

Newsletter



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Thanking everyone for their support in 2022

2022 was a year of changes for Devizes and District Foodbank.

In February we said goodbye to Michelle Russell who had been our Volunteer and Food Manager since 2017. It was decided to recruit administration support and in March, Sue Underwood started working for us as our Admin Assistant. Alex Montegriffo started in June as Community Organiser and Campaigns Manager; Alex will tell you about their role later in this newsletter.



In May we moved into our new warehouse at the Glenmore Business Centre. We are extremely grateful for the help we received on the day of the move: Babcock Lyneham staff; ASM Tim Langley and his troop of 8 soldiers from Normandy Company; and Mike and helpers from Andy Removals.

Through the year we have also received support from the following organisations:
APT Group Services Ltd
Capita
Nationwide Building Society

“ *There’s a deep sense of satisfaction when volunteering at a foodbank collection...* ”

Volunteers

We have a wonderful team of volunteers and would welcome more. Look online for details of our vacancies:

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

We are especially looking for volunteers to fill our various driving roles.

Urgently needed items

Long life sponge puddings (minimum of 4 months to best before date)
Instant mash potato
Tinned custard
Ladies’ deodorants
Shampoo and conditioner
Toothbrushes



IN OTHER NEWS

Alex Montegriffo

Devizes and District Foodbank joined a Trussell Trust scheme in June to research local causes of financial hardship, and to work with communities and organisations to campaign for change so that no-one needs to use a food bank. The community organiser in this scheme, Alex Montegriffo, has submitted evidence to a cross-party group of MPs on responses to destitution, started setting up free school uniform swap shops, and is involved in discussions with Wiltshire Council to ensure their support schemes get money directly to people's pockets.

If you are passionate about campaigning work, or have experienced financial hardship and want to contact the community organiser, you can do so by emailing: alex@devizesanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk

There is also a volunteer role to work alongside the community organiser in pushing for change in Devizes and Wiltshire. It has been great meeting so many of you already!

One in five mums regularly skip meals to feed their children

Our reality

We provide emergency food to people in crisis.

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income.

In 2022 we fed over 2,500 people of which over 900 were children.

We received over 30 tonnes of donated food and other items during the year, and whilst we are grateful for all donations, we do ask that you ensure that the food items have a minimum of 4 months until the best before date and that you check our website and Facebook page for our most needed items.

We also use the free BanktheFood app. More details are on their website: www.bankthefood.org



Please give us your support

We want to help towards no one in our local community having to go hungry, but we need your support to make this happen. Your gift of financial support, time, business partnership and food make a positive difference.



Contact us

Please phone us on 07807 973605 and leave a message if we are not available to answer.

Alternatively drop us an email – our email address is given below.

We want to see a future where food banks aren't needed and we know that together, we can make that happen.

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