

## **Brecon Food Bank Trustees' Report for 2016**

Referral Agencies: Some new agencies have been added to our list and we now have 40 agencies working with us, including The Mental Health Ward and Home Working Teams at Bronllys Hospital.

### Stock

In 2016 we received food and other products to the value of £7512.22

Meanwhile we distributed to our clients goods to the value of £6789.81.

Since the start of the Food Bank in 2014 we have received £11,738.05kg of goods and distributed 10,224.62kg.

### Collection of Food

We have added 4 permanent collection points: The Sub Station, Leeds Building society, Barclays and Lloyds bank all coming on board this year.

### Harvest

We decided to begin the Food Champions Harvest, and invited all schools in Brecon to take part. Many did and were asked to collect 3 specific items. The schools who took part found this option much better, as it was easier to get the message across to parents and children. It also improved the situation easier in the warehouse, as the volunteers had only 3 items to weigh and store. Harvest certificates were sent, with rosettes given to the Foodbank Champion Schools. This scheme will be continued.

### **School Ambassadors**

We intend to introduce a school ambassadors' project along the following lines:

- A maximum of 4 children per school would promote foodbank throughout their school, keep the school collection point posters up to date, informing pupils of the traffic light scheme [most needed food in red, amber and green], raising awareness of referral agencies, and encouraging those who need help to go to them.
- Monthly fact cards if possible
- Promote most needed product of the month
- Help organise Harvest collection
- Raise funds through for example a non-uniform day, a sponsored activity (such as a walk, fast, cooking and so on) sometime in the school year, car wash, disco to raise funds,
- Shopping bag collection month, once a year per school
- Scare away Hunger ..... school logo
- Create Christmas cards for the food parcels, nominate a school a year
- Certificates, award ceremony with Brecon town council handed out by the Mayor
- Foodbank visit, weigh food in, guess the weight, fill emergency food parcels

## **Vouchers**

This year we have accepted 180 red vouchers and distributed 23 Emergency Food Parcels providing food for 322 people, 252 adults and 70 children under the age of 16).

We also issued 40 Christmas Parcels, giving some extra help to over 60 people, including young people, families and the elderly. We are very grateful to the St Johns Family Centre for allowing us to use much more space than usual, and to the team at the Leeds Building Society who helped to pack the parcels.

However we only had replies from 5 of the Agencies for the Christmas parcels. Perhaps we did not help all those in need.

## **November Market Stall and Christmas Quiz**

To raise funds we sold 200 quiz sheets at £1 each, and in the stall in the market also raised a significant amount.

## **Fundraising 2017**

### Eat Well Spend Less

At the end of our first 6 week course, councillors Ann Mathias and Matthew Dorrance led two teams in a 'cook off'. Foodbank clients were able to participate at no charge. Possibly we need to apply for a grant to provide the course free for foodbank clients again, but we need to find a way to make this project self sustaining.

## **Hay Community Cupboard**

We met with the volunteers who run the Hay Community Cupboard, and they agreed to promote Brecon Food Bank as the main agency for distributing food to people in need, in Hay, Talgarth and the surrounding area. They have written to the agencies they were working with [that is schools, doctors' surgeries and churches] to inform them that Brecon Foodbank is now responsible for supplying food in their areas. An emergency food parcel will also be held in Hay-on-Wye.

Brecon Food Bank Accounts for January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016

<u>Opening Balance:</u>	£3637.99	<u>Expenditure:</u>	£3868.57
<u>Income:</u>	£3515.22	<u>Closing Balance:</u>	£3284.64
	<u>£7153.21</u>		<u>£7153.21</u>

Bank accounts:	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2016
Total in Credit Union Account:	£3000.00	£0.00
Total in Lloyds Bank:	£637.99	£3284.64
Total Balance	<u>£3637.99</u>	<u>£3284.64</u>

<u>Analysis of Income</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Fundraising events	£1042.50	£1259.06
Donations	£2472.72	£915.39
Total Income	<u>£3515.22</u>	<u>£2174.45</u>

<u>Analysis of Expenditure</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Trussel Trust	£720.00	£360.00
Staff salaries & expenses	£1657.92	£1664.20
Admin, stationery & printing	£327.31	£170.50
St John's Family Centre	£945.00	
Accommodation costs		£1914.53
Insurance	£218.34	£200.80
Total Expenditure	<u>£3868.57</u>	<u>£4310.03</u>

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Accounts for Food and other Products received and given to clients

Goods received	£7512.22
Goods distributed	£6789.81.