



SPRING 2018

Sharp rise in foodbank referrals



Harlow Foodbank has seen a significant rise in referrals since August 2017, mainly due to the introduction of Universal Credits in Harlow in July 2017.

By the end of the financial year in March 2018 it had provided emergency food in Harlow and the surrounding area to 4,102 people, namely 2,448 adults and 1,654 children. This is an increase of 1,044 people (34%) compared to the same period in the previous year.

The worrying feature of these figures is that over half (560) of these referrals were for children from low-income families.

To date Harlow Foodbank has fed 24,520 people (15,920 adults and 8,600 children) with emergency food since it opened in April 2009 and now needs 5.2 tonnes of donated food each month to meet the current demand, so please help us by gifts of food or by making a financial donation.

Harlow Council Civic Award



Congratulations to our wonderful team of Foodbank volunteers at the Store House and Satellite Centre, who received a civic award from Harlow Council in May 2017 in acknowledgement of their work and support for local people in crisis. Well done, and thank you.



Urgently needed

- Rice pudding
- Fruit juice (long-life)
- Milk (long-life)
- Instant mashed potato
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned solid meat (ham, spam etc)
- Tinned tomatoes
- Sugar (1kg bags)

KEEP SUPPORTING HARLOW FOODBANK EVERY LITTLE HELPS



Special thanks

Go to Lawsons (Whetstone) Ltd for their very kind donations (Peugeot Bipper van, computer, printer, broadband internet access and digital pallet truck, which are all now fully operational at our Store House.

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'Family Values - Professional Service'

"Foodbank Satellite Centre at St Paul's has helped me in many ways and many times. I have been very emotional. Better coming here and always left with a smile on my face. Amazing people. So grateful for the help"

LATEST STATS

24,520 people (15,920 adults and 8,600 children) received emergency food in Harlow and the surrounding area between April 2009 and March 2018

342 people on average are fed by Foodbank each month

154 Foodbank vouchers have been issued by our front-line partners each month

5.2 tonnes of non-perishable food are required each month to feed local people in crisis

9 primary/academy schools are receiving support from the Foodbank for their breakfast club

4 supermarkets (Tesco, ASDA, Sainsbury's and Waitrose) are working with the Foodbank by encouraging customer food donations

7.8 tonnes of harvest donations were received from churches and schools in November & December

Community Work Days

This year the Foodbank has been supported by the following groups/people: Tesco staff (Edinburgh Way), Sodexo staff, 25th Harlow Scout Group, Passmores Academy Year 8 students, Harlow College students, All Nations Christian College students and a student undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.



Valuable Partnerships

We would like to thank both Stansted Airport (London) and the Poundland Distribution Centre in Harlow for supporting the ongoing work of Harlow Foodbank. To date we have received the following non-perishable food, toiletries and household items from them, which greatly helps us with our work.

Stansted Airport = 4,688 kg

Poundland = 1,252 kg

STORE HOUSE

developing lives, enriching community

All food donations should now be delivered directly to our Store House, Unit 8, Housham Hall Farm, Harlow Road, Matching Tye, Harlow, Essex CM17 0PB

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