

Harvest Festival ~ Nuneaton Foodbank

I am sure that many of you will know that the proceeds of this year's Harvest Appeal was given to the Nuneaton Foodbank. Below is the latest update from the Foodbank which you will see includes a thank-you to both our Churches for our gifts. Please continue to support the Foodbank if you are able to.



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26th October 2020 - Nuneaton Foodbank Update and thanks

Dear Foodbank Supporters, Donors and Volunteers,

With your generous ongoing help and support, since our last update on 26th September, we have distributed food to **329** people, (which has included **115** children).

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all our volunteers, both those running the two sessions each week at each of our four centres, and to those working at the warehouse.

LATEST AVAILABLE DATA as at 23rd October

Number of people fed since last update on 26/09/2020	Total Numbers fed from 1 st April 2020	Numbers fed since 'lockdown' on 23 rd March	Total Numbers fed since launch in 2013	Food donated since last update	Food distributed since last update	Difference in amount collected
329 which included 115 children	2027 which included 689 children	2171 which included 752 children	32537 which included 12033 children	2361.9kgs (5196.1lbs: 46.40cwt: 2.32 tons)	3614.7kgs (7952.3lbs: 71.0cwt: 3.55 tons)	1.23 tons more distributed than donated

CAN YOU HELP - WE REALLY NEED A VAN

Up till now we have managed deliveries of large numbers of crates of food to our four centres with the very generous help and support of volunteers, who have kindly used their large cars or SUV's, and more recently smaller cars.

We really need to have the use of a small van, as we are finding it increasingly difficult to fit crates into smaller cars, and volunteers are having to make multiple journeys, to safely transport food.

We wonder if anyone has a small van which may be surplus to current requirements, which Nuneaton Foodbank could loan for two or three days a week. The cost of hiring a van is prohibitive.

Alternatively, it may be that you have contacts or connections with a company, or a garage, that might consider sponsoring a small van for Nuneaton Foodbank.

If you are able to help us with this, please could you email us on nfbmanager2013@gmail.com

FOOD DONATIONS

Due to the current restrictions, many of our regular donation points in churches, chapels and organisations are no longer able to operate, and we are dependent on donations at supermarkets such as ASDA, Sainsburys, and The Coop.

We are very grateful to individual donors who are bringing donations to the Foodbank warehouse, where they can leave the donations outside the warehouse, and alert the warehouse team by knocking on the door, and then moving back two metres, so that safe distancing is ensured.

THANK YOU

We would like to say thank you to a number of organisations and churches for their recent financial donations. A very big 'Thank You' to:- The Rotary Club of Arbury for a further generous donation; to Nuneaton Methodist Church; **TO CORLEY AND FILLONGLEY CHURCH**; to Astley PCC; to St John's Wolvey PCC; to Nuneaton United Reform Church; to Countryside Properties; and to The Rotary Club of Nuneaton for an

additional donation. We have also had a number of personal donations which are also greatly appreciated. We are very grateful indeed for this support. We have been alerted to further donations that are 'on their way' from churches and organisations, and we will let you know about these in our next update.

At the moment we are in need of some very specific food items and toiletries, and financial donations such as these, are enabling us to purchase these types of items.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATES

**We would like to thank everyone who donates to the foodbank
in whatever way -**

your help and your support are greatly appreciated

Our key message still is please, please, could you continue to donate items from the 'Shopping list' shown below, in the ways that you are doing - both at local supermarkets, through church and organisational collections, and through individual donations.

SHOPPING LIST OF ITEMS WE ARE IN NEED OF:-

We know that people like to know what we are particularly in need of when they are thinking of donating, **and at the moment would be really grateful for:-**

Instant Mash; Tinned Carrots; Sponge puddings; Treats for children; Crisps; Savoury Snacks; Tomato Ketchup; Cuppa Soups

Soap; Male and Female Deodorant; Shaving Gel/Foam; Toothpaste; Shampoo; Shower Gel; Sanitary Products; Nappies (Size 5+6)

Washing powder; Washing-up Liquid; Tin Openers

If this situation changes, we will update the 'Donate Food' section of our website - which is www.nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk - click on the 'Donate Food' button

Christmas Items

We have started to collect Christmas items. This may seem very early, but in order to get our Christmas parcels for families ready in time to get out in the period running up to Christmas, **we need items much earlier than usual.**

This is because we can only have limited numbers of volunteers in the warehouse for 'safe distancing' reasons. In order to ensure we can get the Christmas food parcels for families ready, and also Christmas items out to the four centres for inclusion in the bags we prepare for day to day distribution, **we MUST start much earlier this year.**

Although many people in the past have kindly donated in the week or two before Christmas, **this will unfortunately be too late for us to manage** due to current safety restrictions.

At the moment we need:-

Christmas Cake Slab Blocks; Tinned Ham; Tinned Custard; Chicken Gravy Granules; Tinned fruit; Jelly; Variety Packs of Crisps; Angel Delight; Fruit Juice; Small Jars of Coffee

We don't need Mince Pies yet thank you, as we need these later on, as the 'use by' date is too early at the moment.

HOW CAN YOU CONTINUE TO HELP?

Where it is possible, people are donating in our local supermarkets such as ASDA, Sainsburys and The Coop, and we are really grateful for this ongoing support.

Many people continue to contact us to ask if they can make financial donations, as they are unable to get out to shop. We are pleased to let you know that we are able to receive donations through the **'Donate'** button on our website.

On our website www.nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk we have on the **GIVE HELP** section, under the **DONATE MONEY** section - **ONE OFF GIFTS** - a **'button'** which allows you to donate directly to Nuneaton Foodbank.

We are tremendously grateful for the very encouraging response from many members of the local community and organisations via this link on our Nuneaton Foodbank website.

Gift Aid really has made a difference

We would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the growing number of people who are donating financially to the Foodbank on a regular basis. Many donors are using the HMRC scheme called 'Gift Aid' to increase their donations by 25p for every £1 they donate.

Copies of the Gift Aid form can be found on the Nuneaton Foodbank website.

If you are aware of friends or relatives that might wish to support the work of the foodbank in helping families in need in the local Nuneaton community, and who want to know where they can make food donations, the following places kindly have collection points: - ASDA; SAINSBURYS; ATTLEBOROUGH CO-OP; BULKINGTON CO-OP; GALLEY COMMON CO-OP; YORKSHIRE BANK; DUNELM MILL.

Again, many thanks to you all for your ongoing generous support.

Kind regards,

David

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