



newsletter - summer 2019



**BOUNTY
CLUB**

saving good food for good causes



Too good to waste? Recycle



We have been delighted at the progress of the work of the Bounty Club during 2018/19 when Trevor Stanesby our coordinator and main driver has further developed the service to front-line professional agencies, homeless projects, children's centres, drop in centres, school breakfast clubs, charities and other vital community resources all for the benefit of the local community.

We have also again ensured this year that a high proportion of these donations go straight into our two foodbank satellite centres to ensure our referred clients get a range of fresh food provisions alongside their non-perishable food, which is always well received.

As a charity we have also been developing new community partners in support of this work and we are pleased to announce that Mayfield Farm Bakery and The Country Food Trust have recently been acquired joining our other two main partners Stansted Airport and the Poundland Distribution Centre in Harlow.

We have also been greatly blessed again by Lawsons (Whetstone) Ltd who have agreed to again sponsor our Bounty Club refrigerated van for 2019/20 alongside our general MRCT van. These vehicles provide a valuable service to the community and this sponsorship covers all vehicle costs for the year.

Gary Knott, Chief Executive Officer, commented "This valuable community resource continues to be well supported and valued in Harlow as the charity seeks to ensure that good quality surplus fresh food does not go to waste and is recycled back into the community."



Just LOOK at some of the fresh food items we have received and distributed

-  potatoes, carrots, onions, cabbage
-  tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber, spring onions, peppers
-  bananas, oranges, tangerines, apples, strawberries
-  milk, butter, cheese, yoghurts, desserts
-  ham, beef, pork, sausages, bacon, steak, turkey
-  canned drinks, bottled water
-  white and brown bread
-  eggs and cooking oil

WITHOUT BOUNTY CLUB THIS WOULD END UP IN THE...



"We have about 28 agencies who have subscribed to be members. It is always a delight to work with these agencies and to see that the food is going to good causes, and to those who need it."

One of the blessings this year is that I now have a volunteer for each working day: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. I am very grateful for these team members, each of them is an asset to the smooth running of the organisation. Thank you!"

Trevor Stanesby, Bounty Club Coordinator

LAWSONS

'Family Values - Professional Service'

We are very pleased to announce that Lawsons (Whetstone) Ltd have recently agreed to continue to sponsor the Bounty Club and MRCT vehicles for 2019/20.

This generous support will cover all of the operational costs for both vehicles for the next financial year. Special thanks to Paul Sexton, Managing Director for agreeing and arranging this sponsorship.

We would also like to thank Lawsons for building our new office-training room and for providing all new office equipment free of charge at the Store House in Matching Tye, Harlow, which is very much appreciated.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Bounty Club has been further developing its Community Partnerships in 2018/19 to improve the range of nutritious fresh food, non-perishable food, toiletries and household items we can offer our members.

Surplus fresh food is currently provided by Brakes, Bidfood in Harlow and Swithenbank in Hoddesdon. Local supermarkets Tesco Metro and Mayfield Farm Bakery in Harlow are also providing surplus fresh food to the Bounty Club each week.



"Since taking early retirement I was keen to keep busy and when the opportunity to help with Bounty Club came up, I thought it would be a good chance for me to help in the community. I have really enjoyed being part of the team. I look forward to Wednesdays driving round with Trevor and serving our community at the same time. It is a travesty to see so much food going to waste but at least at Bounty, we can make use of some of it for 3 days per week. A simple and yet very effective initiative, and a joy to be part of".
Andy Bellworthy, Bounty Club Volunteer Driver

Feedback

"Working in partnership with Michael Roberts Charitable Trust has been so beneficial for our Harlow Seniors. The Bounty project has delivered fresh food to several of our social clubs allowing us to share food in our communities, whilst diverting wonderful produce away from landfill. Bounty also provides our young people working in our wood workshop once a week. They do look forward to the surprise of what they might get. We will definitely be renewing our membership!"
Kelly Tarling, Community Builder, Rainbow Services

"The food items we receive from Bounty Club are used for both children and families, this supports the nursery and encourages healthy eating choices. We really appreciate this service."
Karen Bishop, Akhter Early Learning Centre, Harlow



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If you make regular financial donations to the charity and you no longer want us to claim Gift Aid for these please inform Gary or Margaret at the MRCT office.



WE HAVE MOVED!

All correspondence, food donations & deliveries to:
Store House, Unit 8, Housham Hall Farm, Harlow Road, Matching Tye, Harlow CM17 0PB
Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 09.00 to 16.00
01279 724515 email: enquiries@mrct.org.uk
Registered Charity No. 1065006 Company No. 3439299

LATEST STATS

- 107.3** tonnes of surplus fresh food was donated by Brakes, Bidfood and Swithenbank to the Bounty Club in 2018/19
- 21** schools have been supported by the Bounty Club in Harlow in 2018/19
- 28** tonnes of surplus fresh food were supplied to our two foodbank satellite centres in Harlow for referred clients in 2018/19
- 7.3** tonnes of Stansted Airport donations have been distributed to front-line professional agencies in Harlow
- 4.5** tonnes of Poundland donations have been distributed to front-line professional agencies in Harlow.
- 1.4** tonnes of surplus fresh food were provided by Tesco Metro in Harlow
- 695** kgs of surplus bread and rolls were provided by Mayfield Farm Bakery in Harlow
- 1000** pouches were donated by The Country Food Trust



As a charity, we continue to need financial support to ensure we can sustain and develop our services with a wide range of people in need. Please consider this by making a one-off or regular donation at www.mrct.org.uk and click the 'Just Giving' button on the home page.



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