



News-Feed

"Providing emergency food for people in crisis"

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Wirral Foodbank - Special Edition

Headlines for the past 12 months

54% ↑

increase in demand, with **16,123** people receiving emergency food support. This included **5,657** children.

13% ↓

down on food donations. We recognise that the cost-of-living crisis is affecting us all and we are grateful for the support of all who give so generously.

£100,000

spent on buying food. The increase in demand, combined with a reduction in food donations has required us to spend an unprecedented amount of money.

£260,000

in financial support achieved by Foodbank Plus for clients attending Wirral Foodbank.

Urgent Help is needed

Dear Friend,

Wirral Foodbank provides a lifeline to thousands of individuals and families in the Borough. Sadly, due to the cost-of-living crisis, we are experiencing very high levels of demand for emergency food support and our advice services, provided through Foodbank Plus.

We are blessed by the donations we receive from many residents of Wirral and beyond. Without their generosity Wirral Foodbank could not provide the level of support we currently give to those in need. Thank you sincerely to those who contribute to the foodbank.

Due to the high level of demand we need more people to donate. Please consider making a donation to Wirral Foodbank so we can continue to fight poverty in Wirral.

Thank you and best wishes.

Phil Davies, Chair of Trustees

How can you Help?



Visit our [website](#), where you can find our latest shopping list and details of your nearest donation point. Why not [Download the app](#) that will update you with the latest food items we need?



Big or small, every gift you give helps transform lives. We couldn't do what we do without your support. You can donate by standing order, cash, cheque, or on-line. Please select [Donate](#) for more information.



Why not share this newsletter with your family, friends, local places of worship, at work etc. and encourage them to join with you in supporting Wirral Foodbank?

“We are more than food”

We believe passionately that emergency food is not the solution to food poverty. In 2018, we established Foodbank Plus, a service funded by Wirral Foodbank and delivered by Citizens Advice Wirral. Its purpose is to address and tackle the underlying reasons why people need to use foodbanks.

Foodbank Plus makes a real difference. In the past 12 months we have delivered over £260,000 in financial support, through new benefit entitlements, benefit backpay, debt write-off (through accessing local and national funds) and the provision of white goods, via local charities. Foodbank Plus has a dedicated team of three full-time advisors, based across our 11 centres, who provide in-person and telephone support.

Foodbank Plus is an essential support service, made possible through the generous support from donations received. Help us to continue this with this service.

Behind the numbers are individuals.

Let's hear from someone who was helped by Foodbank Plus 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.

We are in urgent need of the following items

- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Vegetables
- Long-life Milk

Visit our [website](#), where you can find details of your nearest donation point. You can also donate food items at Wirral Foodbank Warehouse, Wirral Business Centre, Unit 14 Dock Road, Birkenhead - open Mon - Thu 9am - 2pm.

Emergency Food Support

If you need emergency food support, you can call Wirral Council - 0151 606 2005 and select option 4.

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

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

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

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