

## A Message From Paul Franklin, Chair of Wirral Foodbank



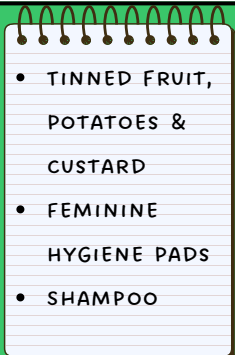
Welcome to our new monthly newsletter! We'll be using this to keep you updated on our latest work and highlight the areas where your support is most urgently needed.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued generosity. Without your support, we simply could not provide the vital help that so many people in our community rely on.

Thank you for being such an important part of this work.

## Urgent - Food Donations Needed

In March we received 8 tonnes of food donations, but due to the continuous demand on our service we handed out 18 tonnes. The shortfall was made up from our reserve stock and purchasing additional stock. You can help in buying one or more items on our shopping list. Your support is needed now more than ever before. More information on how you can donate is available via our website.



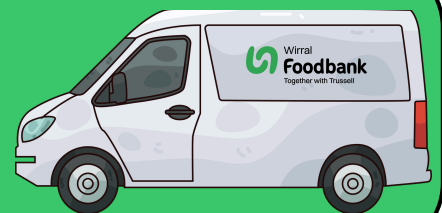
## Supermarket Collections



Thank you to those who support our regular supermarket collections. In March, we collected at Asda in Liscard and Bromborough, where an incredible 841kgs of food was donated. Our next collection will be Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, at Tesco Bidston, 9am - 1pm. Remember you can donate food across various donation points - details are available on our website.

## Volunteers Needed

We are currently recruiting volunteers for our foodbank centres. Volunteers help prepare food parcels, offer a warm welcome, and signpost clients to additional support services. More information on the role and how to apply is available on our website.



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## Your Support Makes A Real Difference

We provide more than just food through our initiative Foodbank Plus. Delivered in conjunction with Citizens Advice Wirral, it is a dedicated service for individuals who use Wirral Foodbank.

The cost-of-living crisis is affecting many in our community, and in some cases, this means individuals and families need additional support from Wirral Foodbank.

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## A Client's Story

Recently, a person of pensionable age visited the foodbank. They were struggling to buy essential food items and pay their rent; emergency food was provided and in discussion with one of our volunteers, it was identified they were not receiving their full state pension.

With the intervention of Foodbank Plus, the client applied for Pension Credit, in addition it was identified they were also eligible for Attendance Allowance.

The individual is now in receipt of an additional £7,620 per annum. They later shared: *"It's taken a weight off my shoulders. I can buy myself proper things. Proper food. I can't thank you all enough."*

## In March

- Provided 1,240 emergency food parcels (393 of these were for children)
- We supported **630 Households**
- **31%** of households had children

### Reasons For Needing Emergency Food:

