

Food for Thought Purbeck

Notes of Review Meeting held by Zoom on 9th Jan 2023

Present: Chris, Anne, Helen, Gail, Nicola, Peter

Apologies: Ruth, Avril

- Using large bags would be easier than transporting crates in cars and members carrying them home. Otherwise we may need 2 cars to deliver. Encourage members to bring their own bags.
- School staff at St Mark's were very helpful. Provided tables. Nicky from reception was excellent.
- Food for Thought volunteers need to register with FareShare for insurance, boots and hi vis if they want to help unload the van. Claire (Mandy Holdaway) will email information to Debby. This may allow FareShare to just send one driver (Dan)
- Claire will write up her own review and send to Debby and spoke well to the Swanage News reporter.
- The headmasters at Swanage Primary and St. Mary's were very organised. 4 members from Swanage and 7 from St Mary's. All surprised at the amount of food and seemed delighted.
- Nicola thought mums were happier talking about the reducing waste aspect of FareShare.
- Lots of food was well before use by date due to suppliers deals.
- Volunteer rota: 16th Jan- Debby and James, 23rd Jan- Avril and Frances, 30th Jan-Steve Nixson and Uta
- Swanage driving rota: 16th, 30th Jan-Peter, 23rd Jan- James.
- Signposting rota: First Monday-Anne, Second Monday-Nicola, Third Monday-Ruth, Fourth Monday-Chris fifth Monday ad hoc.
- Number and roles of volunteers to be discussed at next steering group.
- Check that all families have a fridge thermometer and haven't fallen out of bags.
- Neil from Three Legged Cross emailed Peter asking how our launch went and wishing us well.
- Check if FareShare sell branded bags.
- Lauren Stone from Health and Kindness. Nicola discussed second van issues. Lauren apologised for arriving late and will visit again soon.
- Is there an issue with parents arriving at 10.45 and the van has gone? Communicate with St.Mark's and Swanage school parents.
- Ask schools to suggest families bring in large carrier bags....or perhaps buy some ourselves from funds.
- Could members bring in money on Friday to speed up the process on Monday?
- Next steering group meeting 1st Feb....Half term must be on the agenda.