

Newsletter

Autumn 2024



Our Stats (as at 30th September 2024)

372

emergency food parcels given out by Hatfield Foodbank each month on average



423

vouchers issued by our partner front-line care professionals in September alone



18,129

kg of food and toiletries donated to us in the last six months



5512

kg of food required each month to feed people in crisis



10,558

kg of food and toiletries purchased by us in the last six months to make up the shortfall



312

hours given by our volunteers every month



In September, Trussell Trust rebranded and are now known as Trussell. Currently, they are still accessible on the old website www.trusselltrust.org

We will start to introduce the new logos in the New Year.

Goodbye and good luck!

In July this, year, we said goodbye to Dom Long, the Hatfield Foodbank's manager for the past two plus years. Dom was involved with the Hatfield Foodbank since its beginning in 2017 and saw it grow over that time to where it is now - a well-oiled machine with dedicated trustees and volunteers, and many supporters, be that through donating food, funds, ideas, helping to get the word out and signposting. There are many local people that have been given that little piece of extra support when needed thanks to the work Dom and the volunteer team have done. Everyone at the Hatfield Foodbank wishes him all the best in his new chapter in a new hometown and working for an educational children's charity. The good news is that we have appointed his replacement - and Bridget Foster is continuing the amazing work with our amazing volunteers, helping those in need in our community.



Thank you, Dom!

Help Received

We are very grateful for the ongoing donations from the public, organisations and corporate businesses which enable us to keep helping people in crisis. It means so much to us and those who receive the food. We are very blessed to receive many donations from so many sources. In addition to donations from the public, we are grateful for the continued support from - Arla, Asda Hatfield, BT Hatfield, Busy Bees, Christ Church Little Heath, Commons Wood Club Campsite, Computacenter, Co-op Bishops Rise, Co-op Brookman's Park, Countess Anne School, David Lloyd Hatfield, Digihaul, DLG Autoservices, Earth Breeze, Evangelical Baptist Church, Green Lanes Primary School, Hatfield Rotary Club, HCF, Herts Young Homeless, Hope and Glory, Howe Dell School, King's Community Church, Knightsfield School, Macs Hart Trust, Microsoft, North Mymms Parish Council, Oak View School, Playschool Nursery, Simmons Bakery, St Etheldreda's Church, St John's Hatfield, St Luke's Church, St Mary's Church North Mymms, Tesco Extra Hatfield, Tesco Moors Walk, Tesco Heart, Tesco Woolmer Green, Tewin Cowper School, The Ryde School, Trussell, University of Hertfordshire, Waitrose Welwyn Garden City, Welhat Community Lottery, WHBC and WMS Heating.

We are also grateful to everyone taking part in Harvest Festival celebrations again this year and who will be donating their collected items to us over the next couple of weeks. Thank you so much.

Here we have one school delivering their collected items - thank you!



Volunteers

Our wonderful team of volunteers do an incredible job serving the local community. If you have ever thought about getting involved in volunteering at the Hatfield Foodbank, please get in touch with us. We may have an opportunity for you to be able to get involved.

Tesco Summer Challenge

Tesco Hatfield took part in the 6-week summer event with customers being able to purchase a prepacked bag of items. This helped provide much needed essentials to local people during the summer. Thank you to everyone for all your wonderful support.



We want to see a future where food banks aren't needed and we know that together, we can make that happen.

Shopping list

Items we most need are...



Ways to donate

The amount of emergency food parcels being given out each week has been steadily increasing over the last couple of years. It is only the amazing gifts that we receive from the public, supermarkets, companies, churches etc that we can continue to provide food to those who find themselves needing to ask for additional support.

For details of what, how and where you can give (including financial gifts), please see the [Give Help](#) section of our website.

You can also donate via -

Give today -

<https://www.givetoday.co.uk/hatfieldfoodbank/>

Bank the food - <https://bankthefood.org/>

Supermarkets - there are collection points in Asda, Tesco and Waitrose.

Do you need help?

We are here for you.

So you can get the most appropriate help for the circumstances of your situation, we work with local agencies. If they feel you are struggling to put food on the table, they will issue you with a foodbank voucher as an electronic code. The local agency can also provide or signpost you to long term support, if needed, to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for your crisis.

You can also call the [Help Through Hardship](#) line on [0808 208 2138](tel:08082082138). It can take a while before you get through, but they will answer your call and they can then talk through your current situation with you and help to direct the way to the best agencies for the help you may need.

A full list of our partner agencies can be found on the [Get Help](#) section of our website.

From our clients...

(*names changed)

Cleo: I was (in a) difficult situation not receiving housing benefits for 1 year, food bank helped me to sort out basic needs. I would like to volunteer for (them) one day.*

Hatfield Foodbank is run in partnership with local churches, facilitated by
Gracemead Church, King's Community Church and Kingdom Light Church

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