



News-Feed

"Providing emergency food for people in crisis"
Church edition

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Wirral Foodbank

Welcome

The support of local churches is vital to the ongoing work of Wirral Foodbank. We are grateful for the donations received and for the members of your congregation who donate to and volunteer for Wirral Foodbank.

We trust you will find this newsletter of interest and hope you can share it with your congregation.

Richard Roberts, General Manager
Wirral Foodbank



We are reliant on the support and generosity of donors. Demand is currently exceeding supply, and we are using our cash reserves and contingency stocks.

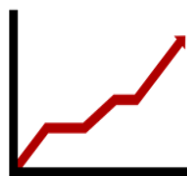
Can you please help by donating an item or more from our shopping list.

News from Trussell Trust



In the last financial year, food banks in the Trussell Trust network have seen the highest ever level of need, distributing close to 3 million (2,986,203) emergency food parcels – including more than a million to children. This is the most parcels the network has ever distributed in a single year. Find out more from [The Trussell Trust](#)

Read the latest [Hunger in the UK report](#) from Trussell Trust.



Between January and March 2023, Wirral Foodbank provided 4,633 emergency food parcels, 1,536 were for children. This is a 64% increase in demand on the same period last year.

Key stats

- Top cause for Foodbank use "rising cost of essentials.
- 11% attending Wirral Foodbank are in work.

SHOPPING LIST

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Squash
- Jam
- Soup

Food can be donated at the following [locations](#)

[Download the app](#) that will update you with the latest food items we need.



Emergency Food Support

If you need emergency food support, you can call Wirral Council - 0151 606 2005.

Prayer requests:

- Volunteers, Trustees, and staff
- People in crisis who need our support
- Local and National leaders
- Download the Trussell Trust [Prayer Guide](#)

You can find out more about Wirral Foodbank by visiting our [website](#)

If you would like someone from Wirral Foodbank to visit you church, please don't hesitate to contact us:

Em: enquiries@wirralfoodbank.org.uk
Tel: 0151 638 7090

Cost-of-Living Support

Did you know that you can get help and advice about debt or changes to your income? Contact [Wirral Council](#) to find out more.

How can you support Wirral Foodbank?

- Food donations
- Volunteer, visit [Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- Become a Foodbank ambassador for Wirral Foodbank

Emergency food is not the solution to food poverty

The cost-of-living crisis is affecting us all. Trussell Trust has reported that 90% of low-income households receiving Universal Credit are going without at least one essential like food, a warm home, or toiletries.

We believe strongly that emergency food is not the solution to food poverty. In 2018 Wirral Foodbank and Citizens Advice Wirral joined forces and set up Foodbank Plus, a project funded by Wirral Foodbank and delivered by Citizens Advice Wirral. Foodbank Plus seeks to address the underlying reasons of food poverty. Between January - March 2023, Foodbank Plus supported 839 people and delivered £68,000 in financial support, include debt write-off, unclaimed benefits, and supply of white goods,

Trussell Trust have launched a new campaign, "Guarantee our Essentials", in partnership with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF), calling on the UK government to enshrine in law the amount people need to ensure the basic rate of Universal Credit at least covers the essentials.

Read more about the [guarantee essentials](#) campaign.

**Behind the numbers are individuals.
Let's hear of someone who came to
Wirral Foodbank and received "more
than food."**

Anna (*) attended Wirral Foodbank. In addition to requiring emergency food, she needed help in applying for Personal Independence Payment (PIP). Following a conversation with a volunteer she was referred to Foodbank Plus, who completed a PIP application. As part of an overall benefit check, an application was also made for Severe Disability Premium. Both applications were successful, resulting in an additional £150 per week, plus £3,380 in backdated benefit payments. Anna said that she was "over the moon" with the outcome, and thanked us for our help and advice, which had left her in a better financial situation, and feeling less anxious about the future.

* to preserve the client's confidentiality, an anonymous name has been used.



Celebrating National Volunteers' Week

Phil Davies, Chair of Wirral Foodbank, recognised the incredible contribution of our volunteers, and commented *"It is a week in which the UK honours volunteers and expresses gratitude for their contributions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Wirral Foodbank volunteers. We are blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers who give up their time to help people and families in need. Wirral Foodbank is providing a lifeline to so many people and the work of our volunteers has never been more important. I still live in hope that one day foodbanks won't be needed, but until then our work must continue."*



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