

### Friends of Knowle Library update

Friends of Knowle Library is delighted that Knowle Library re-opened on October 12, enabling people to return loans, browse and borrow and use pre-booked computers (If you want to use a computer, you must phone the library first to book your session - 0117 903 8585).

The Friends group was able

to organise a lively one-off event at Redcatch Community Garden during the summer with help from the Library Service and the Library Innovation Fund.

We would like to promote engagement with other members of the community – particularly those who are hard to reach, maybe experiencing social isolation, perhaps fearful of going out – given the challenging times we are living through, those who

would like to use the library but are unable to access it, perhaps another event targeting older people – one suggestion is afternoon tea and cake and books at the community garden?

We also like the idea of a local “book swap” – when people could give away unwanted books and others could adopt them – at least it would be a way of engaging people in literature! – or again working with RCG or another

open space (maybe vacant shop premises) to have a socially distanced book-swap event there or even a city-wide event. It would get people thinking about books, reading, literature, and sharing resources.

If you have ideas to contribute or would like to explore ways to bring the library closer to people – please get in touch. Email: [friendsofknowlelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofknowlelibrary@gmail.com) or Like our Facebook page.

## BS3 Community - the south Bristol charity and community development organisation

# Providing food for those who need it most

**B**edminster FOOD Club opened its doors earlier this year - The Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) programme aims to provide regular access to a sustainable supply of food to people at risk of food insecurity. The Club also aims to reduce the amount of food being sent to landfill by utilising and distributing surplus food.

With support from Family Action, Bedminster FOOD Club provides families and individuals with good-quality food at a low cost, while also reducing food waste. Now in its 3rd month, Bedminster FOOD Club is going from strength to strength.

Ruth, our community development manager, says: ‘The club is accessible to anyone that is economically vulnerable and needs a helping hand - fresh food & cupboard essentials are available to collect every week - you can become a member for £1/year and then opt in/out each week as your circumstances change’

The club costs just £1 a year for a family to become a member.

Once you have joined, you can purchase a bag of delicious food every week worth approximately £15 for just £3.50! To become a member, you must live or work within 15

minutes of West Street, Bedminster. This is the only membership requirement, everyone is welcome.

All food is donated by Fareshare, an organisation passionate about fighting hunger and tackling food waste. Food parcel collection is from the United Reform Church Hall on West Street.

To find out more about joining our FOOD Club, email [food@bs3community.org.uk](mailto:food@bs3community.org.uk)

**If you would like to know what other services or support are available in BS3, please email [Ruth.Green@bs3community.org.uk](mailto:Ruth.Green@bs3community.org.uk)**

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