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A Message to Our Community

As we move into summer, we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who continues to support Chesterfield Foodbank.

Over the past few months, we've taken an exciting step forward with our move into a new warehouse, strengthened partnerships across our community and continued to develop our Support Hub, helping people access advice and support alongside emergency food. We've also enjoyed meeting so many of you at community events, food drives and fundraising activities across Chesterfield.

While the need for our services remains significant, we're continually inspired by the kindness, generosity and community spirit shown by our volunteers, donors, businesses, schools, churches and partner organisations. Together, we're not only providing emergency food, but helping people build more hopeful and stable futures.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the highlights from the last few months and seeing the difference your support continues to make. Thank you for standing alongside Chesterfield Foodbank.



Our New Warehouse

Over the past few months, we've successfully moved into our new warehouse, which is where we receive, sort and store the generous donations we receive from our community. We are still on Carrwood Road Industrial Estate, at Unit 6 now, opposite our old premises.

Although the new warehouse is more compact than our previous premises, it has quickly become our new home. Our volunteers have worked incredibly hard to organise the space, adapt to new ways of working and ensure there has been no disruption to the support we provide.

Behind every emergency food parcel is a huge amount of work. Every donated item is received, checked, sorted, stored and packed by our dedicated warehouse volunteers before it reaches someone facing hardship. We're extremely grateful

to every volunteer who helped make the move such a success.

In June, we welcomed volunteers to a special Warehouse Warming celebration to thank everyone who helped with the move and to officially celebrate our new home. It was wonderful to spend time together, reflect on everything that had been achieved and look ahead to the future.

We'd also like to say a huge thank you to Severn Trent for their generous support towards our warehouse costs. Quite simply, without a warehouse our work would not be possible. Their funding, together with the generosity of our wider community, helps ensure we can continue providing emergency food and support to local people when they need it most.



Keeping Us on the Road

A huge thank you to **Chesterfield Tyre & Exhaust Services**, who very generously fitted a complete new set of Kumho tyres, plus a spare, to our foodbank van free of charge.

Our van is a vital part of our work, helping us collect donations and transport food and essential items between our warehouse and foodbank centres across Chesterfield. This generous support helps keep our wheels turning while allowing more of our funds to be spent directly on supporting local people facing hardship.

We're also incredibly grateful to **Tom, Simon and Mitchell** for the friendly, caring and professional service they provided. Thank you for your fantastic support of Chesterfield Foodbank.





Eckington Classic Car & Bike Show—20th Anniversary

A huge thank you to Chesterfield Rotary Club for inviting us to be part of this fantastic annual event. Our volunteers enjoyed a wonderful day at the show, and we were delighted to be joined by **Miss Derbyshire**, who came to help raise awareness of the work of Chesterfield Foodbank.

Events like these are a great opportunity to meet supporters old and new, and we're grateful to everyone who attended the show, as ticket sales helped support the Rotary's fundraising programme, benefiting Chesterfield Foodbank, Ashgate Hospice, Parkinson's, Weston Park, and the Rotary Club's own Community Fund, which provides grants to local charities throughout the year. Huge thanks to the Chesterfield Rotary Club for pledging £2,595 to Chesterfield Foodbank, a truly generous gift.



Windrush Gala

We were honoured to attend the **Windrush Gala**, organised by the **African Caribbean Community Association (ACCA)** at **Chesterfield College on 22nd June**. ACCA is one of our valued community partners and kindly hosts our Monday foodbank sessions in Hasland, providing a welcoming space where we can support local people experiencing hardship.

The gala was a wonderful celebration of the contribution of the Windrush generation, bringing people together through culture, music and community. We'd like to thank ACCA for inviting us to be part of such a special occasion. It was a fantastic opportunity to strengthen our partnership, meet members of the local community and celebrate the diversity that makes Chesterfield such a vibrant place.

Full story: <https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/2026/07/01/windrush-gala/>

Thank you to Tesco Extra and our community Champions Jane and Karen for presenting us with a big cheque for £600 from funds raised from the charity book table instore, and thanks to Tesco shoppers who donated.

£500 Grant from Easyfundraising

A huge thank you to Easyfundraising, who awarded Chesterfield Foodbank a £500 grant. The funding will help cover the venue cost of our Monday daytime session at Brimington for 1 year, so we can continue providing emergency food and practical support to local people.

MSE Hiller - Summer Support

We're delighted to announce an £800 donation from centrifuge and environmental engineering product specialists MSE Hiller. This generous contribution will help us purchase food during the summer months, when donations often dip while demand for our services remains high. Thank you for your fantastic support.

Waste Not Café

A big thank you to Waste Not Café for their generous donation of £250. They presented us with a cheque in support of our work. Community support like this makes a real difference. Waste Not Café run a vegan meal on the 1st Sunday of the month at Hasland Baptist Church.

Earth Breeze

A massive thank you to Earth Breeze for donating a huge supply of laundry detergent sheets, which have been a welcome addition to the support we can offer people visiting our foodbank.

Derby Tup - Neighbour Night

We're very grateful to everyone at The Derby Tup for choosing Chesterfield Foodbank as the beneficiary of their Neighbour Night community meals on the last Thursday of the month. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped raise funds to support our work.

Happy's Chippy

A huge thank you to Happy's Chippy, who once again organised a fantastic fundraiser in support of Chesterfield Foodbank. We truly appreciate your continued generosity and community spirit.

Gulliver's Valley

Thank you to Gulliver's Valley for hosting their annual food collection in support of Chesterfield Foodbank. We're incredibly grateful to everyone who donated and helped stock our shelves.

Sainsbury's and Morrisons

Thank you to Sainsbury's and Morrisons who hosted food drives for us in April and May. A whopping 734kg was collected over these 2 days. Thank you to all the customers who generously donated on the day to help us collect items for our emergency food parcels.

Light the Way is a group of pupils from Outwood Academy who, as part of Outwood OutThere, a Community Action Scheme, has set up a foodbank collection point in school and is fundraising for our foodbank on their [Just Giving Page](#)

Thanks to RSPCA for their continued donations of Pet Food.

Special thanks to Debbie who raised £395 on [JustGiving](#) by running the Chesterfield RedBrik 10K challenge for our foodbank in May.



Celebrating our volunteers

Our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. Whether they're welcoming guests, sorting donations, driving the van, fundraising or working behind the scenes, their kindness, dedication and compassion make a real difference every single day. We'd like to say a huge thank you to every member of our volunteer team.



Volunteer Social

We enjoyed a fantastic evening together at Chesterfield Bowl, thanks to Phil and Alan who organise our social events. It was a great opportunity to relax, catch up and celebrate the amazing contribution our volunteers make throughout the year.

We'd like to say a big thank you to **The Cinema Society**, who very kindly gifted our volunteers membership to their discount cinema ticket scheme as part of Volunteers' Week. It was a thoughtful and generous gesture that was greatly appreciated by everyone.



Volunteer Fundraising - Going the Extra Mile

Our volunteers don't just give their time, they also find creative ways to raise funds for the foodbank.

A huge thank you to **Jacky**, whose beautiful hand-knitted elephants proved incredibly popular and raised £50 for the foodbank at the Old Whitt gala in June.

We're also incredibly grateful to **Lesley (and her helper, Harry)**, who held a car boot sale and donated proceeds of £40 to the foodbank.

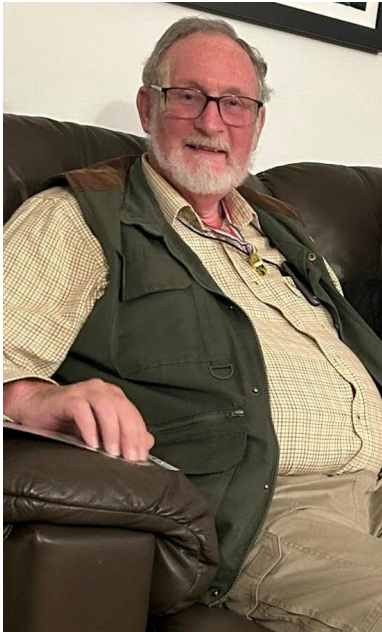
Every pound raised helps us continue supporting local people facing hardship. Thank you.

A very warm welcome to our new volunteers, Sue and Christine who recently joined us to help with our On-Site Support Coordination and Safeguarding.



We'd also like to say a special thank you to all our volunteers who kept our foodbank centres open over the two May Bank Holidays. Your willingness to give up your time meant we were able to continue supporting local people without interruption.





Volunteer Spotlights

After many years of dedicated service, 3 of our volunteers have hung up their foodbank lanyards for the last time. We asked each to reflect on their time volunteering with Chesterfield Foodbank.

Nigel—Tuesday Compass Team

What has been your favourite memory or moment from volunteering?

"My favourite part has been seeing just how much we're helping people. Taking the time to talk with guests makes such a difference. They're always grateful for the food they receive, but they also leave with a much more positive outlook because they know someone is there to help them. It's a real pleasure to see that change in people."

What have you enjoyed most about being part of the foodbank team?

"The teamwork has been wonderful. If someone is struggling or feeling overwhelmed, there's always somebody ready to step in and help. No one is ever left on their own. Working as part of such a supportive team has been a real pleasure, and it's that teamwork that helps us provide the best possible service for our guests."

What message would you like to leave for our volunteers and supporters?

"Volunteering at the foodbank is such a worthwhile thing to do. The pleasure you get from helping people who are struggling is a real blessing. I'd encourage more people to get involved because there are so many rewarding opportunities. I'm really sad to have to give up my volunteering duties due to my health, but I'll always be grateful for being part of such a fantastic team."

Rita—Hasland Team

What has been your favourite memory or moment from volunteering?

"The first time I walked in I felt very accepted. It's a very friendly group. They are very kind and caring. When clients came in and told their stories, they were very sad stories and the first time I heard them I couldn't believe it. It was breaking my heart. That was my first impression."

What have you enjoyed most about being part of the foodbank team?

"Giving my clients encouragement to see that they needed help, that they shouldn't be embarrassed to use the foodbank and helping them when they came in. When they came in, they were so downcast and embarrassed but it was marvellous to see that after being with us, they left with their heads held high and they valued themselves again. They left with self-respect."

What message would you like to leave for our volunteers and supporters?

"We don't realise how important our being in the Foodbank is for the people who use it. We give encouragement and help our colleagues. The human aspect of the Foodbank is very great."



Fiona—Tuesday Compass Team

What has been your favourite memory or moment from volunteering?

I have lots of happy memories from Foodbank but perhaps my best memories come from helping people who didn't realise that such help was available. One particular lady called in just because she didn't have anyone to talk to following the death of her husband. She had been his carer for many years and had no income, no job, no food and no hope. Also, she was having to leave her bungalow as it had been fitted for a disabled person. While not being able to solve all her problems we organised a foodbank voucher and she left with a bag of food, a smile on her face and with appropriate signposting to other agencies.

What have you enjoyed most about being part of the foodbank team?

When I left teaching I thought that I would miss the children the most. However, what I really missed was being useful and productive. I also missed the company of my colleagues. Coming to help at Foodbank gave me the opportunity to learn new skills, to do something different and to meet lots of new people. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the fantastic team, particularly at Tuesday Compass and I am honoured to be able to call them friends.

What message would you like to leave for our volunteers and supporters?

Foodbank at Chesterfield can only exist through the kindness and generosity of people who donate food, energy and their time. All the volunteers

that I have come across have been very well trained and are friendly, knowledgeable and compassionate people who do a fantastic job in sometimes difficult circumstances. The support within the team and from Pat and Jacq is excellent. I would thoroughly recommend becoming a Foodbank Volunteer. You will make many friends, do something very fulfilling and be able to take part in a wide range of social activities as well.

Our heartfelt thanks to Nigel, Rita and Fiona for their many years of dedicated service to Chesterfield Foodbank. We are so grateful for everything they have given and the difference they have made to so many lives. We wish them every happiness for the future and hope they know they will always be part of the Chesterfield Foodbank family.



More Than Food

Support Hub Continues to Grow

At Chesterfield Foodbank, we're committed to providing more than emergency food. Our Support Hub continues to bring together a wide range of local organisations, helping people access advice and support with benefits, debt, housing, mental health, wellbeing, employment and much more.

By collaborating with local organisations, we're able to connect clients with the right support at the right time, helping people move beyond immediate crisis and towards greater stability.

We're incredibly grateful to all of our Guest Agencies for giving their time and expertise to support local people, and we look forward to welcoming even more organisations over the coming months. [See our Guest Agency Rota](#)



How to Get Help

If you or someone you know is struggling to afford food, please don't struggle alone.

Emergency food can be accessed through our network of referral agencies, including Citizens Advice, healthcare professionals, schools, housing providers and many other local organisations.

You can find out more about how to get help by visiting: <https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

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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 this year.



People fed : 4,957
Adults fed : 3,764
Children fed : 1,193
Meals provided : 44,613



Easy Ways to Support Us

Whether you'd like to sign up to [easyfundraising](#) or [Give as you Live](#), set up a [monthly donation](#) or [organise a fundraiser](#), lots of ideas can be found here: <https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/fundraising/>

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
- Trustee role
- Signposting and support volunteers
- Fundraising volunteers

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/>



Upcoming: Summer Showcase at The Octagon

We are delighted to announce that Peak District Artisans have chosen Chesterfield Foodbank as their Charity of the Year and will be raising funds in aid of our charity at the [Summer Showcase at the Octagon in Buxton 18-19th July 2026](#)

Special thanks to Thomas from Thomas Petit Glass for organising this, and to the Peak District Artisans' members for voting for us.

Sincere thanks to all our readers, supporters, funders, donors, partners and volunteers. We could not do what we do without you. Have a wonderful summer, with our very best wishes,

Chesterfield Foodbank



In her spare time, Jacq, one of our foodbank team members, is taking on a personal challenge to raise money for the foodbank. She and her family members will be tackling an inflatable obstacle course on 12th September in Bakewell <https://www.justgiving.com/page/jacqueline-deveaux-3>

