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Providing emergency food for local people in crisis

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A message from our Chair



One of the greatest strengths of Wirral Foodbank has always been the generosity of Wirral residents. This generosity has been redoubled in response to the covid 19 pandemic. We already knew how we would like to extend our work, if we had the money to pay for it, and the generous gifts we have recently received will enable us to move forward in some strategic ways.

In response to an increased demand for the services of our resident benefit and debt adviser, Nicola Connor, we have committed some of these funds to employ a second adviser. At present, both advisers are working remotely, but when conditions and regulations allow face to face consultations to resume they will be available in our distribution centres, as previously.

We look forward to announcing other developments at our forthcoming Annual General Meeting, which will be held remotely (via Zoom) at 7 pm on Thursday 15 April.

The other thing for which we have been very thankful during the pandemic has been the flexibility shown by our staff and volunteers, who have repeatedly adopted new ways of working in response to changing demands and restrictions. At present, we know neither when we are likely to emerge from the current lockdown nor when the relaxation of social distancing requirements will enable us to return to our normal mode of operations. We also do not know whether the number of clients requiring our help will increase or decrease. We are keeping all options open until the future becomes clearer, and we continue to be grateful to our staff and volunteers for their willingness to work with us in doing everything we can to meet the needs of individuals and families who need our help. **Revd. Colin Hart. Chair, Wirral Foodbank.**



14,753 reasons to say thank you for supporting Wirral Foodbank

That's the number of people supported by Wirral Foodbank in 2020. This was only possible through the generous support of our donors and volunteers, in food, money and time.

Behind the statistics are individuals, families and children. Here are some of the comments received from those who used the foodbank in 2020:

"The volunteers were absolutely incredible; I couldn't believe how nice they were. They sorted me out with plenty of food, shampoo etc. and cat food. I was beyond grateful x"

"They have given me the help I need when in crisis. It has been an absolute godsend for me and my daughter; I don't know how we would have coped"

Another comment from a person who was referred to Wirral Foodbank Plus:

"Yay I was accepted for DHP (Discretionary Housing Payment) thank you so much....It's made my life so much easier xx"

201 tonnes of food donated in 2020

That's equivalent to over 200 transit vans full of food!!!



Thank you

Every donation counts!

Every donation counts; follow the incredible journey of a foodbank donation via the following link:

[The incredible journey of a foodbank donation. - YouTube](#)

Visit www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk for latest information

Despite the unprecedented challenges we all face, the people of Wirral continue to support the Foodbank with such enthusiasm and generosity.

During the first lockdown, Wirral Foodbank combined forces with Wirral Council, supporting nearly 7,000 people. We received an incredible 73 tonnes of food (48% increase on April - July 2019).

During Lockdown, Wirral Council arranged the home delivery of emergency food.

We are now in lockdown again. Wirral Foodbank is still open for business, working with Wirral Council to provide emergency food.



Wirral Council collecting food for the Wirral Food Hub

Our year in numbers

We supported 14,753 people...

...which equates roughly to 132,777 meals

13,560 volunteer hours donated

over 188 tonnes of food given to people in need

We operated 7 centres to provide food parcels to needy families

201 tons of food donated by Wirral residents during 2020!

1 huge thank you to everyone who has supported us this year.

Thank you to all our volunteers



Pictures of some of our volunteers, at the Warehouse, Office, Foodbank Centre and Wirral Council Food Hub.



Wirral Foodbank AGM, Thursday 15th April 2021, 7pm (via Zoom) - further details to follow

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