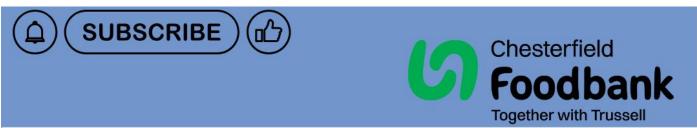
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CHESTERFIELD FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2025



Summer is fast upon us; welcome to the latest news of the season from Chesterfield Foodbank! It's been a busy few weeks filled with community events, generous support, and lots of positive energy. We're excited to share what's been happening recently and what's coming up, all made possible thanks to the kindness and involvement of people like you, our readers, volunteers, donors and supporters.

Trolley Dash

Well done to our volunteer Charlotte who bravely agreed to do a Trolley Dash at Inkersall Spar in June, organised by Snappy Shopper! It was a fun and fast-paced event, and all the items collected were kindly donated to the foodbank. A big thank you to Snappy Shopper and to Inkersall Spar, who also added some extra donations of their own!

Tesco Food Drive

Thanks to the phenomenal support from our volunteers, Tesco shoppers and our amazing community champion, Jane, on Sat 5th July, 1030kg of food donations were collected along with £39 from our collection bucket. Thank you to all involved!









Dog Biscuits

Macintyre Charity's supported learners come to our Whittington Moor Foodbank Centre each week to help unload our van and set up our café. Recently, they went the extra mile by baking home-made dog biscuits for clients to take home for their dogs, a lovely and thoughtful gesture, thank you!



Our Crowdfunder summer appeal is now live. We're delighted that Aviva is match-funding donations again this year, up until the end of the campaign on 12th August. This means that for every £1 donated via the Crowdfunder link, Aviva will also give £1 to our foodbank. Here is the link, (or simply search Hunger Free Summer on Crowdfunder): https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/hunger-free-summer

Other campaigns include:

- Local businesses can book online deliveries direct to our warehouse to help with stock levels.
- Birthday fundraisers running on Facebook.
- Our Harvest Appeal resources, now available for schools and churches to download.
- https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/our-campaigns/



Open Event Loundsley Green

The Community Open Day at Loundsley Green on 11th June was a great success! With 35 stallholders and 104 visitors, the day (and the lovely weather!) brought together a wide mix of local organisations, support services, clubs, and public services. The event aimed to highlight the diverse range of support available locally, reduce isolation, and encourage collaboration across our network. Archery, brought by the Scouts, and a buffet of scones, jam and cream was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Wendy and Helen from Chesterfield Borough and Derbyshire County Councils, and Paul, Ian and Cathy from Loundsley Green Community Trust for their collaboration and support, and thanks to everyone involved for your contributions and efforts.

Summer Fayre

Chesterfield Rotary held a fundraising event on Sat 28th June in support of Chesterfield Foodbank and the Elm Foundation. Despite

the stifling weather, it was a brilliant day with plenty of artisan stalls and a great community spirit. The event raised £500 for the foodbank, which has already been gratefully received. A huge thank you to everyone involved!



Allotment project

A local allotment group has thoughtfully dedicated a plot to the foodbank. They're growing potatoes, courgettes, French beans and beetroot, which we'll be distributing to clients over the summer. It's a great initiative and we're grateful for the support; thank you to all plot holders for your combined efforts.

Dates for your diary:

- Ragged School Concert 12th July
- Loan Shark Awareness Day 16th July at LG
- Pets at Home pet food collections 21st & 25th July (with Feeding Chesterfield, Pets at Home, and Blue Cross)
- Staveley Summer Fete 26th July, Staveley Hall



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What would you miss the most?







Would it be the beans on your toast?

Or perhaps it would be the biscuits you like to dip in a cup of tea?

When you awake do you look for cornflakes? Would you go on a rocket for your chocolate?

Does pasta make you grow faster?

To blow your nose, you need some toilet rolls!

When you start to smell, you need some shower gel!

These are the kind of things that are desperately in need.

Please help where you can.

You are never too small to make a **BIG** difference.

Zeiah Clarke, age 7.

Signposting Toolkit Updated

Our Signposting Toolkit has been updated to reflect recent changes, including new free dental care referrals. https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/signposting-toolkit/

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/quest-agencies/

Stats Jan 2025 – June 2025

So far this year, you have helped Chesterfield Foodbank to provide food for 4789 people, (3713 adults and 1076 children) fulfilling 2737 vouchers. 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. More stats are available here:

https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/stats/

Morton Primary Academy Assembly

Diana and Jacq had a lovely ride out to Morton Primary Academy in Alfreton at the end of June to deliver our Interactive Foodbank Assembly! One of the pupils there wrote a touching poem about foodbank use, which helped open up an important conversation with her classmates. The headteacher of the school has arranged a competition for the pupils to see which class can collect the most food, with a tempting prize of extra playtime!

Thank You to Our Funders and Fundraisers!

We are a charity and rely on donations of food and financial support to keep our operation running. We'd like to say a massive thank you and well done to this living legend, our volunteer Brad, who always goes above and beyond in his foodbank duties, this time running a 10k sponsored run and raising £400 for our foodbank! We'd also like





to thank Alex Millward, County Councillor who granted £500 to our foodbank from the Members Community Leadership Scheme. Thank you for standing

with us in supporting local people in need. Special thanks to our volunteer Jacky who has been knitting elephants to raise money for us too!

Thank you once again to all our readers and supporters. Your generosity, commitment, and compassion make a real difference to the lives of people across Chesterfield. Here's to a bright and sunny summer ahead! With gratitude,

Chesterfield Foodbank

The Chesterfield Foodbank Team

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