

Review of 2018/19

Food donated (t)	35.8
People fed	4011
Family boxes	952
Single boxes	842
Limited cooking	126
Welcome packs	88
Toiletry sets	465
Cleaning packs	178
Laundry	110
Baby food	44
Nappies	81
Duvets	21
Bed linen	12
Easter eggs	1306
Christmas boxes	815
Christmas hampers	414

The Andover foodbank was set up in 2006 to provide emergency food to local people who find themselves in short term crisis and are without means to buy food. In the year April 2018-March 2019 we distributed enough food to feed 4011 people including 1201 children, giving families and individuals valuable breathing space to address longer term issues without the worry of feeding their families or themselves. The supply of additional products such as toiletries and laundry items helps keep children in schools, and provides some dignity to people struggling within our community.

We received over 35 tonnes of donations including 4.1 tonnes through Harvest Festival celebrations, 14.5 tonnes through the permanent collection points at supermarkets and 5 tonnes at manned supermarket collections. We have an additional collection point at Boots for toiletries. We are also grateful to Abel and Cole who donate fresh fruit and veg every week



Reason for crisis

40.3% of clients needed support because they were struggling on low income. Requests for help because of benefit delay or change reduced to 32% while the number of people struggling with issues around debt remained about the same at 9.6%. Measured within a 6 month period, 79% clients required 2 boxes or less. Although not visible in our data, anecdotal reports indicate that we have been helping people with their transition onto Universal Credit. Other reasons for needing support include delayed wages, homelessness and sickness.



“After receiving a food box a weight was lifted off my shoulders”

“A great service and nice and polite people”

What’s in a family box?

- Baked beans
- Biscuits
- Cereal
- Fish
- Fruit
- Fruit Juice
- Meat
- Milk
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Potatoes
- Rice
- Rice pudding
- Spaghetti
- Sugar
- Tea
- Tomatoes
- Vegetables
- Treats

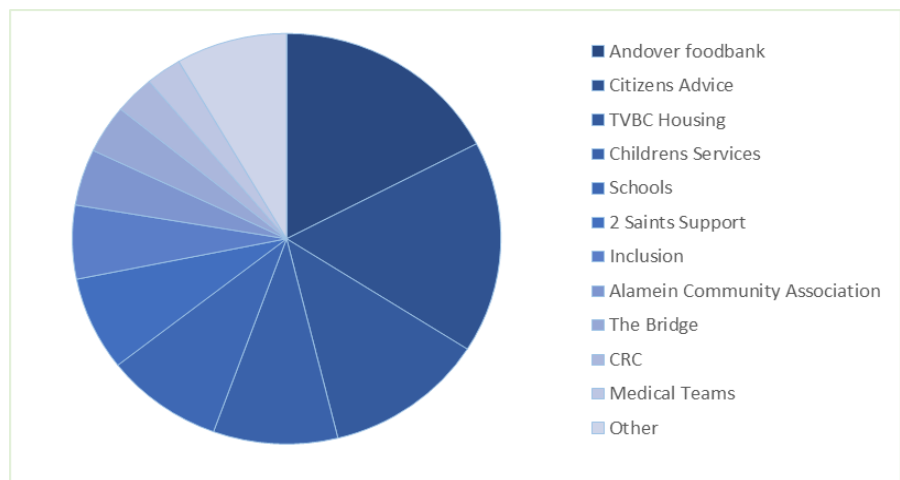
“Thank you so much for the delivery of the boxes - the generosity of others has staggered us again”

As in previous years, the areas with the greatest demand are the Alamein and St Mary’s Wards.

Ward	2017/18	2018/19
Alamein	27.4%	29.7%
St Mary’s	20.8%	23.0%
Winton	7.5%	7.5%
Harrow Way	11.2%	10.0%
Millway	3.0%	3.4%

Partnership working

We continue to partner with over 60 agencies, across the region. Citizens Advice remains our main referral agent, followed by Test Valley Borough Council Housing and Children’s Services. We also supported 311 people through partnerships with local schools, making sure children are not going to school hungry and less able to learn. Boxes are also now being held at Castle Practice Surgery, making support more accessible in Ludgershall.



Christmas celebrations

The community donated an amazing supply of filled gift boxes and donations that enabled 815 gift boxes to be distributed in time for Christmas. We are very grateful to staff, children and parents of Bishop Challoner RC School, Wellington Academy, Farleigh School, Clatford Primary School and St John the Baptist School for their generous contributions. As a result of the popular 12 Days of Christmas Campaign and a variety of other collections 352 families and 62 individuals received festive hampers.



Supported by

2 part time staff
70+ volunteers
5 community placements

Abel and Cole
Aster Foundation
Alton Sports
ASDA
Barclays
Co-op
Lloyds
Petty Wood
Sainsbury's
Simplyhealth
Southern Co-op
Tesco
Twinings
Vitacress
VP Bastion
Waitrose

HIWCF

Erach and Roshan Sadri
Foundation
Charlotte Bonham Carter
Trust

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Warehouse extension

The extension to the warehouse was completed in August 2018, with the official opening on October 12th. This has made a huge difference to our operation, ability to accept donations and the support we can offer our community. We are grateful to everyone who helped achieve this including TVBC Councilors who supported our Community Asset grant application, local support and private donations. We are also grateful to James Fraser at BCM for providing the building design and project management free of charge, Aster Group who carried out the electrical and carpentry work at no cost and John Cribb and Sons for donating the electrical supplies. Paul Cummins and team did a fantastic job building the extension and we only needed to close for a couple of weeks during the final knock through. We would also like to thank all our distribution points for holding additional boxes to ensure we could still get food out during this time.

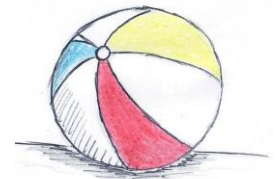
Fundraising and finance

The foodbank has had a busy fundraising year to ensure it was able cover the cost of the extension and continue to meet local need. This year we were able to sell our own Christmas cards, designed by a former Duke of Edinburgh student.

Total income for 2018-19 was £42,043.31 and expenditure £38,599.14, excluding donations and costs for the extension.

Future vision

With the warehouse extension now complete the Andover foodbank has been considering how it might better help the local community in times of need. We are aware that the summer holidays can be a difficult time for families, who may struggle with reduced earnings or childcare costs and loss of free school meals. This can lead to food insecurity, isolation and loneliness. To help address this the foodbank intends to provide summer packs that include food items to help children enjoy normal summer activities such as barbeques, picnics and sleepovers with friends.



For further information about the Andover foodbank please get in touch, or come along to our foodbank monthly coffee mornings held on the first Friday of the month at 10:30a.m.