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CHESTERFIELD FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2025

# CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY COMPASSION

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## WORKING TOGETHER THIS SEASON

### FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE

DALTON ROOFING - HENRY FANSHAW SCHOOL - DRPSS - CO-OP  
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ROSEWOOD WEALTH MANAGEMENT - PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK  
POST OFFICE - OUTWOOD ACADEMY NEWBOLD - SEVERN TRENT

## A Message to Our Community

Winter is always a demanding time for foodbanks, and this year has been no exception. What continues to stand out is the compassion, generosity and commitment of our local community. From volunteers giving their time, to schools, businesses, faith groups, partners and individuals stepping forward with donations and encouragement, every contribution has helped ensure people in Chesterfield can access food, essential items, practical support and a warm welcome when they need it most.

Read on as we recap the highlights of the last couple of months and look forward as we dive in to the New Year.





## Tesco Winter Food Collection

Our volunteers supported the Tesco Winter Food Collection, helping to gather vital donations that will support individuals and families through the colder months. These collections remain one of our most important sources of food donations each year. Thanks to Tesco for hosting us and to all the generous shoppers who agreed to buy food to donate to our trolleys, resulting in 2705kg of donations and £298.43 cash!

We were pleased to welcome Toby Perkins MP during the Tesco collection, giving him the opportunity to meet volunteers and learn more about the realities facing local people. You can watch the reel here: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/881715611032790>

## CoOp Community Fund

A huge thank you to the CoOp Local Community Fund for supporting our Dignity Essentials project, and to all the Co-op Members who chose to vote for Chesterfield Foodbank in 2025.

Your support has helped raise an incredible £3,141.03, enabling us to provide essential toiletries alongside our emergency food parcels, giving people dignity as well as practical help when they need it most.

A big thank you also to Alex, our Community Member Activator, and the brilliant team at the Co-op Bradwell store for handing over this whopping cheque! It was lovely to meet you all.



## Outwood Academy Newbold– Christmas Eve

A huge well done and thank you to Outwood Academy Newbold for hosting a Christmas Eve event at their premises to distribute surplus supermarket produce and toys to families in need.

link to Derbyshire Times <https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/community/outwood-academy-newbold-supports-local-families-in-need-over-the-festive-period-5464263>





We'd like to say a huge thanks to following organisations:



**The Post Office** whose initiative to support their local foodbank caught traction and spread to other parts of the country as they collected food and toiletries at their branches in London, Chester and Bolton as well as Chesterfield!



**Santander** brought in their food donation support with wrapped gifts.

**Inkersall Beavers and Scouts** for their beautifully handmade Christmas cards for our clients



**Dalton Roofing** dropped off donations of sweet treats for our foodbank clients



**Brookfield School** for their Tins and Tinsel Christmas Show and food collection which brought in 280.76kg of food. They also won the RedHill Academy Creative Photo Contest and donated their prize money to our Foodbank! Well done to all for your creativity and amazing efforts!



**Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School** for their huge food collection which weighed in at an incredible 666.28kg of food. Huge thanks to everyone involved in this achievement.





We are deeply grateful to the many organisations, groups and individuals who supported us throughout the winter period.

Each of these acts of generosity helped us respond to local need with dignity and care.

**Rosewood Wealth Management's** 12 Days of Christmas Fundraising event raised a whopping 292kg of food, toiletries and pet food for the foodbank. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the team and to all the local businesses and organisations who supported the appeal so generously.

**Peak District National Park** held their annual fundraising quiz and raffle event in aid of Chesterfield Foodbank, with hand made artisan bakes and crafts for sale too! This resulted in £640 for the foodbank and they also collected Advent Calendars and a big collection of food donations!

**Toy Appeal** Thanks to the kindness of our supporters, we were able to distribute donated toys and gifts to children whose families were experiencing financial hardship, bringing comfort and relief at Christmas.



*Thank You*



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Campaigns in 2025!

Thanks to : Everyone who supported our Christmas Crowdfunder appeal, which raised an incredible £13,550

And all who contributed to our Christmas campaigns, including the Reverse Advent Calendar appeal, Christmas Food Hampers and Toy Appeal.



## Santa's Visit

Santa's visit to our Whittington Moor foodbank centre just before Christmas brought lots of joy to children and families (as well as our staff and volunteers!) We'd like to thank him for taking time out of his busy schedule to join us, and for helping us to deliver real Christmas trees after the session, thanks to kind donations from the RSPCA!

DRPSS (Rethink) Mental Health organisation, who have a regular Guest Agency slot with us, brought some beautiful donations collected by their staff, thanks to everyone involved!

We welcomed Helen and Chris from Dogland, in connection with the Rose Cottage Doggy Day Centre, whose visit offered comfort, connection and smiles to clients with pets, as they gave out pet food and accessories in abundance to people in need, thanks to their organisation's generosity and the kindness of their customers for donating to their collections. We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone at Dogland and we hope to see you again soon!



**Community Thanks** This winter the generosity and care shown across our community has been second to none. Our thanks go to:

Happy's Chippy for providing free chips on Christmas Day and to their customers for their fundraising support.

The many individuals who sent in kind messages of encouragement for our volunteers, which were greatly appreciated. You can watch the reel here: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1048048350800787>

Henry Bradley Infant School for hosting our interactive Foodbank Assembly and for their donations collected by staff, children and parents.

Woofs n Paws and their customers for their foodbank collection, and all the other organisations who stood with us.

Expanded SUPPORT SERVICE from January 2026



# Support Hub

Struggling with money?  
Get help before things get urgent

Brimington Church Hall - Mon 12pm-2pm,  
Whittington Moor Church Hall - Thurs 2pm-4pm,  
Loundsley Green Community Centre - Fridays 1:45pm-2:45pm



## What is on offer:

- ✓ Free cuppa and a chat with our friendly volunteers
- ✓ A diverse range of face-to-face support including:



We know asking for help can be hard. Our Hub is a safe place to get help sooner rather than later, ideally before you need emergency food. **Call 07529 224995 to book a place**



Make referrals or book online, or contact [info@chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk)  
<https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/pre-foodbank-support-hub-voucher/>



## Citizens Advice



Mental health & Wellbeing, Addictions



Homelessness prevention



Budgeting, Loans & Savings, Energy bills



Education, Employment Skills & Training



Housing, Benefits, Debt, and more

## Looking Ahead: New and Expanded Support for 2026

### Support Hub Expansion

Thanks to support from the CBC and DCC Health and Well Being Partnership, our Pre-Foodbank Support Hub pilot (prevention initiative) has now expanded beyond Whittington Moor and is now available at Brimington and Loundsley Green.

This service supports people before crisis point, offering practical guidance, referrals and early intervention to help prevent problems from escalating.

When people come to the support hub, they receive a warm welcome, a cuppa, and compassionate, practical onward support. This includes signposting and access to:

- Citizens Advice
- Debt and benefits advice
- Housing and homelessness support
- Mental health and wellbeing services
- Support for carers and survivors of DV
- Energy Bills Help and much more

Our aim is to help people regain stability and move forward with dignity, before crisis.

### Guest Agencies and Partner Support

We are grateful to work alongside a wide range of local organisations who join us in our centres to offer specialist support.

Our Guest Agencies include: Live Life Better Derbyshire, CBC Housing, Derbyshire Carers Support, P3 Homelessness prevention and Safe Haven, WORTH, Reed, Compassionate Voices, Chesterfield FC Community Trust, NACRO, Marie Curie, DAAS, Derbyshire Bank, DRPSS (Rethink) MEA, Mindscapes, DVA, NEF Better Housing Better Health

### Digital Inclusion – Mobile Phones for Clients

Through our Digital Inclusion work, thanks to UKSPF funding, mobile phones will now be available for eligible clients who do not have access to a working device. This helps people get foodbank vouchers over the phone, make appointments, contact GPs and health and emergency services, stay in touch with support agencies, maintain important personal connections, and access signposting and wider support, a real lifeline, thanks to CBC and DCC.

Guest Agencies at Chesterfield Foodbank

Day	Venue	1st of the month	2nd of the month	3rd of the month	4th of the month	5th of the month
Monday	Brimington 12-2pm	Live Life Better Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Blood Pressure Checks, Quit Smoking	CBC Housing and Neighbourhoods Team for Tenancy Support		Derbyshire Carers Support for unpaid Carers	
Monday	Hasland 5-6:30pm		Live Life Better Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Blood Pressure Checks, Quit Smoking			
Tuesday	Compass @Blend 1-3pm	P3 - Homelessness Prevention	P3 - Homelessness Prevention	P3 - Homelessness Prevention	P3 - Homelessness Prevention	
Wednesday	Compass @Blend 12-2pm		Reed - Employment Skills, training, and help with CVs March, May, July	WORTH Women on the Road to Healing Support for survivors of Domestic Abuse		
Thursday	Whitt' Moor 2-4pm	Live Life Better Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Blood Pressure Checks, Quit Smoking	Safe Haven & P3 Mental Health and Homelessness prevention	Compassionate Voices CIC Wellbeing, mental health, empowerment for women and girls	WORTH Women on the Road to Healing Support for survivors of Domestic Abuse	
		NACRO Support for people in the Justice System	Marie Curie palliative care, hospice care at home, companionship support, bereavement	Chesterfield FC Community Trust Adult Healthy Communities Team Quit Smoking	Derbyshire Addiction and Advice Service	
		Derbyshire Community Bank Affordable Loans, Savings schemes, Budgeting Every month except April	Reed - Employment Skills, training, and help with CVs Feb, April, June	Rethink Mental Illness	Marches Energy Agency	
		Reserved TBC	Pain In-Spired Peer Led Support Group for Living with Pain (TBC)	Mindscapes : Jan, Mar, May DVA / Feeling Connected : Feb, April, June		
Friday	Loundsley Green 1-3pm	Live Life Better Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Blood Pressure Checks, Quit Smoking	Compassionate Voices CIC Wellbeing, mental health, empowerment for women and girls	WORTH Women on the Road to Healing Support for survivors of Domestic Abuse	NEF BHBB Energy Bill Help	Pain In-Spired Peer Led Support Group for Living with Pain (TBC)

We would also like to thank Citizens Advice and all our Guest Agencies for continuing to be with us throughout the festive period, ensuring individuals and families could still access advice, advocacy and wider support alongside emergency food.



## Volunteer Social – Christmas Quiz Night

We ended the year by celebrating our volunteers with a festive Christmas Quiz and trophy presentation. It was a joyful evening and a chance to say thank you to the many people who give their time, skills and kindness week after week. Our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. Well done to the Warehouse Team for winning the Quiz, and well done and thank you to Phil for organising this wonderful event and for all your efforts behind the scenes. Thanks to the Olde House for providing the venue.



Jan - Dec 2025



We'd like to say a **massive** thank you to everyone who has helped to make it possible for us to supply emergency food and essentials to local people in financial crisis last year.



People fed : 9,595  
Adults fed : 7,368  
Children fed : 2,227  
Meals provided : 86,355

### Our Impact is your impact:

Here is a snapshot of the impact your support has helped make possible in 2025:

Every statistic represents a real person or family who has been supported with compassion and dignity.

53,229kg of donations

24,712kg of stock purchased

83.29% of people needed 5 vouchers or fewer

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

## Further thanks and special mentions



Huge thanks to Severn Trent for awarding us grant funding from their Community Fund to support our foodbank with a portion of our core costs. This generous support aids the sustainability of our foodbank and helps with our warehouse rent and staffing costs, for which we are deeply grateful.

We also took part in a Spire Radio interview on the Susie Mac show to raise awareness of food poverty and the support available through Chesterfield Foodbank, thank you for having us Susie!

### Volunteer Vacancies

Our work is made possible thanks to the time and commitment of volunteers, and we are always keen to welcome new people to the team. There are a variety of roles available across our centres and behind the scenes from time to time, including:

- Foodbank centre volunteers
- Warehouse and stock support
- Drivers and delivery support
- Signposting and support volunteers
- Administrative and communications support

If you are interested in volunteering, or would like to find out more, please get in touch via our website <https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/volunteer/>

### Give Help

## Volunteer

Volunteers are the life blood of foodbanks. Your skills could be just what we need.

#### Current Volunteer Vacancies

[Volunteer Centre Manager - Loundsley Green](#)

[Volunteer administrative Assistant - Pre Foodbank Support Hub](#)

[General Volunteer - Compass Wednesday](#)

[Volunteer Deputy Safeguarding Officer](#)

[Volunteer Cleaner](#)

These are all the current volunteer vacancies at this time. Please join our waiting list below.

I would like to volunteer at a different Foodbank venue

Other volunteer roles at our centres become available from time to time.

Click the "Register Now" button below to be added to our waiting list

**REGISTER NOW**

### Thank You

Whether you donated food, gave financially, volunteered your time, hosted a collection, organised a fundraiser, shared our work, or simply spoke kindly about the foodbank in your community, thank you. Your support makes a meaningful difference to people facing difficult circumstances across Chesterfield. Here's wishing you all the very best for 2026.

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