

# Daventry Rotary Club Appeal for Technology

In the current pandemic and lockdown situation, we have been approached by the Daventry Rotary Club and the Vineyard Community Church for possible help with the provision of old laptops, tablets etc for students and schooling. Their request is below.

*You will all have seen the media reports that students are struggling to access online learning so we have details of an appeal from Vineyard Community Church.*

*The statistics show that those students with access to online learning in the lockdown have since been able to ensure they are exactly where they should be in their education. Sadly those without access are generally at 40% of where they should be and were working hard to catch up. Now we have another lockdown and their home situation is no different so will fall even further behind. Plus it affects their mental health and some may never engage with learning again.*

*The Government, Schools and Industry have supplied over 1.3m units to poor families but believe over 4 million are needed.*

*Vineyard has identified a strong need in Daventry and as a great team we could seriously help.*

*Open your drawers, go to the back of cupboards and drag out the tablets and laptops that you no longer use and have long since upgraded. These could be put to great use. Anyone know of any businesses sat on a pile of old technology?*

*Anything available can be dropped off at the foodbank at 18A Benbow Close, Daventry. NN114JP.*

*The team are onsite each morning except Thursdays from 10am to 12.30pm*

If anyone has any problems dropping any items off, please contact the Whilton Parish Council Clerk at [clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk) and we can make alternative arrangements to have the items collected.



## **Vineyard Community Church, Daventry**

**A call out for surplus/retired laptops and tablets.**

**We are reaching out to see if we can gather together a target of 100 "old" laptops and tablets that we can pass on to families who have to keep their children home from school but don't have the technology to give them access to remote/online learning via their school.**

**Have you got an old device tucked away in the back of your cupboard? Do you know of any companies or organisations who have old/surplus devices destined to be skipped?**

**We can take on the task of factory resetting and preparing them etc.**

**Thank you.**

Many thanks

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