

Summer update Thornbury Foodbank July 2024

As many of you will be aware we moved to our temporary premises at Turnberrie's at the end of May whilst building work progresses at Thornbury Baptist Church. We are so grateful for the support we have received from Turnberrie's and all the lovely volunteers who helped with the move, making it such a smooth operation.



**ENOUGH
SPACE?**



**GOOD
STORAGE**



**OH No! – MORE
STOCK!**



**ENOUGH
SPACE - YES!**



SMILES AT THE END OF END OF A BUSY DAY!

The number of clients coming to us continues to remain fairly consistent. From 1 January to 30 June 2024, we fed 312 adults and 203 children. We issued 5.5 tonnes of food and other essentials, and received 5.1 tonnes of donations. Compared with the same period last year, number of adults fed is down by 24%, whilst the number of children fed is down by 38%, which is always a good sign. Food and essential items given out is 31% higher whilst donations received are 11% less. This is indicative of continued cost of living issues, and results in us drawing more stock from North Bristol.

Your generous financial donations enable us to buy fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, bread, spread, baby milk and nappies and some essentials when our stocks are low. We are also grateful to Dags Allotment as we begin to receive their excess produce.

For those who attend their appointments on a Friday afternoon, our volunteers are able to discuss other ways we, and other organisations, can help them. For example, our Citizens Advice support has been effective in helping clients with advice and giving them access to local funding. We also refer clients to Warm & Well, part of the Severn Wye charity, who can help with advice and support especially relating to fuel emergencies. Representatives from other organisations also come into the afternoon session, and are available to discuss issues with clients, should they wish to do so. Skills Connect is the most recent visitor, who can help with getting back to work issues.



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We continue to be most grateful for the support we receive from local businesses as well as individuals, schools, churches and organisations, both financially and with donations. We are always more than happy to share more with you about our work. Please contact us if you would like us to do so.

We are very grateful to all our faithful volunteers for their support and hard work which they do so enthusiastically, whether they pack parcels, speak to clients, deliver parcels or collect food from our donation points.

Always in the hope that we can look forward to the time when foodbanks are no longer needed!

In the meantime, we are so glad to be here to help those in need and again on behalf of all of those benefitting from your kindness, generosity and concern we want to thank you again for making life a little easier for those in need. We couldn't do it without your support.

Wishing you all continued health, peace and hope in the coming days.

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