

## ANNUAL REVIEW for October 2018 – September 2019



Towcester Foodbank is part of the National Foodbank network, overseen by The Trussell Trust in Salisbury, and began operations in Sep 2012. We operate via a voucher system and partner with over 60 different agencies including Grand Union, South Northants Council, local doctors, health visitors, schools and local churches.

The foodbank is managed by up to 8 trustees who are approved by the Churches Together in Towcester.

During the year, we have received food from 68 local organisations - 27 local churches, 15 schools, businesses, other organizations and individuals. Over 50% of our donations come through the supermarket Permanent Collection Points in Waitrose and Tesco; and around 20% from church collections (normal and Harvest). The remainder comes from the schools, offices, organisations and individuals around Towcester. In total nearly 19 tons of food (18,463.4 kg) was donated in 2018/9, an increase of over 2 tons on the previous year. In addition, we bought 239.1 kgs making a total inflow of 18,702.5 kg of food.

### Donations (in kilograms)

Churches	3458.9
Schools	2063.3
Supermarket Collections	10330.8
Private individuals	1105.7
Local Businesses	643.1
Local organisations & charities	861.6
Bought from monetary donations	239.1
Total	18702.5

This converts into £32,729.37, according to the latest figure of value per kilogram from Trussell Trust. Which is a magnificent effort from the town and surrounding area.

During the year, 2231 people were fed, with 1044 of those being children. Universal Credit started here during the year, and in common with other foodbanks we saw a large increase over the year following. People have come from everywhere in the district, but of the 692 vouchers received, 272 (39%) were from Towcester itself, slightly up on the previous year. The most prevalent reason for accessing the foodbank was Benefit Changes and Benefit Delays together accounting for 247 vouchers (35%), followed by a Low Income (27%). Debt, Homelessness and Sickness account for much of the remainder.

The average number of people per month we have fed has risen during the year to 120. National Benefits changes of various types have impacted the figures every year, and the arrival of Universal Credit has been no exception. We have seen a 30% increase over last year, which is in line with national figures provided by the Trussell Trust.

Over the year, we have distributed 18018.5kg of food, very slightly less than we took in. Around 25% was to Grand Union clients, and a further 13% to South Northants Council clients.

91 local organisations have vouchers to distribute, up from 65 last year. 42 of these have not yet found occasion to use them.

We are still to be found in the St John Ambulance Hall twice a week (and taking up a lot of space in their garage!), We are very grateful for their continued support. We generally carry around a ton and a half to 2 tons of food, which is enough for about 4 -5 weeks.

Financially, we are currently in a healthy position and received many donations of money during the year.

We continue to have a very good number of volunteers who support the foodbank by running the sessions on a rota basis and being involved with the supermarket collections. The Rev Paul Knight has become our Chair recently. During the year, two Trustees stepped back (including our Treasurer, Roger Evans), and three more Trustees were appointed during the year.

So particular thanks to them, and also to Anna, Margaret, Anita and Jenny who run the foodbank reception each week, and to David and Kate who run the stockroom. We also have a number of volunteers who regularly support the running of the foodbank in other ways.

Our social media is also going well, ably managed by Elaine. We have just over 800 people who have Liked our Facebook page, and some of our posts have been seen by over 4,000 people, with a record 7,500 people viewing the first statistics following the Universal Credit introduction. We also have over 400 followers on Twitter. We regularly receive offers to volunteer, requests to know how to get a voucher, or news of foodraising efforts on Facebook Messenger.

We continue to receive requests from local school and community groups to give presentations and talks on the work of the foodbank and are pleased to be able to increase people's awareness of the foodbank in this way.

Thank you to all the supporters of the Towcester foodbank, without whom we would not be in a position to help those in our community who are in need.

Paul Knight, Chair

21 May 2020

# **TOWCESTER FOODBANK**

**Charity Number: 1157338**

## **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	3,488	5,010
Grants	3,073	0
Gift Aid	0	0
Interest Received	0	0
	<u>6,561</u>	<u>5,010</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Trussell Trust	360	360
Printing	0	0
Rent	2,673	2,820
Heat & Power	0	0
Insurance	143	143
Equipment	394	28
Labour - moving costs	0	0
Repairs & Renewals	0	0
Sundries	203	795
Food & Supplies	448	865
Bank Charges	13	0
	<u>4,234</u>	<u>5,011</u>
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>2,327</u>	<u>(1)</u>
<b>STATEMENT OF RESOURCES</b>		
Opening Funds	8,704	8,705
Movement in Year	<u>2,327</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Closing Funds	<u>11,031</u>	<u>8,704</u>
 Petty Cash	 173	 0
Current Account	<u>10,858</u>	<u>8,704</u>
	<u>11,031</u>	<u>8,704</u>
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I confirm that the above accounts reflect all the income, expenditure and bank balances of the Towcester Foodbank for the year ended 30th September 2019

Towcester Foodbank - Official

**Independent Examiners Report**

I have examined the accounting records for the Towcester Foodbank for the year ended 30th September 2019. In my opinion these accounts accurately reflect the income and expenditure for the year and the resources of the trust at 30th September 2019.

Nadine Pickworth

Dated 20/01/2020