

New Hope Food Bank

God's Provision in times of crisis

Spring 2019 newsletter



Hi, I'm Jacquie...

Dear friends and supporters of New Hope Food bank, I would like to introduce myself as the new co-ordinator of New Hope Food bank.

My name is Jacquie Burley and I look forward to working alongside you delivering the Food bank service to those in crisis in our community.

In this first newsletter of 2019 we would like to give you a brief insight into how you, through your generous donations, prayers and support have impacted the lives of people in food crisis within our community.

As a result of your support in 2018:

- We delivered 33,012 meals to clients in food crisis (25,000 meals 2017)
- People Fed 1,572
- This Equates to approximately £55,770 going back into the local economy

Reasons for crisis included:

- Bereavement of partner
- Loss of job
- Benefit delay
- Introduction of Universal Credit (clients waiting 5 weeks + without any money)
- Family breakdown through Domestic Violence
- Illness both physical & mental

In our newsletter of 2014 we reported that due to a surge in foodbanks the government had commissioned an investigation into the growth of foodbanks in the country, as fears rose over the impact of austerity on the living standards of families.

In 2019 these austerity measures show no sign of abating in fact the number of food banks has doubled and as our own figures in the box to the right show the need has increased rather than decreased with an increase of 8,000 meals going out in 2018.

In 2018 we saw a significant increase in clients needing emergency

food provision as a result of family breakdown, domestic violence and mental health.

Although we can't say that the increase was entirely due to austerity measures clients have shared on delivery or through our befriending service that these measures were a contributory factor.

Volunteer opportunities

○ Volunteering in the Foodbank Monday mornings (Only) sorting food donations 10.00 – 1.00

○ Volunteering in the Foodbank sorting charity shop donations

○ Volunteering in the charity shop

○ Volunteering in the coffee shop

○ Volunteering in the furniture warehouse

○ Volunteer driver for furniture warehouse

For more information contact Michelle on: 07568 197 464



Co-op donation

We would like to give a big thank you to the Members & Society Secretary of The Central England Co-op Board.

All of whom donated their personal shopping vouchers and also a

generous cash donation. Picture: Michelle and myself accepting the donations at Renishaw Co-op from Elaine Furniss and Tanya Noon with a couple of members of the staff.

Aughton Early Years

We have new donation bin in Aughton Early Years Centre and the lovely ladies who work there came for a tour around the Food bank bringing several bags of donations with them.

Picture: The ladies from Aughton Early Years Centre with the food parcels they packed themselves.



Help us help others



Your continued support is much appreciated, there are many ways in which you can support the food bank by:

- o Donating your time as a volunteer
- o Donating food
- o Donating money

- o Visiting our coffee shop
- o Visiting our charity shop

Thank you!



Church Services

Every Sunday at 11am. Doors open at 10.30am for tea/coffee & cake/biscuits.