

Newsletter



May 2022

Updates

Storeroom Operation

The last few months have seen a period of calm over the food bank operation. After the business of Christmas it has been fantastic to see that many of our volunteers have now found the time and ability to take some time off from their work here, visit loved ones and travel either on home soil or overseas.

As for the numbers of people that we are supporting. January to April saw the following numbers: 538 people support, 208 of whom were children.

This is a significant decrease on the same period last year. Sadly, however it is our expectation that our numbers will not remain as low as this for too much longer. As we move through 2022 that we are likely to see increases again due to cost of living pressures.



Donation from
Neil Kinder in
Chromalley



Tesco's
Community
Champion; Grace

Figures for year ending 2022

- 1758 total people supported, 36,918 meals
- 706 children
- 4160 volunteer hours annually
- 46.1 tonnes of food distributed, 658 parcels

Note from one of the families we support

Dear sirs / madam

Me and XX wanted to say a huge thank you for your help and understanding through out the few months we are extremely great full, for all the help and wanted to send an email the team are amazing especially who we have spoken too Damian Emily Emma and Karen they put us at ease and helped us through the dark times and for me I can't thank you enough. Wonderful organisation throughout all the team the packers the drivers and the names I've mentioned above you go so far and above and il never forget that your more than a food bank too us someone who listens offers empathy and more support around the individual think that in its self is unreal and amazing,

Thank you again
Best wishes XX & XX

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Trussel Trust Filming

We were delighted to work with the Donor Communication Team in the Trussell Trust to develop a video outlining the impact of COVID on our clients, volunteers and our operation. One of our clients kindly volunteered to be interviewed and his contribution was both extremely powerful and moving. He has also agreed to come to the next Trustee meeting to offer his insights as someone who has received support from us. Once the film is finalised we will share it with you.

Partnering with Donatable



“ as a social enterprise that allows SME’s to approach the acronym CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) in providing business with a living, breathing platform to demonstrate their commitment to being community minded and socially responsible.”

We have partnered with Donatable, a local social promotion enterprise, to undertake this year's stock take. 8 local individuals who wanted to provide some one-off charitable support have been mobilised to help us with this daunting annual task. It was a great success, and the stock take went without a hitch but we wonder if they will volunteer again next year once they have experienced a day of lifting and weighing crates full of tins!

New Initiative

In December we trialed the addition of supermarket shopping vouchers within support parcels. We partnered with Aldi on this project and vouchers given were able to be spent on anything in store excluding alcohol and cigarettes. The response was fantastic. We felt that the inclusion of even just a few pounds per head to provide our clients with the ability to make certain food choices, such as fresh meat and dairy for themselves, would provide an increased level of dignity.



We approached our trustee board with a costed plan to be able to provide more such vouchers in the future and are delighted that it has been agreed that we can extend the trial over the next few months.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, having celebrated Easter we are reminded that you loved the world so much that you gave your life for us. May we grow in your love so that we might love with the same sacrifice and selflessness that you love us. Thank you for the work of the Nantwich Foodbank and Foodbanks nationally as knowingly and unknowingly they share your love and compassion for all. Amen.

Our Logistics Volunteers



I am Fanny, Route Planner A. In August 2020, when Jane asked me 'how good are my Excel skills' and I answered 'pretty good', she begged me to help with the route planning for a couple of weeks while the Route Planner was on holiday. So I accepted. Then the Route Planner told me he was moving further North so would be leaving his position vacant. I understood the message and asked Jane if she had a replacement for him... she didn't. You guess what happened: I was appointed Route Planner!

When I am not planning route for parcel deliveries I work at Bentley in Logistics. This is where I found myself a Co-Route Planner: Dewi (thanks for your help!) And we've been sharing this little admin task ever since. It does not seem a big task to me, but I've been told that there is no such thing as a little task, every little thing matters when you are a volunteer! So I am glad to be able to contribute that way :)



I am Dewi, or Dee, route planner B.

Since I moved to Nantwich few years ago, I have been looking for volunteering opportunities locally. But due to work and family commitment, timing can be a challenge! So when Fanny mentioned that the route planner is primarily online, it was perfect. It's also handy that me and Fanny can swap when required. I have really enjoyed doing it and glad that if my little contribution can be of used.

Outside planning for the Foodbank, I also work for the Planning team for Bentley logistics and at home, when time allows, I enjoy baking. Looking forward to meeting everyone who has kindly give up their time for this great cause and put the faces behind the names :)

Save the date – Volunteer Evening Friday 8th of July

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