

# Hertford Food Bank

*Hertford and District Churches Together*

## Introduction

The Hertford Foodbank is being established under the auspices of Hertford and District Churches Together Forum.

The objective of the Hertford Foodbank will be to provide for local people who have no financial safety net when a sudden crisis such as benefit delay, redundancy, illness or bereavement can lead to a person being unable to feed themselves or their family.

At the outset it will operate as a satellite of the Broxbourne Foodbank who, in turn, operates under the auspices of the Trussell Trust. During this period all food collected locally will be stored at Broxbourne and required items will be delivered back to Hertford Foodbank.

The longer term intention is that Hertford Foodbank will become an independent organisation operating by itself under the auspices of the Trussell Trust as an activity of Hertford and District Churches Together Forum.

## Proposed Date of Opening

It is proposed to start the Hertford Foodbank on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

Initial opening hours will be 4 – 5 p.m. daily Monday to Friday inclusive, and provision will be made for emergency support within our resource limits.

## How to Access the service

Vouchers to access the services will be available through a small number of sources at the outset including the CAB; District Nurses and Health Visitors, the JobCentre and Member Churches of Hertford and District Churches Together.

## Location of Hertford Foodbank

Hertford Foodbank will be located at the United Reformed Church in Cowbridge.

## Food Collection and Distribution

We are looking for donations of food preferably from the following list which makes it easier to manage and ensure good quality food is provided. Donations will be gladly received from now at the URC or local Churches.

- Pasta (of any kind)
- Pasta sauces;
- Tinned meats;

- Long life fruit juices
- Long life milk
- Tinned tomatoes
- Sugar
- Sponge pudding
- Instant mash potato
- Tinned fish
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Coffee jar
- Cereal box
- Tea bags
- Hot chocolate
- Bottled squash

Arrangements are in train with a local supermarket to have collection days at which shoppers can support the Hertford Foodbank by making a donation from the items listed above.

## Volunteers

A wide range and large number of volunteers – some thirty (30) will initially be required to assist in the many tasks associated with the day to day running of Hertford Foodbank including:

1. Food collection;
2. Food sorting and packing,
3. Standby drivers (for which a small contribution towards petrol costs may be considered);
4. Phone holders;
5. Administration;
6. Meeters and greeters and
7. General support and assistance.

Training and support will be regularly available to ensure each volunteer is comfortable and fulfilled in their role.

Anyone interested in supporting this development will be more than welcome to make contact by leaving a message via email at [URCMin@dkb.me.uk](mailto:URCMin@dkb.me.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

## Formal Launch of Hertford Foodbank

A formal launch of the Hertford Foodbank will take place at 12.30 p.m. on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at the URC Cowbridge