

Newsletter

Summer 2023






Why every donation makes a difference

Recently released figures from the Trussell Trust reveal that the last financial year has seen unprecedented levels of demand, with close to 3 million emergency food parcels going to people in hardship across the UK. These new statistics illustrate that an increasing number of people are turning to foodbanks like ours in order to get by. In the early weeks of this year we were regularly providing food for up to 150 people (a rise of over 60% on the same period in 2022). Despite record stock levels seen at our warehouse in December last year, by February this year, we were regularly purchasing food to make up the shortfall.

Big or small, every donation makes a difference to those in need in our community.

There are many ways you can help.

HOW TO DONATE

- ✓ Go to the **Donate Page** on our website 
- ✓ Display our latest food wishlist in your office:
<https://droitwichspa.foodbank.org.uk/>
- ✓ Make a cash donation using the **Enthuse** button on our website (enables claiming of gift aid) 
- ✓ Access our Amazon Wishlist to select items for delivery by Amazon 
- ✓ Run a street collection in your neighbourhood or workplace (see article below left)
- ✓ Sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk to make a donation every time you shop online

BE A HOME COLLECTION HERO

Our street collections have been hugely successful, with nearly **400kg** of food being donated between February and April this year. In April, Anne (a volunteer) hosted a street collection, collating **78kgs** of food. You could also run a collection at your place of work. If you would like to be a **Home Collection Hero** you can do it by following these easy steps:

Contact us at

info@droitwichspa.foodbank.org.uk

to check that your street hasn't been part of a previous collection.

After the street is registered you will receive some leaflets. Post these through your neighbour's doors with a suggested collection time.



On your designated collection day pick up the donations and get in touch with us to find out when you can drop off the food, or alternatively, we may be able to arrange for our volunteers to collect from you.

Anyone, at any age, can be a hero. The more neighbourhoods that we can involve, the more we are able to make a real difference to those in the community that need our help.

Our Volunteers

We have recently recruited nine volunteers who have joined our amazing team of 80 members.

Together they are able to fulfil all of the many varied roles that allow the foodbank to function so that people in crisis in our community get the support they need.

Our volunteers are involved across a diverse range of areas including: administration, database management, marketing, IT, recruitment, social media, driving and distribution, financial management, fundraising, signposting people to agencies and services, packing, purchasing and organising stock.



Last financial year 28,000 people across the UK volunteered, contributing more than 4 million hours collectively to support UK foodbanks. At Droitwich Spa Foodbank we are so grateful for all of our team members. Their generosity and tireless energy are essential, because without their efforts, hundreds of people would be hungry, with nowhere to turn.

News Update

Community organisations and businesses working with Droitwich Spa Foodbank

PSE Offline Marketing

A big thank you to *PSE Offline Marketing*, who have designed and supplied publicity material for the foodbank.



At the recent Coronation event at the *Lido Park*, in *Droitwich Spa*, the company provided eye-catching flyers, trolley tokens and roller banners, helping

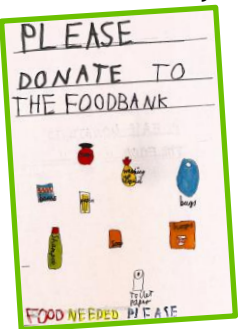
to raise awareness of the foodbank and what it does in the community. Our attention-grabbing display attracted people to our stall, enabling us to collect more donations and encouraging participation in a bottle tombola, as well as inspiring local people to undertake foodbank street collections. We look forward to further collaboration with them in the future.

Hindlip CE First School

Special thanks go to the children, teachers and parents from *Hindlip CE First School*. Children from Orange class visited our warehouse in March as part of their Food topic, helping with stock-taking and packing tasks, and learning about what the Foodbank does in their local community.



To complete the excitement *BBC Radio Hereford & Worcester* also came along to do some interviews. The children also designed posters which have been used around our town to raise awareness of the foodbank. They have continued to fundraise for us and recently donated over **100kg** of food. A fantastic effort!



Wychbold Resident's Association

We are hugely grateful for the continuing support from *Wychbold Resident's Association* who have set up a delivery service for Foodbank clients who live in the Wychbold area. Volunteers from the association offer a free and confidential service where people unable to access the foodbank in person, can have a parcel collected and delivered to their door.

Facebook Waste Exchange

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4381050031921519>



Why not sign up on Facebook to sell unwanted items in exchange for a bag of food donated to Droitwich Spa Foodbank.

Earth Breeze

Thanks go to *Earth Breeze*, a company that produce lightweight, eco-friendly laundry sheets. Their *Buy One, Give Ten!* initiative means that for every package of Earth Breeze purchased they donate 10 loads of detergent sheets to non profits and charitable organisations, including Droitwich Spa Foodbank. For more information about the company, the product and their ethos please take a look at: earthbreeze.co.uk



Grapevine Travel

This award winning luxury travel agents based in Droitwich are operating an attractive cashback scheme. If you can find a better deal than the quotes offered by *Grapevine Travel* on a comparable potential luxury holiday booking they will issue cashback to their customers. To take advantage of this offer contact them on: **01905 797771** or grapevinetravel@travmail.net, or visit in person at **10 Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8DS**. To receive a discount on your booking quote FB1 and a contribution will be made to the Foodbank.

TOGETHER WE CAN END THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY FOOD

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