

# Community Newsletter

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Cambridge  
working together to end homelessness



## The work doesn't stop

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# Maintenance Update

Our maintenance team continue to work extremely hard, working on various projects in the community.

With around four projects in progress, there is no let up for our hard working maintenance team.

Their main focus at the moment are the two new offices, which are being added on to our current office block at the back of the shop (pictured). This will enable us to turn the two offices situated at the front of the shop into additional shop space and eventually into the new shop entrance.

The speed in which this job is getting done is quite impressive.

If you have visited us recently, you may have visited our new toilet facilities. One has been completed and we hope to have the other two ready very soon. This is a major improvement from our previous facilities, which were only accessible from the outside.

Last week, a new concrete area was completed to allow us to create a designated recycling area. We hope that this will enable us to improve our recycling capabilities.



## The Unusual Donations

**Occasionally we get a donation which stumps the whole community.**

For those of you who follow our social media, you will have seen some of the more unusual items that come into Emmaus Cambridge.

The most talked about item, and one which was shared earlier this year, was a fat magnet. Yes, you did hear right.

This was a device which quite literally removes the fat from the food you are cooking. Thanks to one of our Facebook followers, we were relieved of our investigation. Most recently we had a device which kept napkins from blowing away and then the item which is pictured above, which we are still trying to figure out.

We have had some great guesses, such as an antique film canister, a tobacco press, an ink pot and a telescope collimator. However, we are still not yet convinced we have the answer.

Any ideas? Please send us an email with your thoughts.





## Continuing To Keep Safe

**Like all businesses, we have had to learn how to adapt to the new normal due to Covid-19. Our main priority is the safety of our companions, staff and all those who visit our community.**

As a result, we have worked extremely hard so that everyone feels safe and comfortable.

If you have visited us recently, you will have seen a new screen at the counter. Due to so many businesses making orders this was delayed. but is now thankfully up and doing the job.

There are multiple signs around the whole site reminding visitors to wear a mask, keep their distance, postpone the visit if they are feeling unwell and outlining our one-way system. If and when you pay us a visit, please take the time to read these signs so that you are aware of how we are working.

We would like to share some of the comments we have received, which we think shows that we have been successful in ensuring visitors feel comfortable and welcome.

One of our Twitter follower's wrote "Just had a nice trip out to drop off, browse and have a nice lunch. Kids have learned about the organisation and were pleased to meet the chickens on the way back to the car. Anti-virus organisation is being done really well here"

Carol, on Facebook said "We visited just after lockdown to donate and to browse. It was all very well organised with designated donation points. The range of goods sold is extensive and everything is very well set out"

If you have any feedback or comments that you would like to make on how we are doing, or maybe on what improvements you feel we could make, we would love to hear from you.

You can get in touch via email [info@emmauscambridge.org](mailto:info@emmauscambridge.org) or by visiting our Facebook page @CambridgeEmmaus.

Thank you to everyone that has paid us a visit and for those that have donated items since we reopened. We are extremely lucky to have such fantastic support and we are thankful that we have so far been able to ride this storm.



## Joan's Coffee Shop

After an extended break, Joan's Coffee Shop is now back and serving a full menu. This includes the popular cooked breakfasts, which we know many of our customers have been missing.

We offer a variety of menu's including Gluten free and Vegan, which now includes a vegan burger. There are a variety of cakes on offer to enjoy with your tea or coffee.

Joan's coffee shop is open from Wednesday to Sunday, serving food from 10am until 3:00pm.

Why not take advantage of our happy hour and grab a £1 hot drink between 3:00pm and 3:45pm.

# Support Emmaus Cambridge

## Donate to us

We rely heavily on your donated items.

Donations can be dropped off, Wednesday-Friday from 10am until 4pm.

If you would like to make a cash donation, please visit our website. Thank you!

## Shop with us

Our social enterprise is located in Landbeach, Green End CB25 9FD.

Our eBay store can be found here [www.ebay.co.uk/str/emmauscambidge](http://www.ebay.co.uk/str/emmauscambidge)

## Follow us

Please follow us on social media and check our website for regular updates. You can sign up to receive our monthly newsletter on our website.

## Get in touch

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