



## Harvest festival 2024

The Andover foodbank helps individuals and families in crisis by providing emergency food boxes. Food for these boxes is donated by local schools, churches, individuals, groups and companies.

Care professionals give those in need a food voucher, which they can exchange for a box at one of the distribution points. This is a short-term measure allowing some breathing space while professional help is provided to try and resolve their longer-term issues.

- So far in 2024, we have given out over 43 tonnes of food to local households and offered local market vouchers for fresh produce with every referral.
- We have a partnership with Citizens Advice to have an advisor at the foodbank every day to give advice to our clients to help to resolve their longer-term issues.
- We work with a network of over 60 agencies including schools, CAB, Adult and Children's Social Services, Aster Living and Young Carers

Andover foodbank provides help to people across the Test Valley, from Andover to Stockbridge, Ludgershall to Witchurch.

*"Losing my job and suffering with depression wasn't easy, but from Day 1 meeting all the lovely team at the food bank, I felt so welcomed and comfortable to return."* foodbank client

*"I just received our food boxes. My Family and I really appreciate it and thank you for delivering"* A Local Mum

Our busiest time for supplying food boxes is the run up to Christmas and in January. The harvest collections are very important in helping to meet this need.

Thank you for supporting Andover foodbank

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