



ABOUT US

Chesterfield Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust national network of more than 1400 foodbanks. Our network gave out nearly 3.1 million food parcels nationally between April 2023 and March 2024

Vision: Our vision is Chesterfield without the need for food banks.

Mission: To distribute emergency food and other essentials whilst working with partner organisations to ensure people get the help and professional advice they need to address the underlying cause of crisis.

Values: Compassion, dignity, community, justice

Our foodbank provides three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food and essentials to people in crisis, as well as support to help people resolve the challenges they're facing. We have 1 central warehouse at Sheepbridge and 6 sessions running at Foodbank Centres across Chesterfield:

- Brimington (Mondays 12-2pm)
- Hasland (Mondays 5-6:30pm)
- Town Centre (Tues 1-3pm and Weds 12-2pm)
- Whittington Moor (Thurs 2-4pm)
- Loundsley Green (Fridays 1-3pm)

We also serve the Hope Valley area.

125 dedicated volunteers give their time week in, week out at the warehouse and the centres to make our operation possible.

CITIZENS ADVICE



In each daytime foodbank centre, we have an in-house trained Citizens Advice Advisor. Foodbank clients can have a face to face chat, and receive specialist advice and support about housing, benefits and debt, to help reduce the need to rely on emergency food parcels. 1 in 4 engaging with this service no longer need to use a food bank.

HOW IT WORKS

People in financial crisis are referred to our foodbank by external agencies and professionals i.e health visitors, social workers, or Citizens Advice staff. When they are referred, they are issued with a foodbank voucher. When they bring this to any of our foodbank centres, they can receive a warm welcome from our friendly volunteers, a foodbank parcel and compassionate, practical support.

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STEP 1

Non perishable food is donated by the public

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STEP 2

Volunteers sort and prepare the food parcels, and distribute to the foodbank centres

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STEP 3

Frontline care professionals give foodbank vouchers to people in crisis

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STEP 4

Clients exchange their voucher for 3 days' supply of food at the foodbank centre, including additional items such as nappies, toiletries, hygiene products and pet food.

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STEP 5

Foodbanks take time to listen and signpost clients to further support, to help address the root cause of crisis.

KEY STATISTICS

April 2024 - March 2025: Chesterfield Foodbank fulfilled **5,928 vouchers** which fed **8,130 Adults and 2,492 Children (10,622 total)** We weighed in 85,821 Kg of food (37% of this was purchased), 86,191 Kg was distributed to our foodbank centres in the form of emergency food parcels



Our key donors are Churches, Schools, Community Groups, Corporates, Supermarkets and Individuals.

Key Referral Agencies include Citizens Advice, NHS, Chesterfield Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, other statutory agencies, rehabilitation agencies, abuse charities, homeless prevention charities.

Top reasons for referrals : low income, benefit delays, not entitled to sick pay, benefit deductions. 81% of clients had 4 vouchers or fewer



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HELP THROUGH HARDSHIP

The Help Through Hardship Helpline is a service set up by Trussell Trust and Citizens Advice. They can offer a benefits welfare assessment and maximise income through entitlement. They can assist with completing application forms and challenging benefit decisions They can provide a variety of specialist advice including debt management and housing issues. They can issue a foodbank voucher
0808 208 2138 Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm.

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We use an electronic foodbank vouchers system. A helpline has been set up so that members of the public can obtain a voucher code over the phone. Organisations can help members of the public to access the foodbank by giving them this helpline number. The helpline is available Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm, and free to call **0808 208 2138**