



Newsletter

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Tesco Winter Collection

Another fantastic collection from generous shoppers at St Neots Tesco last week.

Almost one tonne of food was donated and £200 in cash collected.

This will enable us to give out over 300 Christmas Hampers to those in need.

Thanks to all the Volunteers who helped with the collection.



St Neots Inner Wheel raised £200 for the Foodbank from a fashion show at All Seasons in Sandy on 11th November and presented us with a cheque at the Inner Wheel Meeting on 18th November.



3 of the members of the St Neots Indoor Bowls Club presenting the food bank with £350 being the proceeds of their members and the public donating their used cartridges for recycling. There is a 'Drop box' in their entrance where members of the public can donate.



Waitrose are now running a successful £6 voucher scheme for fruit, vegetables and eggs

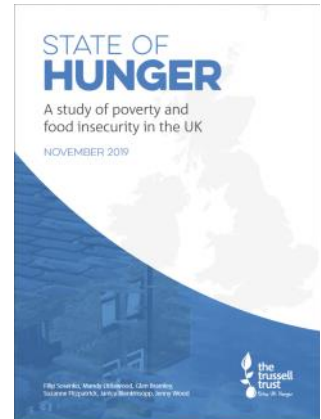
A fortnightly 'drop in' is being run by Richard (P3) at United Reformed Church (to help with housing, benefits, filling in forms, income/ expenditure)



Rural Cambs

We now have a joint project with Citizens Advice for 3 volunteers to do Gateway Assessments at United Reform Church.



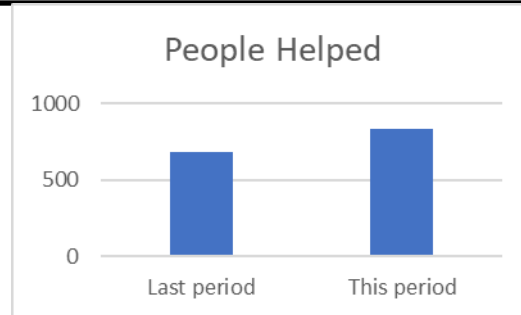
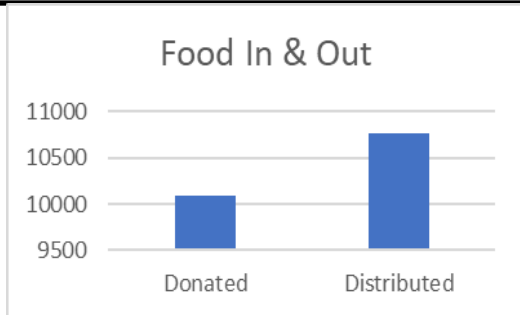


Trussell Trust has produced a new report showing that more and more people do not have enough money to cover the costs of essentials. April to September 2019 was the busiest first six months of the year for food banks in the Trussell Trust network since the charity opened. This is a 23% increase on the same period in 2018 - the sharpest increase the charity has seen for the past five years.

<https://www.stateofhunger.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/State-of-Hunger-Report-November2019-Digital.pdf>

Between April and September 2019 in St Neots we distributed more food than we received and helped 22% more people than last year.

This enabled us to support 831 people, which is an increase of 22% over the same period last year. We estimate that by year end 2019 we will have helped around 1,800 people with food supplies.



Responder Scheme

The demand for our services is outstripping food donations. This sometimes leads to shortages and means that we have to use cash to buy in food. We want to try a **Responder** scheme whereby people will sign up to receive an occasional email requesting specified food items to fill an immediate need. If you would like to join this, please email us. info@stneots.foodbank.org.uk Thank you.



and A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS and SUPPORTERS

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