



Hitchin Partnership CIO  
(Schools Family Support Service)

[www.hitchinpartnership.org](http://www.hitchinpartnership.org)

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(Registered Charity 1158637)

Have you been furloughed, had a significant reduction in hours or lost employment due to the Covid-19 crisis?

Hitchin Food Provision Team can offer a helping hand to help you provide food for your children to help tide you over. With the help of local grants, funding and donations we are able to support families in our community.

Please make an enquiry at [foodprovision-hitchin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk](mailto:foodprovision-hitchin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk)



**Hitchin Food Provision Team**  
Information for Families

The team who

normally come together to provide Christmas Hampers have formed to become the Hitchin Food Provision Team. Families may have found themselves in unexpected financial difficulties due to the measures being taken to keep us safe and we wanted to provide some support to help.

**Criteria** If you have been furloughed, become unemployed, self-employed and not able to work or have significantly reduced hours, delays to benefits we would like to support you with a supermarket e-voucher to help you provide for your family. We are helping families who are not able to access other avenues of support; Universal Credits, Free School Meals\*.

*\*If you are entitled to Free Schools Meals we hope you are receiving the voucher or lunches via your child's/children's schools. If you need further help we can refer you to Feed Up Warm Up who are able to provide a food parcel and essential household items (please note this is subject to availability). If your child attends a Hitchin School and lives outside of Hitchin we will refer you to the local Foodbank.*

**How to get support:** Please contact your child's school or the email contact below for a referral form, we will then contact you by phone to confirm details and arrange an e-voucher if applicable.

Hitchin Food Provision Team  
ENQUIRIES: [foodprovision-hitchin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk](mailto:foodprovision-hitchin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk)  
Hitchin Partnership CIO, Hitchin Youth Trust, Hitchin Volunteer Army, Zeo Church, Rotary Club of Hitchin Tilehouse, Round Table Hitchin.



Working in collaboration with Hitchin Foodbank and Feed Up Warm Up



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We provide a Family Support Service for Hitchin Schools and the surrounding villages. We work alongside families giving practical support and user friendly parenting strategies. Referrals for support are made through schools with family consent.

It has been humbling to be part of the Food Provision Team and we would like to thank everyone involved and for all our generous supporters as we continue to support families.

Many of us on the Food Provision Team are the Christmas Hamper Appeal Team. *We were in meetings just before we all went into lockdown discussing how we can help families during school holidays by providing a lunch, maybe a breakfast hamper and some activities over the summer holidays.*

Thank You!

As the Covid-19 crisis unfolded we turned our attention to providing food to families that may have found themselves in financial difficulty due to being furloughed, self-employed, significantly reduced hours or loss of employment as a result of the lockdown. Hitchin Food Provision team have supported families from the beginning of lockdown with supermarket vouchers to families who were financially effected due to the crisis and not in receipt of other support such as Free School Meal vouchers. Feed Up Warm Up, supported by Caritas joined Hitchin Food Provision and have been providing food parcels to families who needed a little extra help on a weekly basis.



Our planning for **Christmas Hampers** normally starts in September. Last year we provided 151 hampers through referrals from schools and support agencies and the team feel very strongly that support at Christmas will still take place to help families and demonstrate a community who continues to care.

**The Hitchin Christmas Hamper Appeal may look a little different for 2020 but the aim will be to support families and their children at Christmas.**

We will be looking at fundraising for the Hamper Appeal - watch out for communications through your child's school or via the Hitchin Vounteer Army Facebook page.

**Summer Holiday Activities** Due to current circumstances please check provider websites for updates. I have included the list of the holiday activity providers on our website and you can access this [here](#). The following information is subject to change, please check provider websites for updates.

uPlay Sports <https://www.uplaysports.co.uk/>

- Multi-Sports Camps - will run from 20 July to 21 August at Hitchin Girls School
- Tennis Courses - Coaching programmes are running at HBS Lawn Tennis Club, Biggleswade Tennis Club and St Paul's Walden LTC. A lot of our sessions are now full, but do get in touch if you would like to join a session as we do have capacity to put more on.
- Tennis Camps - Tennis Camps alongside our Multi-Sports camps.

**Rising Stars** – providing clubs for children of key workers. See website for further details.

<https://risingstars-wraparound.co.uk/>

**CookeryEatery**

Live Zoom – six weeks of holiday cookery classes for boys & girls aged 5-16 featuring unique food adventures each day! 20 July to 28 August Monday to Friday 3pm to 5pm.

<https://cookeryeatery.as.me/schedule.php>

**FC Comets Hitchin Youth Football Club** are looking for players for 2020-21 season across a few of the age groups. For info please contact:

[marcus@fccomets.org.uk](mailto:marcus@fccomets.org.uk) (U8s/Yr3),

[jam@fccomets.org.uk](mailto:jam@fccomets.org.uk) (U11s/Yr6)

[duncan@fccomets.org.uk](mailto:duncan@fccomets.org.uk) (U14s/Yr9),

[simon@fccomets.org.uk](mailto:simon@fccomets.org.uk) (U15s/Yr10)

## Community Wardrobe Senior Uniform



**HITCHIN  
VOLUNTEER  
ARMY**

### Need uniform?

We can provide good quality secondhand uniform to seniors at Hitchin Schools for free if they meet our criteria.

Families who maybe vulnerable and/or in need of financial help can request uniform through our referring agencies. You can find a list of them at our website below or email us.

[www.hitchinvolunteerarmy.org.uk](http://www.hitchinvolunteerarmy.org.uk)  
[hitchin\\_vol\\_army@hotmail.com](mailto:hitchin_vol_army@hotmail.com)

**Primary Uniform also available**

- ➔ **Up on Downs** – current programme of events: <http://upondowns.com/>
- ➔ The Phoenix Group for deaf children and young adults <https://www.phoenixgroup.org.uk/>

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



This year's Summer Reading Challenge is still going ahead and has been redesigned as a digital version. Let's Get Silly launches on Friday 5th June and will run into September.

Join the Silly Squad

Join a host of mad cap animal characters in The Silly Squad and celebrate books that make us happy and laugh.

Register for free on the Silly Squad website, a safe and secure platform set up by The Reading Agency.

Children will be able to set their own reading goal, collect virtual rewards and unlock activities.

This year children may read anything - from library to school books, ebooks or e-audio. We have a great selection to choose from in our [BorrowBox digital library](#).

So get set to get silly and have loads of fun this summer!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

**NHS**

**Do not leave home if you or someone you live with has any of the following:**

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

[Check the NHS website if you have symptoms](#)

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**\*\*Newsflash!\*\*** We're expanding our services in Hertfordshire!

[Click here to read all about it](#)

## We are BeeZee Bodies

We are your dedicated team of nutritionists and behaviour change experts, here to help you make real, long lasting changes towards a healthier lifestyle. We run weight management and healthy lifestyles programmes for adults and families in Brighton & Hove, Hertfordshire and Gloucestershire.

<https://beezeebodies.com/about/>

## Useful Links

**Foodbank** Emergency Food for people in crisis. Hitchin Partnership is an authorised distributor of Foodbank vouchers - please contact your school for details. Tuesdays and Fridays 10am to 12pm.

**Hitchin Volunteer Army - Community Wardrobe**  
Good quality 'pre-loved' clothes for families needing support. Hitchin Partnership are authorised distributors of vouchers. <https://www.hitchinvolunteerarmy.org.uk/>

See website for useful information and links, including COVID-19

Support: <https://healthyhubnorthherts.co.uk/covid-19-support> 01462 474111



<https://directory.hertfordshire.gov.uk/Categories/29>



<https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/family-centres.aspx>



<https://nhdspl.org.uk/>

Young Minds

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/supporting-a-child-returning-to-school-after-lockdown/>



<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/families-first/families-first.aspx>



<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/Local-Offer/The-Hertfordshire-Local-Offer.aspx>



<https://www.healthyyoungmindsinherts.org.uk/parents-and-carers>



<http://www.starsteam.org.uk/coronavirus-resources> Resources for transitioning back to school



### Exam results help and advice

YC Hertfordshire wishes you every success with your A-level and GCSE results. Getting your results marks the start of a new chapter in your life. Whether your results are better or worse than you expected, it's not too late to rethink your plans to make the most of the opportunities available to you.

When you get your results YC Hertfordshire Personal Advisers are available to offer information, advice and guidance on going to college or sixth-form, finding a job or apprenticeship or undertaking training.

Please call **0300 123 7538**, email [yeh@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:yeh@hertfordshire.gov.uk) or contact your local YC Hertfordshire team - details below.

### North Herts

Online youth projects for young people in the North Herts district, which includes Letchworth, Hitchin, Baldock and Royston

YC Hertfordshire Services for Young People is running the following online group sessions for young people in the North Herts district.

If you are a young person and would like to join any of these groups, please call the team on 01438 843340, text 'SUPPORT' to 07860 065178 or email [yeh.northherts@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:yeh.northherts@hertfordshire.gov.uk). We will then invite you by sending you a link so you can easily join the session from your phone, tablet or laptop.

If you are a professional or parent/carer and would like to refer a young person to any of these projects please [make a referral](#).

+ North Herts Wellbeing Project

+ Youth Council

+ The Royston Project

+ Snappy G's

+ Supporting You

<https://www.ychertfordshire.org/support-for-young-people/summer2020/north-herts/>