

## Martin Wallis—new Trustee

I am excited to have the opportunity to serve the food bank as a Trustee, and as I start to get involved, I'm impressed with the great work that's being done and I'm looking forward to getting out and about and meeting more staff and volunteers. With two young adult children, I have lived in Leamington for the last 15 years, working as a business consultant. More recently, I have become an Adviceline volunteer for Citizens Advice, which is how I have become aware of the great work being done by the food bank.



**Volunteers Week—It was such a shame that we didn't manage to celebrate together all the wonderful volunteers we have. Don't worry, Bingo Bonanza will take place in the Autumn time when we hope a lot more of you will be around to celebrate with us.**

Talking of wonderful, a huge thanks to one of our Lillington volunteers, Margaret who is diligently sewing on all the new logo badges on our shirts.



## Facts & Figures - January to June 2025



We have distributed 3,154 parcels so far this year, 2,252 to adults and 902 to children which is a reduction of 448 compared to the same period last year.



We have received 20,110 kgs of food in donations so far this year, which is down by 2,154 kgs compared to last year. 66% of all donations come from supermarkets.



Our Citizens Advice Caseworker Ellie, has seen 90 clients since this project started in October 2024 with the total financial gains for our clients already at nearly £95,000. After working with Ellie, 42 clients are estimated to no longer need to use the food bank.



St Mary's Church remains the busiest Centre, with Saltisford and St Paul's next. All Centre's offer a hot or cold drink and a warm welcome.

## Annual General Meeting.



We hosted our 2025 "AGM / Meet the Team" event on 15th May at St Margaret's Whitnash. We were delighted to welcome 24 people with tea & biscuits and wine & cheese to encourage chatting.

Our Chair Tony O'Brien then briefly interviewed 7 different people about their perspectives of the successes and challenges of our Foodbank during 2024. We heard from staff members, trustees, session leaders, centre volunteers, a warehouse volunteer and a corporate supporter. This painted a colourful and fascinating picture for us all.



We then dealt swiftly with the formal governance and financial AGM elements and carried on getting to know each other.



In June we launched our **Summer of Love** Campaign to help keep our stocks high during the summer months. During June and July we have been lucky enough to have **Food Drives** in both Asda and Morrisons. Huge thanks to Andy, John, Kate, Jane, Margaret, Esther, Sonja, Dave, Helen and Shane who helped us on those days.

## Volunteer Vibes

I love being a volunteer as part of the large and diverse team at WDF, working alongside people with a similar vision and commitment to support those in food poverty in our community. I currently wear 'two hats' as a volunteer:

I started volunteering at the **Monday distribution centre** when it re-opened after the Covid pandemic. I had felt prompted by God to get more involved in supporting the more vulnerable in the local community and helping at WDF seemed a great way to do this practically. I have been part of this volunteer team working from 3 different locations at 3 different times, but now well established on a Monday afternoon at Heathcote Parish Church.

In 2022, a fellow volunteer brought it to my attention that there was a need for more people to volunteer to be on the **WDF Trustee board**. Having prayed about this, I felt this was another way I could contribute to the organisation, using some of my skills and experience from other sectors and governance roles. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to serve as a Trustee for the charity, ensuring that our staff and volunteers are properly looked after, appropriate policies and procedures in place and that our strategy continues to develop in line with our vision.

It has been particularly encouraging to see the new partnership with **Citizens Advice South Warwickshire** take effect, meaning that we are able to meet the immediate needs of those without food but also play a part in supporting them to address the underlying causes of their vulnerability.



## Where to find us

Check out [Foodbank Locations](#) to see our locations & opening times. Please bring in bags when you are collecting a food parcel.

## 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)  
Cup Soups  
Tinned fruit  
Tinned custard  
Coffee (small jars)  
Fruit Juice (long-life)  
Deodorants (M & F)  
Shaving gel  
Washing up liquid  
Laundry powder

### 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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