

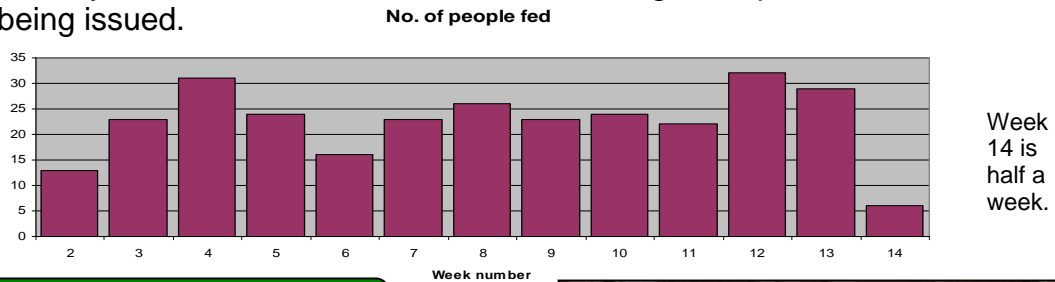


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Feeding local people..

The first quarter of this year continued to be busy. We fed 238 adults and 54 children, with benefit delay, low income, debt and cut benefit being the top 4 reasons for vouchers being issued.



New shelving..

Thanks to Norman Family Trust and others for their generous donations we were able to purchase some new shelving for our store. The changeover operation took place on the 10th of April with a handful of willing volunteers. They emptied the store weighing everything out for audit purposes, took down the old shelving, put up the new shelving and returned the food in a better order onto the new shelves.



Our store as it was, a higgledy-piggledy mess and it's not even harvest time!

This will make such a difference to us as it gives us more room to store food and hopefully not have to step over lots of boxes just to get a tin. Last harvest time we had so much food that it filled the work areas and it took ages to sort the food we got. Hopefully now we are better prepared and better able to cope with large volumes of food.



Everything out and new shelving being made ready.

We were also very grateful for a sunny day as this operation would have been very difficult in the rain.

Our previous shelving had been donated and was of various widths and different shelf heights. Our new industrial type shelving is stronger and smarter and should help us pack food more easily.

Thank you to all those who volunteered that day and have made a real difference to our operation.



Finally - order from chaos.

Supermarket collection

The supermarket collection on the Saturday 24th of April collected a fantastic 837Kg of food, at Sainsbury's Pinhoe. A big thank you to all customers that donated so generously. Our next supermarket collection is in September, further details to come. In the meantime you can always drop food off in our green collecting box behind the checkouts at Sainsbury's Pinhoe.

Always short of..

Some things we are always running short of: tinned sponge pudding, fruit juice, custard, pasta sauce, rice/noodle snacks, UHT milk, tinned meat meals.

Project coordinator steps down

We say goodbye to Aimery Martin who is stepping down from the project coordinator role. Aimery's vision started the Food Bank in Exeter in 2008 based on the work that the Trussell Trust had started in Salisbury many years previous. There are now 60 Food Banks across the country based on the same model and more are being added all the time. Aimery will remain a Trustee and Director for now and says "I feel we have got off to a good start and proved that there is a need in Exeter. It's time to hand over to someone who can give more time and energy to the project".

New project coordinator takes the reins

Since Aimery has had to stand down from leading the day to day work of the Exeter Food Bank, the leaders at Frontiers Church Exeter were thrilled to be invited to support and take responsibility for continuing the work in its valuable service to people in crisis in the city. The leadership team are pleased to be involved in what is a multi church supported enterprise and are committed to ensuring that this partnership continues the good work started by Aimery.

Welcome now to Joy Dunne who is taking over as project coordinator. Joy has many years of experience in charitable organisations and is keen to take the project through the next phase in development.

Hungry? Your neighbour might be!

Let us remember that no matter what the outcome of the election, there will be winners and losers and with many years of economic belt tightening to come, we expect to see the need for support of the most vulnerable to grow. Thank you all for your continued support.