

NEWS-FEED

Wirral Foodbank providing Emergency food for local people in crisis

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Thank you to all our volunteers, donors and supporters



In June, we celebrated National Volunteers Week, recognising the tremendous commitment of all our volunteers. Revd Colin Hart, Chair of Wirral Foodbank commented “On the occasion of National Volunteers’ week 2019, the Trustees of Wirral Foodbank extend hearty thanks to all our Volunteers for their generous gift of compassion, skills and time to people in need on the Wirral during the past year.” Without our volunteers, we could not continue to support those

who visit our foodbank centres. Volunteering covers a range of roles, from the Warehouse and Office, Van Drivers, Distribution Centres, Supermarket Collections, IT support, Newsletter etc. All roles are vital in ensuring that we support those within our community who are in greatest need.

At our recent Tesco food collection in Heswall, shoppers donated an amazing 2 tons of food over two days, thank you to all for your generous support. January – July we have received an incredible 80 tons of food donations, compared to 60 tons for the same period in 2018. Wirral is the peninsula that continues to give. Thank you to all our donors.

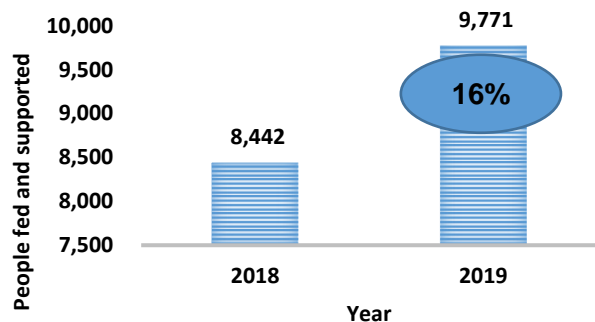
We are grateful to local business and organisations who allow employees to volunteer during work time. This is incredibly valuable during periods of high demand in our Warehouse and Supermarket collections. Thank you to volunteers from Wirral Council.

Employees of Wirral Council and Volunteers ready to sort food collected at Tesco Heswall

Richard Roberts, General Manager, Wirral Foodbank



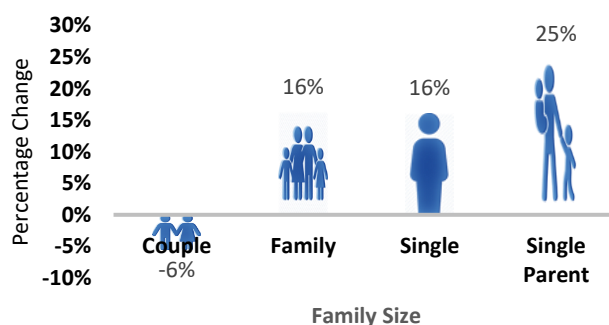
Year to date: January – July 2019



Year to date we have fed and supported 9,771 individuals (including 3,241 children) an increase of 16% on 2018. Changes to benefits, low income and debt continue to be the key reasons for needing a food voucher.

The increase in demand has been met by the increase in food and financial donations. Thank you to all for your support and generosity.

Changes to Welfare Reform has disproportionately affected families and individuals. This is reflected in an increase across these family groups compared to the same period in 2018.



Visit our local website

Thanks to Martin Morris, one of our volunteers, we have introduced a new website. This is in addition to our Trussell Trust website, and contains information on local support services available in the area.

<https://www.wirralfoodbankextra.co.uk/>

News from Trussell Trust

Following the announcement of Boris Johnson as the UK's new Prime Minister, the Trussell Trust's chief executive Emma Revie said:

"During the leadership campaign Boris Johnson told us "the poorest come first". As our Prime Minister, he now has an opportunity to put those words into action and create a new vision for our country – one that unlocks people from poverty and protects us all from needing a food bank.

"Beyond Brexit, we have crucial choices to make about the kind of society we want to be. We must build a future that works for everyone – this means a benefits system that anchors people from being swept into poverty, work that is secure and fairly paid, and more affordable costs of living.

"In particular, we need Universal Credit to be the poverty-fighting reform that was intended. The most urgent problem to address is the five-week wait for Universal Credit. More and more people are being pushed to the doors of food banks while waiting for a first payment. Our new Prime Minister can change this by ending the wait. At the heart of any plan for our country's future must be a commitment to protect all of us from poverty."

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Coming soon

Harvest List

For Harvest, we are collecting food that grows or is produced on farms.

- * Tinned Vegetables
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Jam
- * Tinned Tomatoes
- * Cereal
- * Long Grain Rice
- * Tinned Potatoes
- * UHT Milk
- * Instant Mash
- * Rice Pudding

We have plenty of BEANS & TEA thank you.

Food can be donated at the following locations:

Foodbank Warehouse
Sainsbury's, Upton
Sainsbury's, Greasby
Co-op stores
Asda, Arrowe Park
Asda, Liscard
Asda, Bromborough
Asda, Birkenhead
Tesco, Bidston
Tesco, Heswall
Tesco, Rock Ferry
Most Libraries

Next Supermarket Collections

Tesco Heswall
Friday 4th and Saturday 5th October

Christmas
Tesco Heswall, Bidston & Rock Ferry
21st, 22nd & 23rd November

West Kirby Farmers' Market

Saturday 26th October
9am to 1pm
St Andrew's Church Hall, Graham Rd
Wirral Foodbank will be serving
tea/coffee and bacon sandwiches. All
monies collected for the foodbank.
Pop in and see us!

Christmas

The reverse advent calendar was a great success last year, we will be launching it again this year. It will be available on our website and from the office in October.

We are grateful for the support of the following organisations



Sainsbury's



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