

Washington Winter Projects

Self – isolation support, activities and (COVID safe) social contact to ensure residents are not alone and isolated during Christmas and the dark months of January, February and early March. Also ensuring families have access to the basics and know where they can access help with food and fuel and other household essentials.

Christmas 2021 and Winter 2022 – January to March 2022

Washington Central Ward

St George's Church, Nick Barr-Hamilton, e-mail office@stgeorgesfatfield.co.uk

Christmas mobile event to visit the community and bring carols and cheer to people in their own homes, with Christmas craft bags for children to take away and make. Delivery across all of the Washington Area.

Delivery: December 2021

Washington MIND, Jemma Hutchinson, e-mail jemma@washingtonmind.org.uk

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Mickey's Place, Ruth bell, e-mail rbell123@gmail.com

Winter plan to provide Christmas hampers to those families in the area needing extra help over the coldest months, delivered to the local schools, and those socially isolated. Work with local schools and other community groups to identify families and work with a first-tier worker from Sharp as part of the WISP project and hold a

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Alongside this provision will be:

- Area Foodbanks
- Local VCS Organisations supporting the delivery of the COVID Targeted Community Champion Programme, Enhanced Winter Offer
- Area Committees are also supporting through various activities including: WISP 2, VCS Support Project
- Free school meals vouchers will be provided to eligible school-age children during Christmas holidays