

Fresh Vegetables for Harlow Foodbank

Harlow Foodbank have partnered with members of Linford End Allotment in Harlow who are providing freshly grown vegetables to the foodbank for people in crisis in Harlow. These included Potatoes, Runner Beans, Peas, Onions, Cabbages, Shallots, Marrows, Cabbages and Courgettes. These vegetables are delivered to the foodbanks satellite centre at St Paul's Church in Harlow Town Centre and these are then offered to people in crisis when they pick up their emergency food after being referred from a local front-line professional care agency.



Up to the end of July 2012 Harlow Foodbank has fed 5,638 people in crisis with emergency food, since it opened in April 2009. In the last financial year the foodbank collected over 23 tonnes of donated food from the community and distributed 22.5 tonnes, through its referral system working in partnership with 43 front-line care professionals.

The foodbank now feeds an average of 168 people each month (118 adults & 50 children) with some referrals coming from towns and villages around the outskirts of Harlow.

The foodbank collects donated food from its partners in Harlow and the surrounding area, who include 58 churches, 27 schools, 3 supermarkets (ASDA, Sainsbury's & Tesco's) and many individual people across the town. Great Parndon Parish and LOKnSTORE in Harlow provide FREE storage space for all of the donated food. St Paul's Church in Harlow Town Centre provides a

central location for the foodbank satellite service, based in the Upper Room, and Harlow Salvation Army provides cover for the foodbank service on Wednesdays at their Tending Road location. The foodbank has a team of 59 local volunteers working at their warehouse, satellite centre and with supermarket collections.

- Clients are referred to Harlow foodbank by frontline care professionals who are best positioned to identify people in crisis. Care professionals issue their client with a foodbank voucher which can be redeemed for three days of emergency food.
- Foodbanks also provide signposting to agencies that are able to help provide longer term solutions to any problems, for example, debt counselling.
- Clients are referred to foodbanks for a huge variety of reasons, including: redundancy, benefit delay, unemployment, illness, debt, an unexpected bill, or bereavement. Most people who use the foodbank are not homeless, but we do provide food to Streets2Homes for their work with homeless and vulnerably housed people.

A Foodbank in Hertford?

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There has been a very positive response to the possibility of establishing a Foodbank locally in Hertford.

May we remind you of the meeting to be held on **Wednesday 3rd October at Hertford United Reformed Church at 7.30 pm** when there will be a speaker from the Trussell Trust. Everyone is welcome.

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