



BARTON AREA FOOD BANK

UPDATE JUNE 2022

To all our supporters

There are quite a few developments and intentions to report since our last update. The most welcome news in March this year, was that at last the food bank has been accepted as a charity by the Charity Commission and HMRC, thanks to our Secretary, Janet Pemberton. The forms are a real headache, but Janet enjoys the challenge. This means that any monetary donations made to us after March 25th, 2022, are eligible for Gift Aid, making these donations 25% more than we would receive, subject to donors opting to fill in the necessary forms which we can issue. We intend to make contact with our known donors shortly.

The Food Bank's Charity number is **1198384** , full name Barton Area Food Bank.

We can give you further details if required on our new mobile number **07526 472683** or if you e-mail [bortonareafoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:bartonareafoodbank@gmail.com).

In addition to this, we now have just one other number on our new leaflet which is the office at the new Salvation Army Church, on Tofts Road, Barton **01652 637312**.

We are especially grateful to the Salvation Army for their continued support by hosting the food bank in an area where parking is much easier for collection and deliveries than in the town.

Tesco, Heron and the Coops, the churches, schools, several organisations and individuals continue to support us whenever they can. At the end of the month, we shall be having a standing collection in Tesco, Barton from 30th June until 2nd of July. These are essentially the dates for what is normally the Fareshare collection but we shall now be receiving all the donations. Janet is needing more volunteers for the three collections days; People are required to man the collection trolleys for an hour (or two if you like) at a time and drivers are needed

to ferry donations to Penny's house. It is not arduous and gives us a chance to explain our work to the public. Besides, a trolley with a human face beside it attracts more donations than an isolated trolley with a notice!

If you can help, please contact janetfb@btinternet.com or 07763632617.

These collections, together with the in-store bin are vital for us. At the moment, Penny is having to top up our donations by spending around £200 per week, and May's total expenditure was over £1150-00. Donations of food are reducing but fortunately we are receiving more monetary donations. Shopping and restocking are very time and energy consuming for Penny and her team, not to mention using her own home for some of the storage for which we are grateful.

We do realise, however that this is not an ideal situation, and for this reason we are still pressing ahead with our quest for extra storage and are in contact with North Lincolnshire Council, hopefully for a solution. This will be costly and require lots of careful planning.

Client numbers are beginning to rise as expected but we are able at the moment to meet the need, although our funds are being drawn upon more frequently. It is a challenge but we are able to meet it.

Our Distribution session volunteers continue to deal with clients efficiently and good-naturedly, whilst the Store Team are usually working non-stop bagging up and also accepting donations. The Tesco surplus food collections on Monday and Thursday evenings are shared out now between several rostered volunteers.

As you can see, there is lots happening and we thank everyone for their help whether it be volunteering or giving, so we can continue this important work.

Best wishes

Margaret Sidell

Chairman, Barton Area Food Bank