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**CHESTERFIELD FOODBANK NEWSLETTER****SPRING 2025**



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## Welcome to Our Spring Round-Up!

It's been a busy and uplifting start to 2025 across all our foodbank centres, and we're so grateful for the continued support from our volunteers, partners, donors and local community. Here are some highlights and updates from the past few months.

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### New Foodbank Centre Open at Whittington Moor!

After launching last month, our brand new foodbank centre at Whittington Moor is already providing relief to many individuals and families in the area. A heartfelt thank you to all our incredible volunteers from other Chesterfield Foodbank centres, the warehouse team, our trustees and Trussell Area Manager who pulled together, all hands on deck, to help make the launch smooth and welcoming. Thanks also to Tesco Community Champion Jane for the thoughtful and generous donations!



## A Warm Welcome to Our New Volunteers

We've welcomed a wonderful group of new volunteers this spring, who have all undertaken our robust induction and safeguarding training – thank you for joining our team, it's great to have you with us! Your time and compassion will make a world of difference, and we hope you enjoy your volunteering.

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## Congratulations to our new First Aiders

A huge well done to the 10 volunteers across our foodbank centres at Brimington, Compass Town Centre, Whittington Moor and Loundsley Green who recently completed their First Aid training! Your commitment to safety and care is appreciated.

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## Guest Agency Rota Updated

Our Guest Agency Rota has been refreshed – ensuring a variety of ongoing, quality support from local organisations for our foodbank guests at each centre. <https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/guest-agencies/>

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## Signposting Toolkit Updated

Our Signposting Toolkit has been updated to reflect recent changes, including updates to Gussie's membership referral process. More information at our foodbank centres.

<https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/signposting-toolkit/>





### Event at Loundsley Green – 11th June

Join us at an Open Event at Loundsley Green Community Centre to learn more about what our community has to offer, including:

- Children's Activities
- Hobby & Community Groups
- Health & Wellbeing
- Advice & Support Services
- Social Connection & Volunteering
- Crisis & Emergency Support
- Local Community Hubs

We'd love to see you there!

### Upcoming: DUWC Gala – May Day, Monday 5th May

We're excited to be representing Chesterfield Foodbank at the DUWC Gala on Monday 5th May in New Square – come along and say hello!

### Spreading Awareness: Highfield Beavers Assembly

We had a fantastic time delivering an assembly at Highfield Beavers, sharing what the foodbank does and inspiring the next generation of helpers. Thank you for having us, it was lovely to meet you all!



### Easter Kindness – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs, food and toiletries this Easter – your generosity brought joy to many families. Big thanks to **Hasland Baptist Church (cover photo)** and **Chesterfield Football Club Trust** who donated food and Easter Treats.

### Stats April 2024-March 2025

#### Chesterfield Foodbank fed **10,621 people**

(8,129 adults, and 2,492 children). Thanks to each and everyone who has supported us to make this possible including our teams of committed volunteers, our donors, partners, referral agencies and supporters.

### Financial Inclusion Project:

Thanks to our in-house Citizens Advice Advisors and their benefit maximisation service, since April 2024, **239 people who visited our foodbank are expected to be £199,239 better off. £379,600 of debt has been written off or managed for 104 foodbank clients** thanks to our Citizens Advice Financial Inclusion service.

More Stats are available here: <https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/stats/>

## Thank You to Our Funders

We are a charity and rely on donations of food and financial support to keep our operation running. We'd like to say a big thank you to our ongoing funders and supporters.

- 23 Air Fryers were bought and sent to foodbank clients in need of means to heat food thanks to funding from Cadent via Trussell and the Charis online Shop.
- £986 – from local councillors in support of Chesterfield Foodbank
- £2,500 – Arnold Clark Community Fund
- £500 – Coop Community Fund

Thank you for standing with us in supporting local people in need.

*Remember: You can still vote for us in-store through the Coop campaign!*

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/86684>

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## Winter Grant – extra support when it's needed most

The Winter Prep Grant allowed us to supply meal replacement shakes, protein bars, and more ready-to-eat nutritious foods – ensuring no one went hungry in the colder months.

Special thanks again to CBC Health & Wellbeing Partnership for their support.

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## Help with Bus Fares

Thanks to a grant from the CBC Health & Wellbeing Partnership, we can now provide electronic bus tickets for those struggling to afford travel to our centres. Referrals can be made through Derbyshire Districts Citizens Advice **0808 278 7954** Monday – Friday 9am to 4pm at the time of foodbank voucher issue

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### Chesterfield Foodbank Leadership – meet the team

#### Trustees

Rev'd Daniel Cooke – Chair of Trustees  
John Roberts – Vice Chair of Trustees  
and Health & Safety Trustee  
Sarah Menzies – Safeguarding Trustee  
Penelope Hargreaves – HR Trustee  
Nicola Fletcher – Trustee  
Jeff Kitts – Trustee  
Alan Ramsay – Trustee  
Ian Hayes – Trustee

#### Non-Trustee Volunteer Roles

Steph – Secretary to the Board of Trustees  
Stuart – Treasurer  
Jenny – Donations and Financial Admin Assistant  
Diana – Community Outreach Champion  
Anna – Recruitment Admin Assistant

#### Staff

Patrick Evans – Operations Manager  
Jacqueline DeVeaux – Communications, Engagement and Funding Manager & Safeguarding Lead

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### Fuel for Food Comes to an end

MEA's Fuel for Food scheme helped approximately 134 Chesterfield Foodbank clients access vital energy support. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Marches Energy Agency and the FFF team for their amazing support during the last 2 years. While the programme has now ended, support is still available through:

- Warmer Derby & Derbyshire
- Citizens Advice via the Fuel Bank

Thank you again to all our readers and supporters for being a driving force behind our foodbank operations. Your kindness, commitment and support continue to bring hope and dignity to people across Chesterfield. Here's to a bright and hopeful spring ahead!

With gratitude, *Chesterfield Foodbank*

The Chesterfield Foodbank Team

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### Keep up to date with News & Updates

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