



Demand for Fosse Foodbank increasing

At the Fosse Foodbank we don't want anyone in our community to face going hungry, but the need seems to be increasing and we are getting busier.

We provided emergency food to a record number of 525 people in crisis in the last financial year. This is an increase of 14% compared with the previous year and an increase of 93% compared to the year we opened in 2015.

Fortunately the donations of food we receive have also increased with a total of 14045kg being donated in the last year.

We are grateful to all the agency workers who have referred people in crisis to us. We had referrals from 37 registered agencies last year and would like to strengthen and develop our links with our referral agencies in the coming year.

We would like to thank all those that support us with donations and also a big thank you to our fantastic teams of volunteers in all four centres and the warehouse and those that help with collecting donations.



Southam Distribution Centre news

Our Southam distribution centre has had a busy few months and seen an increase in people coming to the centre on Mondays and also an increase in callouts from agencies for deliveries throughout the week. We have recently helped several families with young babies.

Last month we held some CPR training sessions with Warwickshire Hearts that proved very popular.

In the autumn we are running some cooking classes with Adult Education for Warwickshire.

We are currently looking for new volunteers to help in the distribution centre on Monday mornings.

Change to opening time and day of Kineton Distribution Centre

We are changing the opening time of the Kineton Distribution Centre to Thursday afternoons from 12.30 to 2pm. This will take effect from Thursday 12th September 2019

The Distribution Centre will still be held in St Peter's Church Kineton and we will continue to welcome anyone who is referred with a voucher. Our delivery service will carry on operating as usual throughout the week.



Spotlight on Wellesbourne

Our Wellesbourne Centre was established as a member of the Fosse Foodbank in July 2013 by St Peters Church, Wellesbourne, in consultation with other village organisations. It started out as a weekly drop in centre in the library; however we soon realised that this did not meet the need of our clients, so we changed to providing a home delivery service only. Referrals are made through professional agencies and we liaise with the client to arrange a convenient time to deliver their food boxes.

We currently have 6 volunteers helping with home deliveries and 4 volunteers who undertake the collection of donated food from the four collecting points in the village and take it to the warehouse in Kineton on a weekly basis.

Since opening we have made 148 home visits providing food for 211 adults and 115 children; we have noticed over this period an increase in the number of young families needing our help, this appears to be mainly due to the building of more social housing in our area. We currently receive 1-2 requests a week which our small team of dedicated volunteers manages to fulfil. Thanks are due to our team of volunteers Wendy, Marion, Carol, Jayne, Christopher, Charles and Nick, and everyone who supports our work in any way.



Bishop's Itchington Centre news

Our Bishop's Itchington delivery centre continues to help those in crisis in Bishop's Itchington and the surrounding villages. We deliver food parcels to those referred by local agencies.

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