

Thornbury Outlet

End of year update January 2026

As we reflect on the past year, we are so thankful for all the support we receive from those who donate to us financially or materially, for our faithful volunteers, North Bristol Foodbank, Thornbury Baptist Church and other churches and groups in our community.

We have settled well back at Thornbury Baptist Church and are especially pleased with the new facilities.

Harvest donations were amazing again this year, with a total of 1.8 tonnes of food and essential items donated by schools and churches in Thornbury and surrounding villages. Thank you!

In the last weekend of November, we had our regular 3-day collection at Tesco, when 1.2 tonnes of donations were collected. We were able to share these donations with other Foodbanks in our group and retain more than sufficient for a busy December, when each needy person or family was given an extra bag of Christmas goodies from the donations and items we purchased from our financial donations. We gave out 41 Christmas parcels, less than last Christmas which was reflected in less clients coming to us, possibly due to Christmas falling on days we would not be open. It was good to know that other Foodbanks, such as Yate, were open on days we were closed; some of our clients were referred to them. At the time of writing we are still giving out Christmas treats to our clients from the bounty we received.



*Here are some of the parcels
we gave out*

Our data volunteer has been able to extract some statistics from data recorded and has confirmed that last year we fulfilled 438 vouchers, 4 less than the year before, feeding 605 adults, 31 less than 2024 and 393 children, 52 less than 2024. We always hope that less numbers indicate that individuals and families are getting the help they need and don't need to come to Foodbanks.

Donations received for the year were an amazing 10,461kgs just a little less than last year's 10,525kgs. We are so grateful to all who continue to support us. We are also able to share our excesses both financially and materially with the other Foodbanks in our group so that more people benefit from the donations we receive.

We continue to receive good support from the North Bristol Foodbank (NBSG). One of their paid staff joins us on a regular basis on a Friday to support us with any issues that arise. This is most helpful and an

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improvement on having to call the office, by having face to face contact. This has proved beneficial. We continue to have good results from signposting to other organisations, such as Citizens Advice, Severn Wye Energy Agency, who can provide help with energy advice and support and we also link with New Start Debt Advice, based at Thornbury Baptist church. A representative from Sirona Health joins us on a regular basis they can speak to our clients if they choose to do so regarding health issues and offer them support.

Your continuing financial donations enable us to buy fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, bread, spread, nappies and essentials when our stocks are low, especially over the Christmas when we were able to buy additional items for the Christmas parcels.

Two of our volunteers have continued to share what we do with other groups which include local schools, Alexander Lodge, Beavers Thornbury, YO YO and Thornbury Baptist Church Lunch Club. We are most grateful for the donations we received as a result. Please feel free to contact us if there are others of you who would like us to do this.

On behalf of all of those benefitting from your kindness, generosity, concern, and always 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. We really appreciate your support.

Wishing you all continued health, peace and hope in the coming days.

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On Behalf of Thornbury Foodbank Management Team.