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Welcome to our Spring Newsletter! Here you can find out all about our recent foodbank activities!



### Easter Bingo Challenge

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Easter Bingo Challenge and for all the wonderful donations of Easter Eggs so kindly sent in from organisations across Chesterfield! Special thanks to BHP Accountants, Bridge Help, Dalton Roofing, Together Housing, Tesco Lockoford Lane, Whittington Green School, Wilkins Vardy Estate Agents and Brimington Junior School who made it into the [Derbyshire Times!](#)



### Stagecoach

Special thanks to Stagecoach for agreeing to extend the trial of the free Chesterfield Dayriders for foodbank users using their innovative app and special discount codes for foodbank users. This is helping people to be able to access the foodbank and get their food parcels home.

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**Crowdfunder – Aviva Matchfunding**

We are very grateful to Aviva for agreeing to Match-Fund our most recent Crowdfunder campaign to raise funds for our 2025 Warehouse Rent. Every £1 donated via the [crowdfunder link](#) is matched by Aviva up to £250. So far, the campaign total stands at £7,440 which is more than half of the £13,500 needed; an absolutely amazing effort with 12 days remaining. Special thanks to everyone who has donated so far, in particular Aviva employees who have chosen Chesterfield Foodbank as their chosen charity to support via their Employee Giving scheme.



**Foodbank Assemblies**

Our Foodbank Assemblies are taking place in schools and community groups across Chesterfield. Thanks to New Whittington Primary School for inviting us in March and Duckmanton Primary in April. More information about our foodbank assemblies can be found [here](#)

**Guest Agencies**

We are delighted to welcome the following agencies to our foodbanks: at Loundsley Green: Chesterfield Borough Council, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Credit Union (Community Bank), WORTH – Women on the Road to Healing, and Reed in Partnership. At Brimington : Derbyshire Carers Association, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month.



**Travel Derbyshire on Demand**

Thank you to [Travel Derbyshire on Demand](#) for trialling a special 50% discount on community transport for foodbank clients travelling to and from the foodbank centre, from 7<sup>th</sup> May to end of June 2024. *Voucher required, enquire inside the foodbank centre.*

**Birthday Fundraiser**

Special thanks and birthday wishes to Rev Daniel Cooke, our Chair of Trustees, who recently raised £121 for Chesterfield Foodbank via his Meta Birthday Fundraiser! Daniel says “It’s a real honour being involved in the project, and thanks to everyone who works so hard to feed people across the town!”



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We are pleased to announce the following support services will be available at

**Loundsley Green Foodbank on Fridays 1pm-3pm**

 <b>CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL</b> Neighbourhoods Team 1st Friday of the month	 <b>CHESTERFIELD &amp; NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE CREDIT UNION</b> Your Local Community Bank Community Bank 2nd and 4th Friday of the month (please bring valid photo ID eg passport or driving licence to register)
 <b>WORTH</b> women on the road to healing 3rd Friday of the month	 <b>Reed in Partnership</b> REED: Last Friday of the month

## The Essentials Pledge: Trussell Trust's Guarantee the Essentials Campaign

We stand with Trussell Trust, calling for a [Guarantee on Essentials](#) for everyone. Join us in creating a future where no one goes without the basics.

### Donor Thanks

A special mention to Earth Breeze for their donation of laundry detergent sheets. Thanks also to Great Bear Markham Vale 2 for their generous donation of cleaning supplies, thanks to Chesterfield Marks and Spencer for keeping us supplied with surplus bread and vegetables and last but by no means least, thanks to Whittington Moor Lidl for the daily donations of surplus pastries and bread. We'd also like to give a big shout out of thanks to the staff and students of Outwood Academy Newbold for their support with facilitating the surplus collections.



### Stats

Since the start of the year, Chesterfield Foodbank has provided food to 3727 people, 2829 Adults and 898 children. Thanks to each and everyone who has supported us to make this possible including our teams of dedicated volunteers, our donors, partners, referral agencies and supporters.

### Latest reports

Our Financial Inclusion program with Chesterfield Citizens Advice has highlighted some valuable information about clients accessing the service via Chesterfield Foodbank. Not only does it help us to understand the stark reality of the issues people in our community are facing, but also we can be sure that access to this precious service is having a positive impact for



those who are able to engage.

6 out of 10 people this quarter have needed to access emergency cash as well as a food parcel. Some reasons for this include failed equipment or appliances, benefit deductions, or no rights to sick pay. The people accessing CA via our foodbank have 10 complex issues on average per person, double the average for a non-foodbank user. There has been an increase in the proportion of people aged 25-29 accessing the service, and an increase in the number of people with long term health conditions and disabilities. 24% of people have children, 43% have long term health conditions or disabilities. The most prevalent issues include Benefits and Tax Credits, Universal Credit, Charitable Support and Debt.

Since our Financial Inclusion programme began in Summer 2022, which saw a trained advisor assigned to each day-time foodbank centre across Chesterfield, CA have supported our clients with benefit applications, and helped them to challenge unfair benefit decisions. They have made referrals to other services including housing and fuel vouchers. Thanks to the FI programme and CA service, our clients have received £219K of financial gains, been helped to manage £181K of debt and had £83K of debt written off. An estimated 1 in 4 people engaging with this service no longer needs to rely on the foodbank and emergency food parcels. A massive thank you to Citizens Advice and their wonderful advisors who support us and our clients daily at our foodbank centres, as we continue with our mission to end the need for foodbanks.

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep up with all our latest news. Check out our [Online Notice Board](#) for local updates, free events, workshops and activities.

**Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who supports our foodbank. We are immensely grateful and could not do what we do without you. Wishing everyone a lovely spring as we approach summer.**

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