BOOK YOUR SPACE ON 01484 443979
NIC@FOCUS4HOPE.ORG**

Recycled
~~Recycle~~ **your Tree!**

In Aid Of



A huge thank you from all of us to all of you that booked your Christmas Tree collection with us (it will make such a difference!). We don't have the final figure raised yet, but we can tell you our volunteers collected 454 trees!

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Did you know that in 2023 we...
...gave out over 2800 hot meals to
the homeless in Leeds...

Our kindness cafe served hot
meals to just over 1000 vulnerable
people in Halifax...

24 day trips helping alleviate
isolation & loneliness for
360 seniors...

We served Afternoon Tea
to 240 seniors & had 72 at our
Christmas Party...

Craft Club and Coffee Morning
had roughly 440 people in
attendance...

And a fantastic start to 2024...

We raised £13,500 from the
sleepout shared between
Calderdale Smartmove,
Homeless not Hopeless,
Bradford Bulls Foundation and us.

Save the Dates!

FocusFest

6th July

line up, venue and ticket info
to follow...



Replenish
Halloween
Fashion
Show

31st October

Cedar Court Hotel
Ticket info to follow

We need your help please!

SEEKING
HUMAN
KINDNESS

We work in partnership with **LEEDS HOMELESS CHARTER** as well as many other groups and charities, and we are currently looking to help the homeless this winter with the following:

- ***Warm Winter Coats***
- ***Hats***
- ***Gloves***
- ***Waterproofs***
- ***Footwear***

If you can help in any way (we all have winter clothing in our wardrobes that we will never wear again), it would be very much appreciated.

Please contact

louise@focus4hope.org or **nic@focus4hope.org**.

Meet our new Treasurer Sarah Helliwell

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We are delighted to introduce Sarah to our Board of Trustees.

Excelling at mathematics, Sarah went straight into accounting (even though her father wanted her to work in the factory).

Sarah enjoys being part of a great team at Cresswells Accountants, Hebden Bridge, and has the right combination of complementary skills and personalities – she certainly knows her stuff and will definitely keep us on track!

Welcome Sarah!



FOCUS4HOPE FOOD CLUB

The Focus4Hope Food Club aims to reduce dependency on food banks and free food provision, by combining a sustainable low-cost food market with easy access to a Credit Union.

Register now to use this fantastic new service from Focus4hope.

**LOW COST FOOD MARKET
QUALITY FRESH FOOD
STORE CUPBOARD FOOD
ACCESS TO A CREDIT UNION**

[REGISTER NOW](#)



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Social Supermarket

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our Friday Food Club is doing amazingly well, helping 70 households each week with affordable food as well as helping them to save via Calderdale Credit Union.

Since we opened the food club, we have spent over £30,000 on food but desperately need more donations of nonperishable food and hygiene products.

PLEASE HELP IN ANY WAY YOU CAN AS YOUR DONATIONS MEAN SO MUCH.



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REPLENISH

@FOCUS4HOPE

OPEN
weds-sat
10am-3pm

12 Huddersfield Rd
Brighouse HD6 1JZ



We are very proud of Replenish – our charity shop with a difference. Why? Because we sell high end labels at fantastic prices which are not available on the high street!

Our fantastic stock (very kindly donated) changes all the time so we can offer anything to suit your wardrobe, whatever the season or reason.

We colour code our stock to make it easy for you, so you don't have to troll through loads of stuff to get just the colour you are looking for, everything is there for you to browse at your leisure.



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WHAT WE DO

Who does Focus4Hope support?

Focus4Hope Supports the homeless, the elderly, the vulnerable, refugees, and survivors of domestic abuse.

What does Focus4Hope do?

The following are our main services:

The Homeless

Focus4Hope hosts fortnightly homeless feeds in Leeds City Centre and provides hygiene packs to homeless individuals across West Yorkshire.

The Elderly

Focus4Hope host several days-out and miscellaneous events for the elderly, such as: bingo evenings, afternoon teas, and an annual Christmas meal. We also provide benefit support for them.

The Vulnerable: Focus4Hope Food Bank

Immediately upon hearing the news of the first national lockdown in 2020, Louise and the team set up the Focus4Hope Food Bank, which initially provided food parcels, prescription pick up services, and other essentials to frontline NHS workers, local elderly, those required to isolate, and disabled individuals.

Since its opening, the Focus4Hope Food Bank has continued to support hundreds of food-insecure or isolated individuals. As circumstances have shifted over the course of the pandemic, the food bank shifted along to meet the need.

Alongside the food bank project, Focus4Hope provides debt and money management services.

These services are very often accessed by the same individuals who receive food parcels, which is part of our larger mission to help individuals become self-sufficient in the long term.

We also provide a befriending call service to all our clients, with the goal of combating loneliness and isolation in our area.

Survivors of Domestic Abuse

We work with individuals and organisations in our local area to assist those who are fleeing domestic violence. We help these individuals with rehousing, (whether it be locally or at women's shelters across the UK,) and continue to support them by providing clothing, furniture, supplies, benefit assistance, food parcels, as well as training in financial management and general personal and professional development.



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