



## Review of 2017/18

Food donated (t)	31.7
People fed	4325
Family boxes	984
Single boxes	797
Limited cooking	57
Welcome packs	75
Toiletry sets	337
Cleaning packs	141
Baby food	26
Nappies	71
Duvets	26
Bed linen	27
Easter eggs	1120
Christmas boxes	650
Christmas hampers	388

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 2017 - March 2018 we distributed enough food to feed 4325 people of which 1395 were 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 are also grateful to Abel and Cole who donate fresh fruit and veg every week



### Reason for crisis

Whether it is moving from work onto benefits, unpredictable working hours or alterations to personal circumstances, changes or delays in benefits remain the largest reason for crisis at 38.3% closely followed by people struggling on low income, 37.5% (an increase from 30% in 2016-17, similar to that observed by other foodbanks). Measured within a 6 month period, 76% clients required 2 boxes or less. Other reasons for needing support include debt, domestic violence, homelessness and sickness.



As in previous years the area with the greatest demand is Alamein Ward and this year we have observed an increase within the Harrow Way ward.

Ward	2016/17	2017/18
Alamein	30.3%	27.4%
St Mary's	19.3%	20.8%
Winton	7.8%	7.5%
Harrow Way	7.1%	11.2%
Millway	3.8%	3.0%

*“The services of the foodbank are a life line to many of our clients who would be left without even basic food supplies if you were not there”*

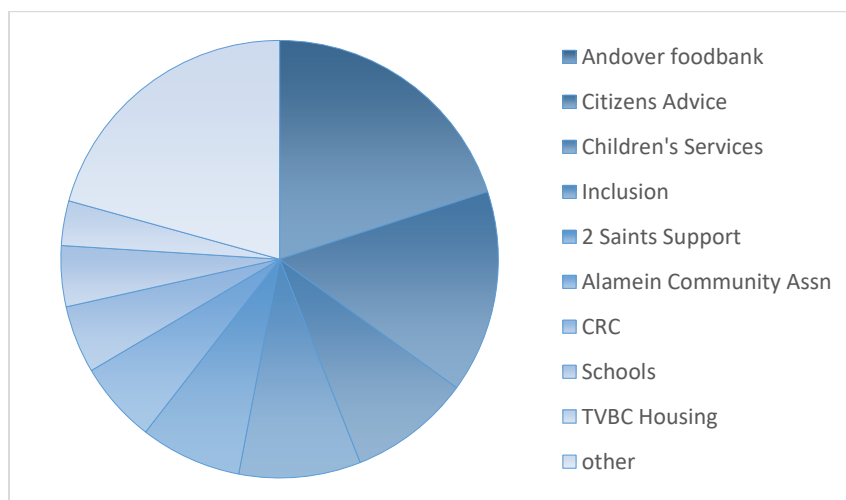
### What’s in a family box?

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

*“The family LOVED their Christmas hamper. Were very grateful for it and were so happy with the contents especially the chocolate coins and hot chocolate!”*

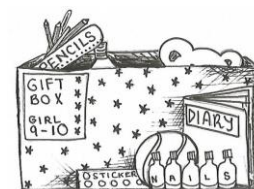
### Partnership working

We continue to partner with over 70 agencies, across the region. Citizens Advice remains our main referral agent, followed by and Children’s Services, Inclusion and Two Saints Floating Support. Limitations to the database means we cannot attribute support to specific agencies if the agency worker themselves collects the box from the foodbank, so these are collated under Andover foodbank. We also supported 171 people through partnerships with local schools, making sure that children are not going to school hungry and less able to learn.



### Christmas celebrations

Support at Christmas is very much welcomed by families who are struggling. Again the community donated an amazing supply of good quality gift boxes and donations that enabled 650 gift boxes to be distributed in time for Christmas morning. We are very grateful to staff, children and parents of Bishop Challoner RC School, Wellington Academy, Farleigh School and St John the Baptist School for their generous contributions. In addition, the public also responded fantastically to the 12 days of Christmas campaign, supplying hampers and along with donations from supermarket collections, 317 families and 71 individuals were able to enjoy hampers full of festive treats including chocolates, mince pies, cake and Christmas pudding. A huge thank you to AMC and the 10<sup>th</sup> Andover Guide group who helped to pack these all in a very short space of time.



## Supported by

2 part time staff  
70+ volunteers  
5 community placements

Abel and Cole

Agricultural mortgage  
Corporation (AMC)

Alton Sports

Army Air Corps

ASDA

CO-OP

Infocustrophies

Lloyds

Sainsbury's

Simplyhealth

SSE

Spear Electrical

Tesco

Vitacress

VP Bastion

Waitrose

HIWCF

Erach and Roshan Sadri  
Foundation

Charlotte Bonham Carter  
Trust

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## Doubling our capacity to help

Last year the foodbank committee made the decision to stop renting additional storage space and to apply for permission to build an extension to our current warehouse site. We had received a significant donation that made this a possibility and further funding was sought and approved through the TVBC Community Asset Grant. We would like to thank the local councilors who supported our application along with many members of the public who signed petitions, shared their support on various social media platforms or made donations. The build has just started and is due to finish this summer. Our grateful thanks to everyone who supported our move out of unit 9.

## Funding

The foodbank has had a busy fundraising year to ensure it can cover the cost of the extension and continue to meet local need. Highlights include the Waitrose Longstock Water Gardens open day, £709.76, an amazing effort from the Abel and Cole team who took on the three peaks challenge in the torrential rain, £1372.50, the phenomenal Dawn Breakers DB-a-thon, £10,000 and our own Andover 10k Lake Run, £7890.54. Total income for 2017-18 was £59,479.01 and expenditure £35,329.

Date for 2018 Andover 10k/5k Lake run is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September and it will be opened by Katie Piper.

## Future vision

Significant changes for the foodbank over the next year will be the completion of the warehouse and the introduction of Universal Credit which is due to happen in July. Alongside our partner agencies we are preparing ahead for any issues that may arise from this change. We are also investigating how we might support people with gas and electricity costs over the winter period.

The foodbank has also teamed up with Andover Vision, to extend our partnership working to help alleviate poverty in our area.

**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. This is great opportunity to have a look round the warehouse and ask any questions.