

Thornbury Foodbank Newsletter January 2022

Once again, a very big thank you to all who have supported us throughout 2021 which has been a very difficult year for so many. Since our last update in the Summer, we have continued to be overwhelmed by your donations both in providing the supplies we need for the vouchers we receive from those in need and financially, which has enabled us to buy extras to add to the parcels. This has allowed us to provide a Christmas hamper (example below) and Tesco vouchers to all who needed our help in December.



From July to December 2021, we fed 314 adults and 233 children, issuing 7.5 tonnes of food and essential items and received 9.04 tonnes of donations. Compared with the same period last year, numbers of adults fed are down by 34% whilst the number of children fed is just one less. This may indicate fewer single people being fed and more families. The reduction in adults being fed may also be due to more financial assistance from the government in the form of grants which is encouraging. Your amazing financial donations enable us to buy fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, bread, spread, baby milk and nappies and items where our stocks are low.

We are most grateful to the many businesses and villages that corporately and regularly support us including Magnox, HSBC Bank, Melrose UK Ltd, The White Hart, Littleton on Severn, Tytherington Shop, Olveston, Oldbury, Charfield and amazing harvest donations from churches and schools. Not forgetting individuals who regularly bring donations to the Baptist church steps on a Wednesday morning or drop donations in the basket we have at Tesco Thornbury. A big thank you to Tesco for facilitating this and for their continued support. If I have missed anyone, I do apologise but our thanks go to all our donors. We are also pleased that the New Coop store on Thornbury Fields Estate have agreed to be a Collection Point for donations.





Thornbury Outlet

We have a wonderful number of faithful volunteers who fulfil all the varied duties involved in running the Foodbank. We have weighers and daters who come in on a Wednesday, packers and drivers who come in on a Friday, volunteers collecting from Tesco three times a week and one volunteer who delivers our excesses to the North Bristol Foodbank warehouse in Bristol and brings back any shortages we have. A great Management Team keeping all the administrative cogs going. This results in a very smooth operation so my thanks go to them for their faithful service throughout a year that has had many difficult issues and changes to face. We are so thankful that we have all been kept safe through this difficult year again and not had to close once due to any COVID issues.

Each week our faithful drivers bring messages of grateful thanks from those we help. We are continuing to deliver to clients but do ask those who have transport to come in and pick up parcels from the gates outside. This will continue for the time-being in order to keep clients and volunteers safe.

On behalf of all of those benefitting from your kindness, generosity and concern and in the hope that one day Foodbanks will no longer be needed, we want to thank you again for making life a little easier, for those in need of our help, than it would be without your support.

Wishing you all continued health, peace and hope in 2022.

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