

NEWSLETTER NO. 3 JANUARY 2025



As Chair of Trustees I want to wish all our readers every blessing for 2025. And I want to thank all of you who have been so generous with your donations and your time during recent months – from September through Harvest through to Christmas. It's humbling to see the incredible way in which our whole community comes together to help those who need it most. On behalf of our staff, trustees and volunteers I want to thank all the schools, churches, companies and individuals who have taken the time to seek out our most needed items – and to thank everyone who has donated food and money.

My fellow trustees and I also want to thank our wonderful team of staff and volunteers. They put in a great shift during this extremely busy period to collect and sort all the donations, and then deliver them to our six Centres to be given out.

You will see from the Facts & Figures below that we gave out fewer parcels in 2024 than in 2023. We're praying that the cost-of-living crisis eases and that the need for our service reduces even further in 2025. Thanking you in advance for your continuing support.

Tony O'Brien, Chair



Facts & Figures 2024



In 2024 we distributed 7,025 parcels - an average of 140 per week. This is a reduction from last year as 2023 was the year when the cost of living crisis really hit our communities. The parcels we are giving out now are now more aligned to 2022 numbers.



The top reasons for needing a foodbank referral in 2024 continue to be; low income, benefit changes/delays and debt.



We received just over 56,000kgs of donations (the weight of 4 double decker buses!) This includes weekly collections from local supermarkets as well as donations from individuals, charities, companies, churches and schools especially at Harvest and Christmas time.



In 2024 we spent just short of £1,500 on topping up our food supplies. We continue to be extremely grateful for monetary donations as we often need to purchase extra supplies.

TESCO FOOD DRIVE



We participated in Trussell's annual National Food Drive and took over the front of Tesco in Warwick for 3 days in November. Volunteers from Jaguar Land Rover and Kantar helped during the week with Foodbank volunteers and Trustees helping on the Saturday.

Well over 2 tonnes of food was donated over the 3 days along with £130 in cash donations which will be used to buy stock.

A big thank you to everyone who said hello and donated.

On the 20th December we partnered with the Leamington Round Table and helped Santa with his Sleigh ride around the Heathcote Estate. We raised £447.99 on the night and the Roundtable have donated a further £300. Huge thanks to all our elves who helped on the night and the lovely residents who donated.



Volunteer Vibes!



Not all volunteers are individuals; we have some fantastic companies supporting us on a regular basis. Organised by colleagues Mark Redgrave & Sarah Chapman, The Midcounties Co-operative started supporting us with

regular donations back as far back as 2013.

In 2015 staff from The Midcounties started to volunteer at St Mary's Church as part of the company's corporate social responsibility scheme. The volunteers gained an understanding of the real difference the Foodbank was making locally & increased their support, now providing much needed help each week at St Paul's Church & at our warehouse during peak times.

Mark regularly pops into our centres & warehouse bringing much needed donations & Sarah coordinates the volunteering rota & raises awareness of our campaigns at The Midcounties head office in Warwick & across their local trading sites.

Over the years, The Midcounties have donated an incredible 22,148 items, helping to feed 554 families in need of food parcels.



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Where to find us

Check out [Foodbank Locations](#) to see our locations & opening times.

Referral policy

We operate on a referral basis. For referrals call Help Through Hardship 0808 208 2138 or the Local Welfare Scheme on 01926 359182. We have a 6 referrals in 6 months policy. Any queries regarding this please call or email on the details below.

Donations

Donations can be delivered to our Warehouse, Unit 8 Trident Park, CV34 6SW on Mon & Fri mornings between 9.30am & 12pm.

Yes please!

Supplies of the following are currently the most wanted:

Milk (long-life)
Cuppa Soups
Coffee (small jars)
Fruit Juice (long-life)
Razors
Deodorants (M & F)
Toilet Rolls
Shaving gel
Nappies, sizes 4,5, 6 & 7.

No thank you!!

Whilst we are extremely thankful for all donations, it's important to say that we have ample supplies of:

Soup
Baked Beans
Rice
Tea
Tampons



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