The Michael Roberts Charitable Trust

developing lives...enriching community

Annual Report 2014-15










MAYBURY OPEN DOOR

Harlow foodbank

BOUNTY CLUB

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Mission Statement

MRCT promotes the value and significance of every person, empowering them to develop their potential and self-confidence. By giving support and encouragement we provide opportunities for community integration, enabling each individual to help meet local social needs in a positive and practical way.

Director's Report

The Michael Roberts Charitable Trust



Gary Knott -
Director of Community Services



Main foodbank warehouse at LOKnSTORE



Alex Cross, age 2 donates food to the Foodbank with his Mum Emily





St Paul's Church & Harefield Church

It has been another exciting year for the charity, in which the need for our Maybury Open Door and Harlow Foodbank services in Harlow and the surrounding area has increased still further. During the report period we have also been piloting a new fresh food recycling project called the Bounty Club. This is a collaborative venture with local food companies. Collecting their unsold short-dated fresh food that would otherwise be discarded, we have been redistributing it to the community through local organizations: charities, children's centres, women's refuges and school breakfast clubs. The feedback on this project from both food companies and recipients alike has been very encouraging; so we plan to expand the scheme further in the coming year. Kevin Tierney deserves our special thanks, not only for implementing this initiative but also for his hard work in organising the pick-up and delivery service during the pilot period.

In line with the continued growth of our work, we have needed to find the finances to support it, and it has been very gratifying to see that over the financial year we have once more been able to raise the money needed, as well as a small surplus of income to carry over to the next year. This has again been a great blessing to us and we give special thanks to God for His faithful provision, which never fails us. We also wish to thank the many people who have made both regular and one-off financial donations towards our work over the year, as without their support we could never have achieved all that we have done in helping to meet the many needs in our community.

Practical donations are the lifeblood of our charity's work, and special thanks must go to the many people and local companies who have made, and continue to make, both non-perishable and fresh food donations to us. This year they have again far exceeded our expectations. Through these donations we have been able to feed over 3,700 people with emergency non-perishable food, while also offering a range of fresh food to complement it and thereby providing both them and their families with additional nutritional value.

Partnerships with other like-minded agencies, organizations and companies are particularly important to us as a charity, and year-on-year these have increased and developed to the benefit of the community. LOKnSTORE in Harlow have been invaluable to us in providing low-cost warehousing for the Foodbank and a base for our non-perishable food operations. This company deserves special commendation, as they really do have a heart for our community and without them we could not have fed so many people in need. We are grateful to Harlow Council for providing free storage space for the Foodbank at Latton Bush Business Centre and also wish to thank GlaxoSmithKline for help provided. Our Foodbank van is now in operation five days a week, and we were delighted to partner with "Places for People", who have agreed to sponsor the vehicle for two years.

St. Paul's Church in Harlow Town Centre have been committed partners to the charity in providing a regular venue for both our Foodbank satellite centre and Maybury Open Door. We are especially grateful , both to them and also to the Harlow Salvation Army Corps, who operate our Wednesday foodbank satellite service. Our particular thanks go also to Harefield Church, whose premises are used by Maybury Open Door as a second meeting-place.

Director's Report cont...

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Robert Halfon MP visits MOD - St Pauls



Gary Knott meets with Glenda Jackson MP and Robert Findlay from Heart4Harlow at Westminster



Bishop of Barking visits MOD - St Paul's



Left. Collins family donate new toys to Harlow Foodbank to distribute to children at Christmas

Maybury Open Door has been in existence since 1998, and it is always encouraging to see the impact this drop-in centre is having in the community at both church locations. Many lives have been, and still are being, changed for the better by this valuable and inspiring work, which continues to support a wide range of people week by week.

Finally and most importantly, I want to thank the wonderful team of people who work for the charity itself – everyone, from the trustees, who provide the vision and direction, and the honorary treasurer, who faithfully manages the finances and funding applications, to the loyal staff and volunteer team, for without them we could not operate and provide our service to the community. Thank you, one and all, for being such a great team.

I really do hope and pray that, as you read this report, you will be inspired and encouraged by the impressive work of the charity during the past financial year as it grows still further to keep pace with the increasing and challenging needs that we have been confronted by.

Thanks be to God for His provision this year and for His faithful promises in the coming year as we further expand our work and continue to support our community.

Gary Knott
Director of Community Services
Company Secretary

Tribute to John Robson

It was with great sadness that we were informed of the death of our Trustee, John Robson, who died on 3rd March 2015 at his home in Harlow.

John was appointed as a Trustee of the charity in August 2001 and was always greatly inspired by its work and ministry with disabled and disadvantaged people. He spent much of his time using the many skills he had learnt after retirement for the benefit of the charity and the people it serves. Over the years John was the guiding light for the team of trustees in all financial matters and also gave me great support and advice with his words of wisdom, which were always greatly valued. We shall all miss John in the years ahead but give thanks to God that his legacy of support and great Christian witness will continue in our hearts and minds for many years to come.

MRCT Staff

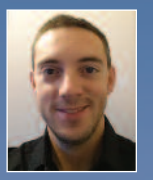
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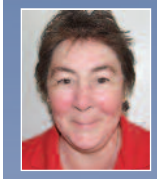

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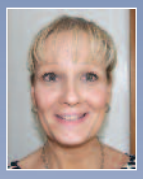

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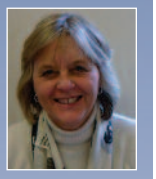

Lee


Liz


Suzie


Karolina


Clair


Moira


Clair, Suzie, Liz and Karolina in their MOD uniforms

Head Office

Gary Knott - Director of Community Services
Liz Hay - Administrator
Kevin Tierney - Community Development (Voluntary)

Harlow Foodbank

Duncan Craig - Satellite Centre Manager
Belinda Glanfield - Satellite Centre Coordinator
Lee Horton - Warehouse Manager

Maybury Open Door

Liz Bellworthy - Coordinator & Community Worker
Suzie Raraty - Community Worker
Karolina Sadowska - Community Worker (Thurs)
Assistant Community Worker (Friday)
Clair Forway - Assistant Community Worker
Moira Luff - Bank Worker

MRCT Trustees

Patricia Balkwill
Richard Bowers
Jeanette Ehlers
Grant Edwards
Teresa Knott
John Robson (deceased 03/03/2015)

Company Secretary

Gary Knott

Honorary

Robert Carrington - Honorary Treasurer
Robert Dunham -Honorary Member

Maybury Open Door







Main aims

To promote the ability of all people and encourage social inclusion

To enable and encourage people to meet their full potential

To give a voice to people and help them to shape the service

To support people who are often designated as being disadvantaged through either disability or social exclusion

To encourage a team philosophy where working together achieves more and benefits the community

To provide a support and advice service via community partners



Maybury Open Door (MOD) is based at two Harlow churches (Harefield and St Paul's) and has been working in Harlow since 1998. Managed by a team of MRCT community workers and volunteers, it is an inclusive and unique adult drop-in centre which offers support to a wide range of people each week. The structure is informal with various activities undertaken to help enhance people's skills and development and enable them to integrate with others. The centre is also supported by Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) and Family Mosaic, who provide advice sessions in housing, debt, benefit issues and general welfare enquiries.

Those attending include people with disabilities; the elderly; homeless and vulnerably housed people; addiction sufferers; people who feel isolated and lonely, foodbank referrals and others who just call in when shopping for some light refreshments and to meet new friends.

Maybury Open Door promotes community spirit and integration. It is a place where people can come and feel welcome in a safe and warm environment. The centre seeks to promote the ability of all people by encouraging them to get involved and take an active role in their local community.

Partners

- **Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)**, providing fortnightly advice and support sessions (Tuesdays) for debt, housing, benefit and other social issues and concerns.
- **Family Mosaic**, providing weekly advice and support sessions (Fridays) for housing, debt, benefit and other social welfare issues.
- **Harefield & St Paul's Church**, which provide the buildings for the drop-in centre on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- **Harlow Foodbank**, whose referrals receive refreshments and food support when this is requested by their clients.
- **Streets2Homes (homeless centre)**, which works with MoD to provide a constant support structure for people who are homeless and vulnerably housed. Also to provide an alternative venue for their clients when they are closed for training or other activities.

Achievements

- A team of 23 front-line care professionals, including Social Services, Passmores House and ADAS, works in partnership with MOD to support the people who use the service.
- MOD offers a listening ear and telephone support to people who attend the centre and have requested help with housing, benefit and social welfare enquires.
- An internet-based "Skills Development Programme" has been established to enhance the skills of the centre's staff and volunteers. Its IT equipment has been supplied by the Big Lottery Fund "Awards for All" programme.
- MOD operates a support structure and free food service for people who are hungry and those who are homeless and/or vulnerably housed. Free foodvouchers were given out in the past year to a value of £3,768 (£82.00 per week).
- A hot meal and refreshment service is available throughout the day for people attending the centre.
- MOD supports an average of 149 people each week at two locations in Harlow.
- Computer and internet access is available at Maybury Open Door (Harefield).
- Fundraising events were held to help generate income for the centre. These included charity abseiling, tombola, raffles, a car-boot sale and other in-house activities.
- MOD hosted an entertainment programme, which included the Epping Green Gospel Choir, Honeytones, Fawbert & Barnard Primary School, Music for Hospitals and a guitarist and singer.

Maybury Open Door















- A second-hand clothing store was run for those who are homeless, vulnerably housed or on low income. MoD also provided bedding and domestic items for people on benefits or low income who move into accommodation.
- Volunteer opportunities were provided for 28 people, of whom 17 (61%) had a learning/physical/mental disability.
- MOD put to good use the 3,818 unpaid hours' work contributed by its volunteers.
- PAT DOG therapy sessions were arranged for those attending the MOD centres.
- A tour of the Houses of Parliament & Big Ben was organized for MOD staff, volunteers and users of the MOD service.
- MOD kept in touch with those who were sick and/or unable to attend by making home or hospital visits, telephoning or sending 'get well' cards.
- Opportunities were provided for Prince's Trust and University Centre students and work placements for students from Catch 22 and All Nations Christian College.
- One volunteer was given the support to move into full-time employment by a programme of training and development.
- Easter and Christmas concerts were organized, together with a celebratory meal.
- Liz Bellworthy (Maybury Open Door Coordinator) received a Heart4Harlow award for her outstanding work with the centre in the community.

MOD FEEDBACK

As I am new to the town, I found Maybury Open Door a good point of contact. A nice family feel to the centre and all the staff. Wayne

There should be a Maybury Open Door like this in every town. A visitor from Bailey Thomas Trust

MOD has boosted my confidence. When you come, you know that people will be nice to you. Thursdays is the highlight of my week. Anon

Thank you for all the hard work you have done for me. I am very grateful. Anon

I like it here. In my home (shared accommodation) people are sometimes so mean and rude. At Maybury Open Door everyone is so nice I can relax and enjoy myself. Anon

Maybury Open Door provides companionship and help to the lonely and sometimes needy people.We aim to be friendly and helpful, and with the help of other professionals we try to sort out any problems. Volunteer

I love the Maybury Open Door Group. I started to volunteer because I felt that I wanted to give something back now that I have retired and have some time. Since I have been here, my eyes have been opened to the situations and conditions that people have to cope with. Here everything is hands-on and there is a feeling of freedom without judgement. Every day is different, which adds to the interest. I like the fact that there is none of the cold feeling that some official charities sometimes have. Chris, Volunteer

Harlow Foodbank







The Foodbank is a ground-breaking concept designed to help individuals and families in crisis by providing free emergency food until the appropriate agencies are in a position to assist. Our aim is to engage with communities, introducing sustainable projects that enable marginalised people to break out of their cycle of poverty.

Tinned and dried food is collected from the public at churches, schools, supermarkets, and other local groups and organisations. It is then "banked" in a warehouse before being given out to people in crisis who have been referred to the Foodbank by registered frontline care professionals. These include staff of Jobcentre Plus, Citizens' Advice Bureaus, Saferplaces, Harlow Council Front-Line Services, Harlow Police, Spurgeon's Children's Centre Network, Streets2Homes, Harlow Salvation Army, Essex Probation, Nacro, Herts Aid, Essex County Council Adult and Social Care Team, Occasio House (Foyer) and many others in Harlow and the surrounding area working in the front line.

Statistics

Since 2008, average wages have risen by 9% whilst the three biggest elements of household expenditure are the cost of food (up by 26%), domestic energy (up by 45%) and travel (up by 37%).

The highest levels of child poverty in Essex continue to be experienced in Tendring (24.4%) Basildon (21.9%) and Harlow (21.1%).

The number of families experiencing 'in-work' poverty in addition to workless households is higher than in any previous year.

Harlow is one of the most deprived local authority areas in England



Partners

- 89 churches in Harlow and the surrounding area (food donations)
- 63 schools in Harlow and the surrounding area
- 133 front-line care professionals (foodbank voucher holders)
- 8 supermarkets: Tesco (4), ASDA (1), Sainsbury's (2) & Waitrose (1)
- LOKnSTORE, GlaxoSmithKline - GSK, Harlow Council and Derek Wade Waters (free storage)
- Bishop's Stortford Foodbank - food storage
- St Paul's Church, Harlow Town Centre (Foodbank Satellite Centre)
- Salvation Army, Harlow (Foodbank Satellite Centre on Wednesdays)
- Santander and Halifax Bank, Harlow Town Centre (food drop-off point)
- East End Farm, Roydon (providers of fresh turkeys & turkey portions at Christmas)
- Greenways Eggs, UK Salads, Couzens (bakers) & High Trees Packers Ltd (potatoes)
- Harlow Walkers - food donations
- Kier Harlow - free van parking
- Tesco Resource Centre, Cheshunt (food donations)
- Free Cakes for Kids, Harlow - referrals for children's celebration cakes
- Places for People (van sponsors)
- Bristol Street Motors, Harlow (van servicing and maintenance checks)

Achievements

- 3,726 people provided with emergency food (2,479 adults & 1,247 children) an average of 311 people each month (a 1.6% increase over last year - 5 people extra per month)
- 1,957 foodbank vouchers issued - an average of 163 per month
- 67.620 tonnes of food donated - an average of 5,635 kg per month
- 102.802 tonnes of food distributed - average of 8,567kg per month
- 8.7 tonnes of harvest food donations from churches and schools
- 38 tonnes of food donated from supermarket customers / Tesco Resource Centre
- 3 tonnes of food donated to local primary schools in Harlow and Ongar for their breakfast clubs and help in feeding 103 pupil premium children and others with families on low income.
- 124 people (55 adults & 69 children) received fresh turkey and turkey portions at Christmas, provided by East End Farm in Roydon.
- Since opening in April 2009 and up to the end of March 2015 Harlow Foodbank has fed 14,616 people (9,765 adults & 4,851 children) with emergency food.
- By providing an internet based "Skills Development Programme" to enhance the skills of the centre's staff and volunteers. IT equipment provided by The Big Lottery "Awards for All" programme.
- Belinda Glanfield (Satellite Coordinator) received a Heart4Harlow award for her outstanding work with the foodbank in the community.
- Distributing new donated children's toys to disadvantaged families at Christmas.

Harlow Foodbank

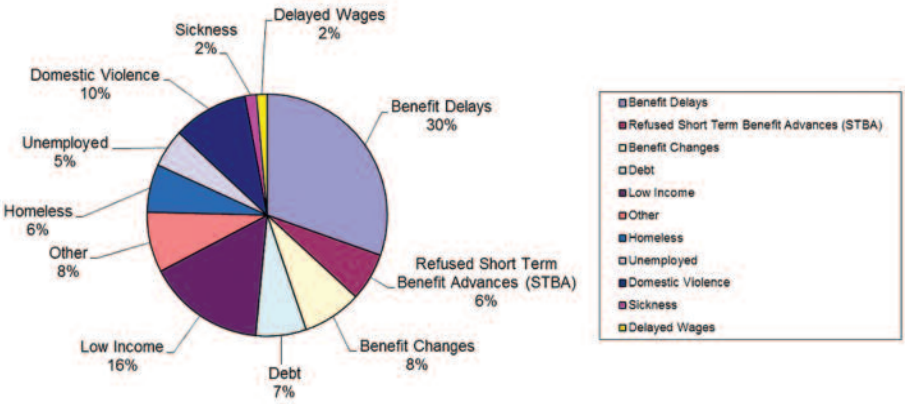








REASONS FOR REFERRAL 2014/2015



HER FEEDBACK

The Foodbank has kept me from begging on the street. I haven't eaten much for several weeks and am feeling unwell - thank you and God Bless.

I went to the Foodbank for the first time and I was very grateful for all the food I was given. All the staff are very helpful and friendly. You have helped me a great deal financially. Thanks once again

The foodbank has helped me very much. I now have food on my plate which I am grateful for. Thank you for the help.

The Foodbank has helped me very much in this hard time. All the staff were very helpful and extremely friendly.

The Foodbank has been a life saver; I don't know what I would have done without their help. Beautiful staff and I am truly grateful.

To all at the Foodbank thank you for the food at Christmas it really helped us out. My husband lost his job in November and we have five children so you helped us out more than you know. Thank you from us all.

Brilliant Service, they helped us out a lot. We now have food for a week or two - thank you. Love the fresh food for 18-month-old.

Help has been incredible, the advice and food has made me believe in humanity. I am amazed; thanks so much to the staff and for their kindness.

"Your provision of food boxes each week has been invaluable to the single women and families who come into our refuge. Also the fact that you deliver them direct to us is really helpful as well. We have also benefited from your Bounty Club deliveries of fresh food and bread and with boxes of seasonal food at Christmas and we really do appreciate this service."
Lesley Geraghty, Client Support Practitioner, Safer Places

"At the Gateway Centre, we have always been very sensitive of the needs of all of the Centre users, and those who have received the gentle help of a voucher have been most appreciative after calming down from the shock of the situation they have unavoidably gotten into, and are relieved that there are people who can help them."
Ann Tierney, Community Volunteer & Volunteer Centre Facilities Manager, Gateway Centre



Breakfast Club



Statistics

21.1% of children living in Harlow come from families living below the poverty line

Harlow Foodbank have distributed just over 3 tonnes of food in support of their work with disadvantaged children, many of whom are in receipt of pupil premium and receive free school meals.

Over the financial year Harlow Foodbank has helped to feed 103 children per day at partner schools in Harlow (5) and Ongar (1).

During this financial year Harlow Foodbank has been expanding its work with local primary schools in Harlow and the surrounding area to ensure it can reach and support as many children as possible from disadvantaged families so that they get a nutritious breakfast at the start of each school day. It is well recorded by educational professionals that a breakfast each morning before school will greatly enhance children's attentiveness in class and their educational attainment, giving them the opportunity in life that they deserve.

Harlow Foodbank provides cereals and jarred spreads (jam, honey, marmite, chocolate, peanut butter etc.), as well as milk, bread and fruit juice. baked beans and spaghetti are also available if specially requested.

During 2014/15 the foodbank has been working in partnership with six local schools, namely:

- Pear Tree Mead Academy, Harlow
- Longwood Primary Academy, Harlow
- Katherines Primary School, Harlow
- Shelley Primary School, Ongar
- Little Parndon Primary School, Harlow
- Potter Street Academy, Harlow



FEEDBACK

"We have had more children attend Breakfast Club as time has gone on; they enjoy the variety of food that is offered, courtesy of Harlow Foodbank. This is particularly beneficial for our Pupil Premium children, who may not receive a breakfast at home. The gap is narrowing between Pupil Premium and non-Pupil Premium children, with one of the contributing factors being our Breakfast Club. This is offered free of charge to these children. Without the support from Harlow Foodbank, we would be unable to provide Pupil Premium children with a free breakfast - these children are our children from a disadvantaged background".

Lacey Roberts, Deputy Headteacher, Pear Tree Mead Academy

"Longwood offers Breakfast Club throughout the school from our early year's reception class to year 6 and benefits all the children who attend, enabling them to have a good, healthy breakfast in a calm setting. This provides a good start to the day and helps them to be ready for school. Providing a Breakfast Club has also helped to improve punctuality and attendance. The partnership between Harlow Food Bank and Longwood Primary Academy also enables us to provide a free breakfast for children who need it and who would not necessarily get this at home. We consider this to be an invaluable partnership and thank Harlow Food Bank sincerely for enabling us to provide this excellent free resource. It would be impossible for Longwood Academy to continue without your greatly appreciated support".

Lynn Benge, Family Support Worker, Longwood Primary Academy

Bounty Club













Since September 2014, MRCT has been piloting a new project in Harlow with two local food companies. The aim has been to reduce their stocks of short-dated fresh food that would otherwise be discarded and redistribute it into the community via front-line professional agencies.

These agencies have included Spurgeon's Children's Centres, Safer Places, Streets2Homes, Harlow Foodbank clients, primary school breakfast clubs, Maybury Open Door, Harlow Salvation Army Corps, Westminster Drug Project, Occasio House, refugee services and school holiday clubs. We currently have over 30 front-line partners working with the Bounty Club. The Bounty Club operates 'for the benefit of the community', and this includes people in crisis.

The food companies are 3663 in Harlow and Swithenbank in Hoddesdon. Both of these companies are part of the national Bidvest Food Group. This pilot project has been so successful that other local food companies have now expressed an interest in the work and are keen to partner with the Bounty Club. Up to the end of March 2015 we collected and redistributed the following fresh food to local front-line professional agencies for their work:

- 3663 = 5.8 tonnes of fresh food
- Swithenbank = 11.3 tonnes of fresh food

All of the above food would otherwise have gone to animal feed or landfill.

FEEDBACK

So grateful for all the lovely food you leave us. It is much appreciated. Thank you.

This has really helped us while we have been on a tight budget and we even tried some new food.

I am on a tight budget so all the bread has helped a lot.

Thank you Food Bank for the food; we are going to use all the vegetables for dinner tonight. My little girl enjoyed picking the veg.

It has encouraged healthier eating in our home and saved us £s.

We have been able to try different fresh vegetables.

With five children this food greatly helps with our limited budget.

Allowed us to have fresh fruit and vegetables at the end of the month.

Thank you for the lovely food. It has helped me with my food budget. We eat more fresh vegetables now.

"The Bounty Club has been a wonderful and exciting addition to the service provided by MRCT - it has enabled such a wider community impact due to the fresh foods given, of which some families have never had the money to purchase such items as vegetables and fruit from around the world, now having these items free to add to their daily diets. Those who have benefited through the Gateway Centre range from babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers, primary children, youths & adults into senior years. We have seen families just on the edge of lack of provisions broaden their smile when they can take a loaf of bread, or broccoli pack, cauliflower, salad items so that they can produce a healthier meal for their family".

Ann Tierney - Community Volunteer & Volunteer Centre Facilities Manager, Gateway Centre

"One of our targets is to help reduce obesity in our catchment area, and the Bounty Club has been able to help the cause by providing a range of different healthy foods to families living on a very tight budget. We have also been able to use the food in one-to-one cookery sessions with some families, giving them opportunities to taste lots of different healthy foods, and especially helping them to prepare and cook substantial meals"

Angela Cameron, Children's Centre Manager, Tree House Children's Centre

Without your service the women and children that come into the refuge fleeing domestic violence would often go without the basics. We are a charity with limited funds, so your food parcels and extras (toiletries) are very much appreciated. Over Christmas all of our families that stayed in the refuge had extra goodies and the children loved all the sweets and chocolates. Your service is a valuable part of the support that we provide to our women and children".

Debbie Jackson, Service Manager, SaferPlaces, West Essex

Community Partnerships







Heart4Harlow Christmas service



Van sponsorship launch 'Places for People'



Free Cakes for Kids - Harlow



East End Farm, Roydon

MRCT recognises the importance of developing partnerships and networks with local organisations, charities, businesses, supermarkets, banks, schools, churches and other faith groups, since this helps to enhance and expand its work and, more importantly, benefit the people it serves in the community. It also seeks to provide work experience placement referrals for individuals to give them the necessary skills to move on into employment.

As a Christian charity, MRCT also works in partnership with local churches in Harlow to provide a community adult drop-in centre, as well as a foodbank warehouse and foodbank satellite service in support of a wide range of people in the local community

The charity is affiliated to Harlow Voluntary Sector Forum, Harlow and District Chamber of Commerce, the Trussell Trust Foodbank Network, Heart4Harlow and Faithworks.

Other community partners include:

Places for People

Places for People have sponsored the foodbank van in 2014/15 and 2015/16, and this has greatly helped with food distribution and the on-going costs of keeping the vehicle on the road. We extend our special thanks to Mary Parsons, Group Director - Placemaking & Regeneration, Places for People.

Supporting Homeless Work in Harlow

Harlow Foodbank and the Bounty Club have been working in partnership with homeless charities/ organisations: Streets2Homes, Helping Hands and the Harlow Chocolate Run and provided them with just over 5.5 tonnes of food to support their work and client groups.

Harefield Church and St Paul's Church, Harlow

These two churches provide the buildings to accommodate our Maybury Open Door work, and St Paul's Church also makes available its "Upper Room" for our Harlow Foodbank Satellite Centre.

Free Cakes for Kids - Harlow

Harlow Foodbank referred nine families in crisis to Free Cakes for Kids in Harlow to ensure that one of their children received a celebration birthday cake on their special day. The foodbank has also provided 245 kg of baking food to this organisation in support of its work.

East End Farm, Roydon

This is the fourth year the foodbank has been working in partnership with East End Farm in Roydon, and together we have provided fresh turkey and turkey portions to over 30 families on Christmas Eve. Special thanks go to Charles & Lindsay Abbey, the proprietors.

Citizens' Advice Centre (CAB) & Family Mosaic

Both of these organisations hold sessions for people attending Maybury Open Door to help them with issues of housing, debt, benefits and other social problems.

Community Partnerships







Kevin & Gary at Tesco Edinburgh Way collection



Suzie Stride - Labour's parliamentary candidate for Harlow helping at Wilko cash collection





Salvation Army, Harlow: Harlow Salvation Army Corps

Salvation Army, Harlow work in partnership with Harlow Foodbank by providing a foodbank satellite centre on Wednesdays. Harlow Foodbank has also supplied the Harlow Salvation Army Corps with 1.8 tonnes of food in support of their satellite centre and their work in the community. We greatly value this partnership and extend our special thanks to Glenda Holifield and her team of staff and volunteers.

Bishop's Stortford Foodbank

We have again been working in partnership with Bishop's Stortford Foodbank, providing administrative support as well as food storage and distribution during the year. We have supplied them with over 4.8 tonnes of food to distribute to local people in crisis in their area. In turn they have supported us with Tesco supermarket collections in Bishop's Stortford.

3663 & Swithenbank (Part of the Bidvest Food Group)

These two companies provide the Bounty Club with unsold short-dated fresh food that would otherwise be discarded. This is then redistributed into the community "for the benefit of the community". Special thanks to these companies for supporting this pilot project.

LOKnSTORE, Harlow

LOKnSTORE have continued to provide both FREE and discounted warehouse space in Harlow ever since the foodbank opened in April 2009. We are deeply grateful to this partnership, which has helped us immensely by ensuring we have a secure base in Harlow for our operations.

Greenways Eggs, Couzens Bakery, UK Salads and High Trees Packers Ltd

All these enterprises supply the foodbank satellite centre with fresh food free of charge. This food is distributed to local people in crisis alongside their emergency non-perishable food. We are indebted to these companies for their support and partnership.

Kier, Harlow

Provides secure parking for our foodbank van seven days a week at no charge. We are most grateful for this support.

Harlow Council

For providing free storage for Harlow Foodbank at the Latton Bush Business Centre in Harlow until December 2016. Our special thanks to them for supporting us in our work with people in crisis.

Acknowledgements

LOKnSTORE, Harlow
Places for People (van sponsorship)
Harlow Council
Great Parndon Parish
Salvation Army, Harlow
GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), Harlow
Santander, Harlow
Halifax, Harlow
Bishop's Stortford Foodbank
Robert Halfon MP
Suzy Stride - Labour Prospective Parliamentary Candidate
St Paul's Church, Harlow
Harefield Church, Harlow, High Beech
The Church of Holy Innocents, High Beach
Tesco Supermarkets, Harlow & Bishop's Stortford
Tesco HQ & Resource Centre, Cheshunt
ASDA Supermarket, Harlow
Waitrose Supermarket, Bishop's Stortford
Sainsbury's Supermarket, Harlow & Bishop's Stortford
Charles Abbey, East End Farm, Roydon (turkey donations)
Front-Line Care Professionals (Harlow & Bishop's Stortford)
Harlow & District Schools & Churches
Harlow Walkers
Couzens Bakery, Harlow (bakery donations)
Heart4Harlow (Robert Findlay)
Steve Swallow (TS Associates Ltd)
Essex Community Foundation
The Cooperative Membership Community Fund
Sobell Charitable Trust
Rainbow Services
Free Cakes for Kids, Harlow
Kier, Harlow
Linde Material Handling (Pallet Truck)
Bristol Street Motors, Harlow
Trussell Trust Foodbank Network
Greenways Eggs (egg donations)
UK Salads Ltd (salad donations)
High Trees Packers Ltd (potato donations)
Big Lottery Fund - Awards for All
Community Initiatives Fund (CIF)
Swithenbank (Hoddesdon) & 3663 (Harlow) - fresh food donations
Derek Wade Waters - (temporary warehouse space)
Bethan Walker - Fundraising Charity Cards

The Michael Roberts Charitable Trust

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