

STOCKPORT FOODBANK



New additions to our food parcels - bread, fruit and vegetables

In recent months we have been working with local supermarkets to obtain supplies of bread, fruit and vegetables so they can be added into our food parcels. The daily supply of these items, in conjunction with the provision of fridges and freezers for our centres by the Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund, marks a major development in our desire to bring as much food help as possible to those in our community who are facing 'tough times'.

Record support for Stockport Foodbank

2019 saw a record number of donations to Stockport Foodbank culminating with overwhelming support for our Reverse Advent campaign.

Our foodbank centres are funded entirely by voluntary donations as we do not receive grants or funding from the Government or local council. We were therefore delighted that so many individuals, organisations, companies, churches, schools and other community groups

decided to support us throughout 2019.

In the run up to the Christmas period we ran our Reverse Advent campaign, encouraging people to donate items each day rather than just take a chocolate out of their Advent calendars! Lots of businesses chose to support this instead of doing the usual 'office secret Santa' and that really helped boost our stocks.

Stockport Foodbank Manager Nigel Tedford commented, "This year we have been humbled by the number of donations of food and money that have been given to Stockport Foodbank. Our warehouse is completely full for the first time since we opened our doors in 2012 and this means, looking forward, we are able to ensure that everyone who is referred to the Foodbank goes home with ample supplies of food and hygiene items."

HOW TO CONTACT STOCKPORT FOODBANK

Our website:
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FUNDRAISING EVENTS

During the last 12 months a number of organisations have held events in aid of Stockport Foodbank...

Over the summer Bramhall Runners organised their three 5.5k races series in Happy Valley, Bramhall where there is a lovely river crossing for participants to enjoy! The races raised £2,500 and saw masses of food donated too! The series will take place again in 2020 with provisional dates being 17 June, 22 July and 19 August. For more information visit www.bramhallrunners.co.uk

Staying on the running theme, we were delighted to be supported at the iconic 'Stockport 10' organised by Stockport Harriers. Our volunteers manned a bucket collection pre-race, organised a competition to win 'Excitable Edgar', the John Lewis Christmas dragon and collected a mountain of food donations. The event raised over £1200 with donations from Stockport Harriers, Run North West, Olympos Physio and the participants at the race.

Moving on to music, we have been fortunate to have been supported by the Vernon Building Society and the Poynton Brass Band with a series of fundraising concerts. They have wowed us with iconic movie theme tunes and most recently treated us to a rendition of some wonderful classics and crowd pleasers! Thanks to their generosity, and that of those who attended the last concert, over £1300 was raised for Stockport Foodbank.

If you would like to help in any way please get in touch at foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk

There's a Stockport Foodbank centre near you

Stockport Foodbank is open 6 days a week as below:

Monday	Hazel Grove Baptist Church St Martin's, Heaton Norris
Tuesday	St Mark's, Bredbury
Wednesday	Hazel Grove Baptist Church
Thursday	Bairstow Centre, Reddish St Philip's, Offerton St Martin's, Heaton Norris
Friday	Trinity Church, Cheadle Hazel Grove Baptist Church
Saturday	Bairstow Centre, Reddish



Plus our 'help points' at GLO Church based in Offerton Library and Bramhall Community Hub, North Park Road.

For local maps please visit www.stockport.foodbank.org.uk

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VOLUNTEER FOCUS

Stockport Foodbank relies on the generosity of volunteers, who give up their time to ensure that every part of the Foodbank runs smoothly. We are keen to shine a spotlight on our volunteers to learn a little more about their experiences of volunteering at Stockport Foodbank.

We recently caught up with Gill who has been with us for the last two years, Martin who started volunteering in December 2019 and Liz and Howard, who both started volunteering in January.

Martin told us "I enjoy helping people in need and seeing the positive attitude of my fellow volunteers" and Liz echoed this and explained that "seeing clients looking happier" was a rewarding part of volunteering. Gill told us "volunteering is a great way to become involved in your local community and it is also the best thing you can do to make even a small difference to people's lives" and Howard said "My daughter-in-law encouraged me to volunteer; it's nice to help somebody else."

For more volunteer stories, visit our Facebook page.



COULD YOUR BUSINESS HELP US FOR A DAY?

Many organisations allow their employees one or more days a year away from their work to volunteer for a local charity. We have welcomed staff from Sodexo, Together Money, British Gas, The Vernon Building Society, the Co-op and students from Stockport College to help us sort and date produce and organise our warehouse. If you would like to learn more about corporate volunteering please do get in touch.

Social media

We have been building our presence on social media to update our supporters on projects and other news. If you haven't done so already, why not follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter to keep up to date.

