

Newsletter

Summer 2025



Community Award




Over the last few months at the Foodbank, we have seen the need for emergency parcels remain high. We have also seen a handful of weeks when the numbers have dropped! It is very unpredictable, but we are lucky to still receive the support of so many wonderful donors, both with their physical and financial donations.

We had our latest food drive event at Asda, Hatfield, 12-15 June, and as ever, we are very grateful to our wonderful volunteers for helping at these events and keeping the fact that Foodbanks are currently a necessity in our community at the forefront of people's minds.

Thank you also to Asda for hosting us. And a special thank you to Beverley, the community champion at Asda Hatfield, for organizing things for us. We were also lucky enough to be given a Community Diamond Award by Beverley.

Shopping List

Items we most need are...

-  cereal
-  long-life milk
-  baked beans
-  tinned soup
-  tinned custard
-  tinned tomatoes
-  tinned fruit
-  jam & spreads
-  long-life fruit juice
-  small jars of coffee
-  washing-up liquid





Together for Change 2025 - 2030

Trussell has a new five year strategy starting this year. They are working towards a vision for a UK without the need for food banks and to this end, have developed their strategic priorities, listed here.

Today, Together, Forever

Our new strategy encompasses the three vital aspects of the work we are doing together:

- **Ending Hunger Today:** supporting people with a warm welcome, emergency food, practical support and advice.
- **Ending Hunger together:** working with others to persuade and enable them to play their part in ending hunger.
- **Ending Hunger Forever:** pushing for long-term changes in society to tackle drivers of food bank need.

Our statistics so far (January - May 2025)



1,706

vouchers fulfilled

81

vouchers fulfilled per
week (on average)

525

unique households

33%

households with children

29.2

tonnes of donated stock





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 6th WGC Brownies, Affinity Water, Alstom, Applecroft School, Arla, Asda Hatfield, Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School, Blue Arrow, Bookers, BT Hatfield, Burleigh Mead, Caroline Fellowes, Chancellor's School, Christ Church Little Heath, Commonswood Caravan Site, Computacenter, Co-op Bishops Rise, Co-op Brookmans Park, Countess Anne School, Dame Alice Owen's School, David Lloyd Detector Testers, Digihaul, Evangelical Baptist Church, Fingerprint FO+ Ltd, GE HealthCare, Gracemead Church, Green Lanes Primary School, Hatfield Community Free School, Herts University, Herts Young Homeless, Hope and Glory, ICB NHS, IMO Precision Controls, King's Community Church, Knightsfield Preschool, Kwik Fit WGC, Links Academy Hatfield, The Macs Hart Trust, NatWest WGC, North Mymms Youth Project, Onslow St Audrey's School, Oxlease Methodist Church, Rotary Club, Rotech, Sibthorpe Arms, Simmons, St Etheldreda's Church, St John's Church, St Luke's Church, St Mary's Church North Mymms, Tesco Hatfield Extra, Tesco Hatfield Hilltop Express, Tesco Head Office Heart Building, Tesco Welwyn Express, Tesco Welwyn Garden City Exp, Tesco Woolmer Green Exp, The Marble Group, The Ryde School, University of Hertfordshire - Students' Union, University of Hertfordshire (Campus Services), Viatrix, Waitrose Welwyn Garden City, Wavenet, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Willmott Dixon.



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. 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.





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 financially donate via -

- Give today - <https://www.givetoday.co.uk/hatfieldfoodbank/>
- Paypal giving
- Go fund me
- Just giving

You can physically donate by -

- Supermarkets - there are collection points in Asda, Tesco and Waitrose
- Hold a food drive at work/school/neighbourhood

You can also donate using Bank The Food:

- <https://bankthefood.org/>
- or by downloading the app
- or by scanning this QR code



— ” —
Clair and Kevin: Thank you so much for our food today that you gave us hope you are all well I shall keep you all in my prayers
big thank from Kevin and me.*
— ” —

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

Hatfield Foodbank

Open Tuesdays, 11:30am to 2:00pm

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