

## **Brecon Foodbank Trustees Report for 2015**

### **Foodbank Management Structure.**

The number of trustees remain at 6 and have met on 6 occasions during the year. Tracy Parry is our Project Manager and we are most grateful to her and our brilliant team of volunteers for their work. Their dedication and cheerful approach to the work is much appreciated.

### **Collecting the Food**

Our figures show that during 2015, we have received 3795 kilos of food and have distributed 3524 kilos. This means we have collected slightly less food than in 2014, but have distributed more which has achieved a better balance. The food is donated by individuals, local churches and local schools especially at Harvest Festivals.

We now have permanent collection points at the Co-ops in Brecon and Talgarth, Nat West and Barclays Bank in Brecon, Spar and Costa Brecon, Powys County Council offices and Brecon Police Station. We are very grateful to all who contribute.

### **Emergency Food Boxes**

Of our 29 referral agencies, 8 now hold emergency food boxes on our behalf to cover times when the centre is not open. We have 25 active volunteers who work with our clients, in our warehouse or office.

### **Christmas Boxes**

At Christmas, after consultation with our referral agencies, we made up and distributed 26 food boxes for people who might not fit the criteria for an emergency food voucher but would be struggling over the Christmas period.

### **Stock Take**

We intend to carry this out on Thursday 28th January 2016.

### **Distributing the Food**

In November we moved premises to the St Johns Centre, Brecon. We are pleased that both clients and volunteers are able to benefit from the warm and welcoming environment of the centre. We are working with the centre management to identify other ways to support our clients, such as establishing a Gardening Club, Food Co-op and to provide cooked meals.

### **Clients**

Trussell Trust figures for 2015 for the UK as a whole show a 2% increase in foodbank use on the previous year with 1,109,309 three day emergency food supplies given to people in crisis by 424 foodbanks in 2015. This year Brecon Foodbank fed 352 people made up of 238 adults and 114 children. The main reasons for using foodbank has been the same as last year which were low incomes, benefit delays or changes to benefits.

## Brecon Food Bank

### Statement of Income and Expenditure for January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015

<u>Brought Forward</u> (Bank):	£5764.16	<u>Expenditure:</u> (bank)	£4300.62
<u>Brought Forward</u> (cash):	£9.41	<u>Expenditure:</u> (cash)	£9.41
<u>Income:</u>	£2174.45		
		<u>Total Expenditure</u>	£4310.03
		<u>Closing Balance:</u>	£3637.99
<u>Total</u>	<u>£7948.02</u>		<u>£7948.02</u>

#### Analysis of Income

Fundraising events	£1259.06
Donations	£915.39
 Total Income	 <u>£2174.45</u>

#### Analysis of Expenditure

Trussel Trust	£360.00	
Volunteers' expenses and Project Manger's Salary (£2.42 cash, £1661.78 bank)	<u>Total</u>	£1664.20
Administration, stationery & printing (£6.99 cash, £163.51 bank)	<u>Total</u>	£170.50
Resources	£498.94	
Distribution centres		£670.00
Electricity	£346.11	
Telephone	£399.48	
Insurance	£200.80	
 Total Expenditure	 <u>£4310.03</u>	

Closing Balance:

Total in Credit Union Account:	£3000.00
Total in Lloyds Bank:	£637.99

Total Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015                      £3637.99