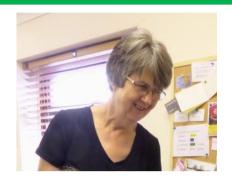


Newsletter December 2024



The Trustees would like to thank Adrienne for her outstanding contribution to the success of St Neots Foodbank over the past 8 years. Very many hungry local people will echo these thanks. Also a huge welcome to Helen who is taking over as Manager to continue the development of our invaluable services.

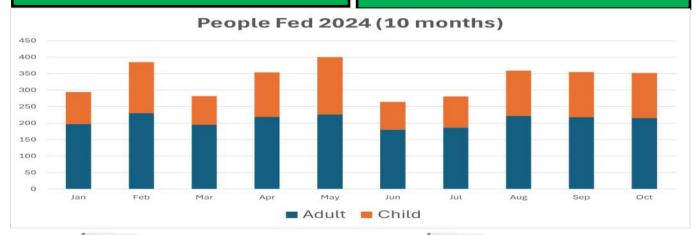






Adrienne has been Project Manager for St Neots Foodbank since 2016. In that time she has managed the development of our services to feed 8 times more people with an expanded food parcel (basics+ fruit&veg+ eggs) delivered by 4 times more Volunteers. She has also driven the work with external agencies to provide people with extended help, especially to manage their finances (benefits, debt etc) so that they become independent of foodbanks. Many thousands of local people are grateful for Adrienne's outstanding contribution. She will be missed.

Helen says: I have lived in St Neots since 2011 with my husband and three children, and have worked in a primary school in St Neots for the last 7 years. My first impressions of the foodbank are that it is an incredibly complex operation which only exists because of the huge amount of time given by so many volunteers each week, and the very generous local community! The work going on to help people is amazing, and my vision is that we can continue to increase the support people get beyond food, so that people don't need to use the foodbank at all.

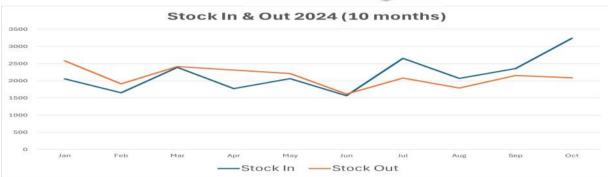


















Tesco collection donations filled 188 crates weighing 1,649kg, which was brilliant We are currently making up 426 hampers to deliver to local schools and other agencies for people who need them most this Christmas.

We have had harvest donations from lots of local schools and churches, which are very much appreciated.



Our Waitrose collection on September 20th provided 450kg of much needed items for our food parcels.

We have visited Eltisley WI and the URC Friendship Group to talk about the work of the foodbank over the last month and we're very grateful for their kind donations.



The 2nd St Neots Scouts visited the foodbank on a very rainy evening in October. They learned how to weigh the food in, date it, packed it into crates and found out more about the work of the foodbank and ask any questions. They did a fantastic job!

Our Financial Inclusion work continues to help the many people who come to us for food but also have multiple issues to deal with including debt. We work with other agencies to ensure people get the benefits and help they need to manage their lives better, so they may not need to rely on our foodbank in future.



Rural Cambs

Citizens Advice have helped people gain £52,046 in the first two quarters of this financial year (Apr-Sep), and helped 41 people



Acts 435 had had 4 completed requests in July 2024 for which £640 had been raised, and in October 2 more had been completed

DROP-INS Opendoor Mon 4-6 (behind One Stop, Eaton Ford)
United Reformed Church (High Street) 10- 12 Tuesday

Berkley Street Methodist 4-6 Thursday
St Mary's Eaton Socon 10-12 Friday.

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