



WE'RE BACK!

Our Drop In Service is now open Monday - Friday 12-4pm

The picture and words opposite say it all. We're so pleased, after nearly 6 months of only being able to talk to our Drop In clients through technology, to be able to open our doors again and welcome young people in, albeit ensuring safety through social distancing, sanitising and the use of face masks.

Let's hope we can stay open!

Cheers - and thanks, Vinci !

We are very grateful to the Vinci Foundation, based in Worcester Road. Not only have they given us a store room to use that has saved us having to hire storage facilities, but they have also awarded us with a £3,000 grant to pay for client furniture and white goods in the south of the county. *Picture opposite shows Amie and Andy from Vinci (top) with our own Kelly and Jackie (below)*



How did we do?

Earlier in the year we asked clients to complete a survey of our service. We asked:

What was the main reason for you approaching us?

53.6% said because of housing issues , 32.1% being primarily concerned with their mental health and the other 14.3% indicated issues either related to benefits or debt.

What support have you received?

The most common were support for housing, budgeting, benefits, utilities/bills, financial advice and for food parcels.

Have you found the support useful?

96.4% said "yes", with 3.6% saying "maybe". No-one said "no"!



From the above and other positive comments from them, we appear to be getting it right – but we all know that there is always room for more improvement!



Keep informed and join the fun!





Thank you Ladies!

Charlotte Kenny, Charlotte Mole, Lottie Cutler, Becky Taylor and Ailean Freeman walked 18 miles from Worcester to Bromsgrove along the canal to raise money for us. It was an awful day weather-wise and they were very soggy and sore by the end, but they all achieved it with smiles! Sponsorships are still coming in so watch this space for the final total...



More thanks... despite the pandemic we had lots of Harvest donations from local schools (*Bromsgrove School are pictured right with their donation*) local churches and individuals. We would also like to thank all our financial supporters including Bromsgrove Rotary Club £500, 1st Alvechurch Guides (£2,000), Xandor £200, Catshill Methodist Church £1500, Sonny's Fryer £50 and All Saints



Church (over £1,000) during lockdown instead of their usual food donations. Thanks to Cupitt's the jewellers, who, in May ran a silver pendant design competition. The 3 winning designs (*left*), voted for by the public, have been made in their workshop and are being sold as 'The People's Design Collection', with £5 from the sale of each pendant being donated to us. (*Pictured right are*



Basement's Kelly Turner with local emergency services worker Emma Williams, one of the winning designers, together with Asa Cupitt from Cupitt's). Also thanks to 3 staff members from Chandler Court Care Home who 'Braved the Shave' on 19th August and raised £350 which will be used to provide Hampers for our clients at Christmas.

Upcoming Events - The Big Give.

During the 1st week in December we're taking part in The Big Give Christmas Challenge. We've got £650 in pledges from local businesses/organisations, which means that the first £650 in donations from the public between 1st & 8th December will be **DOUBLED!** A huge thank you to Development Design, Juke's Insurance, Bromsgrove Lions, Sam Turner Contracting, McDonald Surfacing and Vinci Construction for pledging their support. Keep an eye on our social media & website for more info about **The Big Give**.

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