

NEWS-FEED



Wirral Foodbank providing Emergency food for local people in crisis

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Happy New Year

The work of Wirral Foodbank continues. In 2017, we distributed 109 tons of food, and fed and supported 11,271 local people in crisis. Of this number, 3,527 were children.

Over the Christmas period, we were overwhelmed, “in more ways than one” with the generosity of the people of Wirral. An amazing 27 tons of food was donated in the last three weeks of December, an increase of 36% on the same period last year. Thank you to all our donors.



We are supported by a wonderful team of 300 volunteers, who are engaged in various aspects of the Foodbank, including the Warehouse, Office, Distribution Centres, Supermarket Collections, Newsletter and IT. Without this support the Foodbank could not operate

We enter the New Year with some uncertainty as to how the introduction of full Universal Credit will affect the people of Wirral. Trussell Trust has reported that Foodbanks in areas of full Universal Credit have seen an average increase of 30% six months after rollout compared to a year before. We recognise the valuable support of the local DWP team with whom we have been working closely, along with other Agencies, to ensure that any issues are identified early.

Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Roberts, Manager, Wirral Foodbank

Key statistics for Wirral Foodbank 2017

Food donated	107 tons
Food distributed	109 tons
People in employment using the Foodbank	10%

Why people used the Foodbank

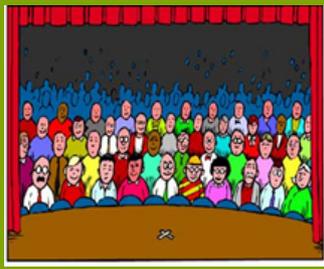
Benefit changes/ delays	Debt	Low Income	Other
46%	13%	24%	17%

Number of people fed and supported by Trussell Trust foodbanks in the UK



Our corporate supporters

We are grateful to all for their support. Further information will be made available at our Annual General Meeting.



Spread the word!

If you would like a representative of Wirral Foodbank to come and speak to your group, please contact Richard Roberts on 0151 638 7090 or email manager@wirralfoodbank.org.uk

Volunteer vacancies:

We have the following vacancies:

- Warehouse workers
- Office assistant
- Cleaner

If you are interested, please contact the Foodbank office or download a volunteer application form from our website www.wirralfoodbank.org.uk



Annual General Meeting
Thursday 8th March, 7.30 pm
Birkenhead Town Hall
Guest Speaker
Rt. Hon Frank Field, MP
who will be speaking on "poverty, past and present"

We look forward to meeting with you at our AGM. An opportunity to share with you the work of the Foodbank and our exciting new plans for the year.

Did You Know?



428
foodbanks
operate within
the Trussell Trust
network



11,175
tonnes of food
distributed by the
public in
2016/2017 to
Trussell Trust
foodbanks



48,041
frontline agencies
issue foodbank
vouchers to
people in crisis



40,000
people
volunteered with
a Trussell Trust
foodbank in
2016/2017

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