



THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

Providing support for local families, refugees and asylum seekers.
"I was a stranger and you made me welcome"

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What Lockdown?

We have remained open throughout pandemic

Following government guidelines, to keep us all safe, we have remained open throughout the 2019 Covid pandemic. Alongside other agencies, we continued to serve the local and wider Bradford community in new and exciting ways including:

- EU Settlement applications
- Online English lessons
- online Coffee Mornings
- delivery of hot meals and food parcels
- providing food vouchers
- collection and delivery of medicines
- telephone appointments
- shopping for the elderly
- providing laptops, phone top-ups, and tablets to children and adults

Referrals from other agencies have increased during the pandemic and we have become more widely known. We continue to provide furniture and clothing to individuals and families in need. In addition to this, we made donations of our extensive clothing and footwear to "Yorkshire Aid" which also supports the homeless, refugees, asylum seekers, and anyone who needs help in Yorkshire.

Where to find us?

We are located on West Lane behind Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School in Keighley.
Nearest bus stop: West Lane Highfield Road
Keighley Jets Buses: K3, K14, K16



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What can YOU do?



Please visit our website for more details on how you can get involved.
www.thegoodshepherdcentre.org.uk

We continue to provide food, furniture, and clothing to individuals and families in need.



TGSC drop off point - Afghanistan Crisis Appeal

The Centre is a drop-off point for this appeal. Toiletries and educational items can be left in the outside container at your convenience. **Special thanks to Keighley Place of Sanctuary, Keighley Salvation Army, All Saints Church, and everyone who has helped us deliver donations to Horton Housing.**



Health Check Drop in Sessions

by Dr Alison

Every Friday
between 9am - 1pm

- Blood pressure and pulse readings
- Urine testing for sugar and protein
- Lifestyle advice
- Plus discussion of any worrying symptoms in complete confidence.



EU Settlement Status

A very well done to Dorota & Ewelina! Thank you both for your hard work.

We are proud to announce that Ewelina and Dorota **have supported over 3,500 people** to complete their Settlement Status Applications, this work continued throughout the summer.

They continue to support families through liaison with the home office and other agencies as needed.



10 new arrivals!

Community Garden & Chickens

We have reared ten chickens over the summer holidays, and they are now well established and roaming the grounds! Eventually, they will produce fresh eggs and we will be able to provide a fun learning experience to children in local schools. Our community garden continues to be a work in progress so if you are interested in gardening please get in touch!



TGSC POP UP SHOP

Mon - Fri 9:30am - 3pm

64 Towngate, Keighley, BD21 3QE (The Old Holland & Barrett) near Bus Station

The town centre shop has heightened the profile of The Good Shepherd Centre and continues to provide affordable clothing and household goods for families. Justyna and Dorota work closely and effectively to identify those in need and those who require special support.



CC Citizen Coin Bradford

Calling all Volunteers!



Citizen Coin Bradford are digital community coins. You can earn coins by involving yourself in social projects around your area and get discounts from local retailers across Bradford District. In the nutshell, every time you volunteer or attend our classes, coffee mornings, help in our POP UP shop, etc you earn digital coins. We are partnering with Citizen Coin as we want to recognise and reward our volunteers and show you how much you are appreciated!

Download the FREE Citizen Coin App

For more information visit www.bradford.citizenscoin.uk

New to English

Our team of volunteers offer tuition in small groups and online lessons. Please contact: lynda.tgsc@gmail.com for more information.



Coming up...

- Indian Community Evening on Tuesday 12th October at The Good Shepherd Centre. Details to follow.
- 6 weeks Hairdressing & Beauty Course
- Every Tuesday - Free short accredited courses and employability support offered by Keighley College Employability Team at The Good Shepherd Centre.

In partnership with



We urgently need volunteers!



If you would like to get involved please get in touch! Email tgsc.keighley@gmail.com or call 07491778715 today!