

Whitchurch Foodbank

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Whitchurch Foodbank

- What is a Foodbank?
- Why is a Foodbank needed in Whitchurch?
- What is it going to cost?
- Who will it serve
- How can the LJC help?

Whitchurch Foodbank

- What is a Foodbank?
 - Facility to provide emergency food aid
 - Sufficient for 3 days food
 - Staffed and operated by volunteers
- **What it is not**
 - A top-up for benefits
 - An answer to the root cause

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- Why is a Foodbank needed?
 - Regrettably the need for FoodBanks is growing
100,000 people in the UK received emergency food in the past 6mths
 - In the past month the Trussell Trust have received 3 new requests to start FoodBanks – **each week!**
 - **The situation Nationally is grim - 13million live below the poverty line**

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- Why is a Foodbank needed in **Whitchurch**?
- **We have our share of the needy -**
 - **Recent evidence brought to the attention of Tina Porter**
 - 1 adult and 3 children under 5 – Prees
 - 2 adults and 2 children under 2 – Whitchurch
 - 2 adults and 1 baby – Whitchurch
 - 2 adults and 7mth old baby – Whitchurch
 - 2 adults and 3 children – Whitchurch
 - 2 adults and 2 children – Tilstock
 - **Info from Doctors**

Information from Dr. J. Muir

Extracts of a support letter written by Dr. Muir

- ‘..has managed to wean himself off Diazepam, stopped smoking and drinking in the last year
- ...we have been very pleased with his progress.
- ..on Wednesday 6th February he had a major setback, in that he discovered that his Employment Support Allowance had been terminated and his benefits stopped.
- ..he has not received any significant help and the whole process has threatened to throw him in to a major relapse and he came to see me feeling worthless and low....

RESULT - No benefits – no money –no food

Shropshire Council data

- Jane Shaw, Information Officer
Research & Intelligence Team
- Information from the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2010 and relates to the Whitchurch area.
- Clearly evident from the Overall IMD there are areas in and around Whitchurch that fall into the 'most deprived' category

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- Why is a Foodbank needed in Whitchurch?
 - Evidence from Market Drayton Foodbank
 - Initial food stock at time of opening – 2 tonnes
 - Food in since 1 January - 569kg
 - Food out since 1 January - 1097kg
 - Stock as at 19 February - 1535kg
 - No. of vouchers received in last four openings - 25
 - Half were single persons, 2% single parents and the remainder are couples and families
 - In November and December 105 people were helped
 - Is Whitchurch really that different?

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- What is it going to cost?

- **Set-up comprises**

– Membership of Trussell Trust	£1500
– Modifications to Bargates	£2000
– Purchase of suitable racking & boxes	£ 850
– Laptop computer, printer and Broadband	£ 900
– Scales, stationery and printing	£ 450
– Health & Safety signage, prot. clothing etc.	£ 250
– Contingency	£ 200
– Total	£6150

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- What is it going to cost?
 - **Annual Operational costs**
 - Membership of Trussell Trust (3yrs only) £ 360
 - Rental of storeroom at Bargates £ 300
 - Hire of Bargates for 2 days of operation £3120
 - Utility cost – electricity and BT £ 370
 - Stationery and printing & ancillaries £ 300
 - Insurance £ 350
 - **Total** **£4800**

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- Who will it serve?
 - **Through a voucher system - the needy in**
 - **Whitchurch & Surrounding villages**
 - **Currently Foodbanks exist in Market Drayton, Shrewsbury, Nantwich, & Wrexham**

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- How can the LJC help?
 - **Funding**
 - **Support and awareness**

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- Who are Trussell Trust?
 - A Christian trust formed - 1997 in Salisbury
 - In 2000 the Foodbank was born – Garden Shed
 - 2004 the UK Foodbank network was launched
 - Principles of Compassion, honesty, integrity, openness, kindness and care for all regardless of background or beliefs.
 - Now over 300 Trussell Foodbanks in the UK.

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- How does a Foodbank operate?
 - Food only provided upon receipt of a voucher
 - Who decides the need and issues the vouchers?
 - Professional referrers –
 - Doctors Health Visitors Head Teachers
 - Midwives Probation Officers Ministers
 - Police CAB Job Centres
 - A Voucher is then exchanged for 3 days food
 - Not just an issuing service, but a drink and a chat

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- Where does the food come from?
 - Donations
 - Collection days at Supermarkets
 - Schools
 - Churches
 - Individuals
 - Businesses
 - Clubs
 - Tesco – National support - next 5 & 6 July 30% added
 - 2 tonne of food required as initial stock

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- What are the costs involved?
 - Bargates
 - Store Room – Removal of existing fixed units
 - Replastering of walls & Decoration
 - Electrics – Power, Sealed Lighting and Quartz ray Heating
Smoke Detection
 - Sealed vinyl flooring
 - Security grills on the windows
 - Blinds for the windows
 - New entry door and lock – Stable style
 - Portable screening to enable privacy in the welcome area.
 - Racking