

#F&KFOODBANK NEWS BITES

DATA OVERVIEW APRIL - JUNE

Number of food parcels

Between 1st April and 30 June we gave out **308** food parcels. These fed **713** people, including **414** adults and **299** children.

Stock levels at the foodbank

Between 1st April and 30th June we received **6,068kg** of donated food, and gave out **6,196kg** of food. Food donations are down by **33%** vs last year.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO..



From 1st to the 7th June, Asda at Burnden Park hosted a 7 day food collection for Farnworth and Kearsley foodbank. We were thrilled to be joined by some fantastic volunteers, including some super students from Mount St Joseph high school (pictured) We had a great time raising awareness and donations for the foodbank.

STORIES FROM THE FOODBANK

Anna was referred to the foodbank as she had had to leave her job due to ill health. She is struggling with her finances since leaving work as she is currently awaiting a decision for her PIP application. Anna told us that she has recently lost her son, and has struggled with the cost of paying for his funeral.

We were able to support Anna with a food parcel and listened as she explained her difficulties. She was introduced to a colleague from Jeremiah advice and guidance and we assured her that we are here to help if she needs any assistance with her benefits claim.

Anna is grateful that the food and the support we offer are available for her as she recovers from a difficult time in her life.

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THE TRUSSELL TRUST

On 28th June the Trussell Trust published findings from the first part of a multi year research project, Hunger in the UK. The project will track and examine the scale and drivers of food insecurity across the UK.

The report shows that one in seven people (14%) in the UK faced hunger from mid 2021 - mid 2022. That's 11.3 million people in our society.

The Hunger in the UK reports will provide the evidence needed to change systems, policies and practices, so that everyone in the UK has the dignity of being able to afford the essentials we all need.

The basic rate of Universal Credit should at least cover the cost of essentials, but at only £85 a week for a single adult there is a significant shortfall between people's living costs and their income. It's time for change.

Join us in calling for an essentials guarantee here:

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-involved/campaigns/guarantee-our-essentials/>

USEFUL INFO

Foodbank sessions are 12pm - 2pm
Monday to Friday as follows:

Mondays at St Georges Church, Daisy
Avenue, Farnworth BL4 0EJ

Tuesday - Friday at The Well, Trafford
Street, Farnworth BL4 7PQ

To sign in and issue a voucher go
to: data.foodbank.org.uk

Contact Kathryn at the Well if you
need any assistance on
Tel: 01202 861671