



CLEVEDON DISTRICT FOODBANK

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2014

Clients fed

Apr– Sept

Adults 205

Children 391

Total 596

Providing

4844 meals

*“Act justly, love mercy and walk
humbly with God”
Micah 6:8*

The summer has come to an end; as we enter into autumn the foodbank continues to support vulnerable people in Clevedon and the surrounding towns and villages.

It has been a very busy summer for us with lots of changes:

Our project leaders Paul and Sandy Gale, who have been managing the day to day running of the foodbank for the past two years, now must focus their time on other things. I am sure you will join with us as we say thank you so much for all that they have

done and wish them well in this new season.

We have not yet appointed a new project lead. Catriona Aldwinckle (chair of trustees) will fulfil this role for the time being, supported by the trustees and management team.

The foodbank has moved out of No 24 Old Street; we were very grateful for its temporary shelter whilst the building was on the market. We have now moved, and operate from two locations.

The main distribution point where we meet clients is in the Salvation Army

building at No 37 Old Street. We are open Monday and Friday between 1.30 and 3.30pm. We have started working closely with the SA as we seek to provide a social mission to our local community.

We currently have a temporary warehouse facility at Unit 4, 24 Griffin Rd, Clevedon. This facility is open Monday and Friday between 1.30 and 3.30pm to receive food donations.

We are trialling the opening of the warehouse on the first Sat. morning of the month to sort and manage stock.

Foodbank Donations

You may be aware that the Trussell Trust have a national arrangement with Tesco and you will see a permanent collection point in the store in Clevedon. Tesco give the foodbanks an additional financial contribution based on the volume of donations in the store collection boxes. If you are shopping in Tesco and wish to donate to the

foodbank, you can add to the value of your donation (a bit like gift-aid!) by putting your donation in the collection box in store rather than taking your donation to your church. Clevedon District Foodbank will then benefit from both the food you donate and Tesco's corresponding donation.

Current Needs

fruit juice, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, sugar (500g bags are useful); and toiletries – soap or shower gel, shampoo, antiperspirant – since these are important for morale!

Pick Up a Picnic

Thank you for supporting the Pick up a Picnic pilot project over the summer; this project offered children who would normally receive free school meals a packed lunch over the school holidays. Local schools provided children in need of support with a basic referral and the YMCA and the Barn provided a safe place where lunches could be collected each day. We provided 65 lunches; and will provide more help in the October half term holidays.

Other News

Since opening the foodbank in 2012 we have led a rather nomadic life. It is clear that the need for the foodbank will not disappear for a few years to come, especially if and when interest rates go up. We need to find a more permanent space that we can use as a warehouse facility, so we are actively looking for a suitable space to rent in the centre of Clevedon.

A rental property will require a regular financial commitment. We are therefore looking for foodbank partners who would be willing to support us by making a small regular gift to the foodbank. If this is something you would like to do, please email us at [in-fo@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk) or alternatively call on 07722 769529.

We are excited about the future of the foodbank as we begin to see the building blocks of God's plan for the development of this project come together. More details of these plans will follow as they come together.

Prayer Points

Please continue to pray for us in particular for:

- Clients who come to us needing support
- A permanent warehouse facility
- The funding to continue to manage the project
- Relationships as we begin to work more closely with other local support agencies
- Volunteers to help in the foodbank

Distribution Point Information

Clevedon

37 Old Street ,Clevedon

Opening Hours: Monday & Friday
1:30 –3:30 pm

Contact No 07722 769529

Nailsea

Southfield Church 85 Southfield Rd

Opening Hours: Friday 12:30 –2:30
pm

Contact No 07722 769529

Portishead

Gordano Valley Church, 4 Combe Rd

Opening Hours: Friday 12:00 –2:00
pm

Contact No 07790 508069

Email info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk