



Newsletter

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Huge increase in food parcels given out in Gloucester

The sheer size and scale of the support offered by Gloucester Foodbank to families and individuals in crisis has been revealed in our annual report of our activities.

The Foodbank works on an April-April financial year and the figures for the 2017/2018 year shows a 13.9 per cent increase in the amount of food parcels distributed to people in need in our city.

The overall figures show that we received 3,421



client referrals and shows that we provided 6,691 emergency parcels during the course of the year. Of these parcels 2,214 went to families with children under 16 offering a vital lifeline of support to families in urgent need.

As an indication of the amount of food we gave out it weighed a staggering 58.7 tonnes - more than that of four double-decker buses.

Thank you everyone for your amazing donations.

“ More than 2,200 emergency parcels have been given out to families with children ”

Opening ...

The Gloucester Foodbank is open to clients on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's between 12-3pm.

On Thursday, we are open from 11.30am-2.30pm.

We are closed on Tuesdays and at the weekend.

Five items we need more of....

- Toiletries
- Packet Mash
- Packet Savoury Noodles
- Packet Pasta 'n' Sauce
- Tinned Cold Meat (e.g. ham)



IN OTHER NEWS



Find out more information online about what we do

The Gloucester Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks which was founded in 2004 and now operates more than 400 foodbanks throughout the UK.

The Gloucester Foodbank was the first to join the original network opening in 2005 and now serves thousands of clients throughout the city.

You can find out more details of the work of the Gloucester Foodbank at our website

<https://gloucester.foodbank.org.uk> and if you want to know more about Trussell Trust visit

www.Trusselltrust.org.

Working in schools

Gloucester Foodbank is currently trialling a scheme with one city school to provide support for clients with extra meal help for children during the summer holidays. If the trial is successful we may look to expand it.

A FREE way for you to help us with our work - by shopping!

Gloucester Foodbank is very grateful for the way people generously donate food items as well as their time, energy and money to support our work. We would like to share details of another way you could consider showing your commitment to our work, and it won't cost you a penny.

The 'Give as You Live' scheme is a way that you can donate to our work by just doing something many people enjoy - shopping online.

If you visit the website - www.giveasyoulive.com - you will see that the scheme is set up so you can quickly register your details and support your favourite charity (Gloucester Foodbank hopefully!).

Whenever you buy things online (from over 4,000 leading shops) go through the www.giveasyoulive.com site.

Then when you buy something from those stores, a small commission is sent to your chosen charity - and it hasn't cost you anything.

With some of the biggest stores and services in the country to choose from - including eBay and Amazon to Tesco's, Boots and Argos - it really is a 'win-win'. Find out more about the scheme, sign up, start shopping and know you are helping local families in crisis at the same time.

Monthly club support?

Don't forget Gloucester Foodbank has a simple way for you to make a small regular contribution to our important local work.

We have a '200 Club' where we are asking 200 people to pledge £5 a month to support us. To find out more email:

info@gloucester.foodbank.org.uk



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