

# Hertford & District FoodBank

## October 2014 update



It has been a few months since our last update to church magazines; perhaps this could be put down to the fact that the Administrative Team has been rather

busy since the Hertford & District Foodbank became a Charity in its own right and a full member of the Trussell Trust Organisation.

It certainly has been a busy time and one that has seen us develop into a fully operational Foodbank open every weekday between 4 and 5 in the afternoon at Hertford United Reformed Church.

Joining the Trussell Trust Network has entailed us using a detailed protocol of operational instructions. We fondly call the large manual of advice and instruction issued by Trussell Trust – “the BFG” – the Big Green Folder. We are so grateful to those volunteers at the Foodbank who have waded through countless forms and detail to produce all the material that we have needed for our own Volunteers, the Agencies and the collection of data that is reported back to Trussell Trust on a weekly basis.

A great deal of work is done by our Store Manager and his Assistant sorting and storing all the donations of food that come in via Churches, Schools and Supermarket Collections, especially at this busy time of Harvest. The Volunteers' Coordinator, the Agencies Coordinator and of course all our wonderful Volunteers who are there on duty during the week, they all play a vital role. With speakers that go out to Schools and other organisations, so much goes on behind the scenes.

For your encouragement, we sometimes receive letters and donations of food from former clients who were so grateful for the help we were able to give them and their families in a time of crisis. Without your

practical support of the churches in the first place this would never have happened. It is good to report that the number of clients has dropped slightly. Last month we fed a total of 98 people, having reached 126 at one time, and for a couple of months in the summer we fed 60 a month.

The Management Team would like to thank Hertford & District Churches Together for allowing us to be under their wing to start this project off just over 18 months ago. As it has been said before it is such a good witness to the work of the whole Christian Church in Hertford to be helping within the Community in such a way. We are so grateful for all the support and donations of food that come in a steady flow.

If you would like to know any more about the Foodbank or would like to help especially when we are holding a Supermarket Collection (our next one at Hertford Tesco on 3, 4,5 December) please phone 07851 708470 or

Email: [info@hertforddistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@hertforddistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

Website <http://hertforddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>

Thank you again for your support.

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