

## Mayor thanks volunteers of Wirral Foodbank



The Mayor of Wirral - Councillor Jeff Green and Mayoress Carol Green, attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration event, thanking volunteers, trustees and staff for their contribution and tireless support. Photograph of Councillor Jeff Green and Mrs Green, meeting representatives of Wirral Foodbank.

Emma Revie, CEO, Trussell Trust, sent the following [video message](#), thanking all at Wirral Foodbank for their commitment over the past 10 years.

## Ten Years on!

When the foodbank started 10 years ago, no one could have imagined the number of people that would be supported and the scope of the operation. In the last 10 years:

119,027 people have received emergency food parcels  
1,374 tonnes of food provided  
1,328 tonnes of food donated

Emergency food support is only part of the story. We are more than food. In 2018 we established Foodbank Plus, that addresses the underlying causes of food poverty. Since Foodbank Plus started, it has supported **13,428** people, dealt with **20,183** issues (debt, housing etc) and delivered **£167,383** in financial assistance, including increase in benefit entitlements, debt write-off, grants and provision of white goods.

We don't seek to celebrate this; we recognise the continuing needs in our community and the generosity of the people of Wirral who donate food and funds to support the foodbank. None of this would be possible without the tireless support of our volunteers, many of whom have been with the foodbank since it started.

## Meet the Foodbank Team



**Richard Roberts**  
General Manager



**Liz Appleby**  
Office Manager and  
Volunteer Coordinator



**Andrew Lawrence**  
Warehouse Manager



**Nathan Alty**  
Warehouse Assistant

## September 2021 - June 2022

**8,765 people supported, includes 2,986 children 11% up on 2021**

**146 tonnes donated, compared to 158 tonnes in 2021\***

\*includes Covid donations

**8% of people using the foodbank are in work**

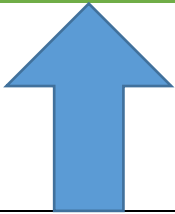
**47% of people tell us that their income does not cover their living costs**

## Challenges ahead

Press articles report increase in foodbank usage, whilst at the same time a reduction in food donations. Wirral is bucking this trend. We are grateful for the continued support of our donors, in food and money. September 2021 - July 2022, we received 87 tonnes of food donations, although this was slightly down from 91 tonnes for the same period last year, donations continue to come in. As previously reported, there are other agencies who provide longer term food support, such as Social Supermarkets; local schools have also received food donations to meet the needs of struggling families.

Wirral Foodbank continues to provide emergency food support, and works closely with some Social Supermarkets, Schools and other organisations who can provide ongoing support. Emergency Food is not the solution to poverty; Wirral Foodbank Plus seeks to address the underlying issues that many in our community are facing.

Further challenges lie ahead, with increased costs across the board. Wirral Foodbank is planning to ensure we have the resources in place to meet the anticipated increase in demand over the coming months.



Food Prices - up by 9%

Energy Costs - up by 54%. Jonathan Brearley, chief executive of energy regulator Ofgem, announced in May that the energy price cap is expected to rise again by £830 to £2,800 in October, pushing fuel bills to record levels and forcing millions of families into fuel poverty.

Fuel Costs - up by 42%

## News



### Tesco three-day collection

6.5 tonnes of food and £1,486 donated by shoppers at Tesco stores, Heswall, Bidston and Rock Ferry. Thank you to all who donated and to the staff at Tesco for their support.



In recognition of Wirral Foodbank receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services, Liz Appleby and Doreen Mcgraa represented Wirral Foodbank at the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### Wirral Council Household Support Fund

Wirral Council launches £3 million [Household Support Fund](#)

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### SHOPPING LIST

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### News from Trussell Trust

Read the [latest news](#) from Trussell Trust.

### Fuel Bank Foundation

Read more about further [increase](#) in energy costs

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