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CHESTERFIELD FOODBANK NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2026

BUMPER HARVEST



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Dear readers,

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. As the leaves turn and the nights draw in, we are reminded that kindness truly lights the way. As we look back on a summer of community support and a bumper harvest, there is plenty to share and reflect on, and lots to look forward to as Christmas approaches. Inside, you'll see what your generosity has made possible, meet some of the people and organisations supporting our work, and discover how you can get involved in the months ahead.

To our donors, volunteers, supporters and partners: thank you. Every donation, collection and hour you give helps local people facing hardship. We hope you enjoy reading about the difference you're making and what's coming next.

With our heartfelt thanks,

The Chesterfield Foodbank Team

Bridge the Gap

In summer, we launched Bridge the Gap, a crowdfunding appeal to help us sustain the foodbank.

Together we raised £15,112! Thank you to every donor who helped make this happen. Thanks to the Aviva Community Fund for match funding, and to Aviva employees for choosing to support us through their employee giving scheme. Thanks also to Crowdfunder for hosting the appeal.

What your generosity made possible

Your support has helped us keep our foodbank operations running, including restocking essential food parcel stock items, keeping our venues open and responding quickly when local families need us most.

What's next?

We're now focused on building stability for the future. That means strengthening our stock levels, developing our fundraising strategy, and working with partners to reach more people sooner, to intervene early before a crisis worsens, and to help prevent the need for emergency food.

Thank you for bridging the gap with us.



Crowdfunder
The home of fundraising
Crowdfunding, fundraising and match funding

Calling Chesterfield Businesses!

Could your business double the impact of local generosity? Pledge a match-funding pot for our next Crowdfunder appeal.

Interested? info@chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk

Practical Help



Chesterfield Foodbank provides 3-day emergency food parcels to local people in crisis, and onward signposting and support. Special project funding helps us provide practical items and services that help reduce pressure on individuals and families, and support people to live with dignity and independence. Thank you to our recent special project funders.



Breakfast Bundles

Thanks to Chesterfield Borough Council's Health and Wellbeing Partnership Community Grants funding, we are able to provide Breakfast Bundles of nutritious cereal, milk and fruit juice within our food parcels.



Picnic bundles

Thanks to a special grant from Trussell, our holiday Picnic Bundles packed with fruit, snacks, crackers and popcorn brought a little extra joy to families this summer.

Stagecoach Silver Day Rider Tickets

An unaffordable bus fare can be a barrier to collecting emergency food. Thanks to DVA funding we can help eligible clients access electronic Stagecoach tickets, helping people get to and from the foodbank using public transport. Thanks also to Stagecoach for the generous complimentary allocation of free bus tickets earlier this year.



Winter Warmth

Thanks to the Mayor's Funding through Feeding Chesterfield, Feeding Derbyshire and Rural Action Derbyshire, we have secured a special fund to be able to purchase blankets and hot water bottles this winter for our clients who are struggling to keep warm.

Kitchen Appliance Support

Thanks to generous funding from the Chesterfield General Charitable Fund, this winter, we will be able to purchase slow cookers and air fryers for people without suitable cooking facilities.







Harvest 2026

Harvest is such a special and exciting time! Through our interactive school assemblies, children learn about why foodbanks are needed and how small acts of kindness can change lives. Thank you to everyone who hosted harvest assemblies and collections and everyone who organised harvest festivals and sermons!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR HARVEST HEROES

CHURCHES & FAITH GROUPS

Calow United Reformed Church • Central Methodist Church • Chesterfield Baptist Church • Derby Road Methodist • Grindleford Church • Hasland Methodist Church • Hathersage Methodist Church • Littlemoor Gospel • Loundsley Green Local Ecumenical Partnership • New Life Church Ignite • Our Lady Queen of Peace • Ragged School • St Anne's Church, Baslow • St John's Church, Bamford • St John's, Walton • St Leonard's, Spital • St Mary's, Sutton Scarsdale • St Peter and St Paul's • St Thomas' Church • Christadelphian Church • Whittington Moor Methodist Church.

SCHOOLS & NURSERIES

Arkwright Primary • Bolsover Church of England Junior School • Bradwell CofE Infant School and Nursery • Brimington Junior School • Cutthorpe Primary • Dronfield Infants • Gorseybrigg Primary School • Hasland Infants • Henry Bradley • Highfield Hall • Lenthall Infant and Nursery School • Newbold Outwood • Newbold Primary • Old Hall Junior School • St Joseph's Little Scholars • St Peter and Paul's Nursery • Whittington Green School • Whittington Moor Infants and Nursery.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

Abundance Chesterfield • Allotment West Ward Leisure Gardens • Castleton High Peak WI • Electrosteel • Grindleford Community Shop • Gussies Kitchen • Happy's Chippy • Healthy Living Centre • Wingerworth Allotment • 34th Brimington Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels • Loundsley Green Brownies, Guides and Rainbows • LGWI

SHOPS & SUPERMARKETS

Asda Chesterfield • Baslow Spar • Co-op Brimington • Lidl • M&S • Malhi Convenience Store • Morrisons Chesterfield • One Stop • Sainsbury's Chesterfield • Tesco Chesterfield Extra

Our Impact

893

September 2026:
We provided 8,037 meals to 893 people, including 197 children

815

October 2025 -September 2026:
we support on average 815 people per month. 23.5% are children



Community Thanks

We are grateful to local organisations and businesses whose generosity and support help Chesterfield Foodbank continue to make a difference.

A huge thank you to **Yorkshire Building Society** for their kind donation of £2,500. Their support helps us provide emergency food and essentials to people in crisis across our community.

We are delighted to thank the **Albert Hunt Trust** for their generous grant of £5,000. This significant contribution enables us to plan ahead and support more local people facing hardship.

We also extend our sincere thanks to **Chesterfield Bowl** and **Happy's Chippy** for their ongoing support. Whether through fundraising, donations or championing our work, they are helping us build a stronger, kinder community.

Volunteers

Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. There are many ways to get involved.

JOIN OUR TEAM

We are always looking for kind, reliable people to help at our foodbank centres, welcoming visitors, making drinks, helping clients with their food parcels, and connecting people with onward support. Full training provided.
Apply on our website : chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk

TRUSTEE VACANCY

We have a vacancy on our Board of Trustees. If you have governance, finance or fundraising expertise and a passion for tackling food poverty, we would love to hear from you.
Contact us

BOWLING SOCIAL

Volunteering is not just about giving something back, there is also a social side to what we do! Our volunteers enjoyed a 10 pin bowling social. Thank you to our Trustee Alan for organising it, and to Chesterfield Bowl for providing four lanes, displaying our banner and hosting a collection bucket.
Every hour you give helps someone in need, thank you so much



Christmas Plans

Tesco Winter Food Drive — 26–28 November 2026 at Tesco Extra, Lockoford Lane

Our volunteers will be at Tesco Extra, Lockoford Lane at the end of November, ready to greet shoppers with a smile! While you shop, please add an extra item to donate to our trolley if you can: each donation helps us prepare for a busy winter.



Reverse Advent Calendar

Our Reverse Advent Calendar Challenge is back! To take part, print off the chart and add an item to a box each day in November. Early gifts to the foodbank give our volunteer 'elves' time to sort and distribute emergency food and christmas treats! A lovely activity for families and groups.



Handmade Christmas cards for food parcels

A wet-play-time favourite for schools this time of year! Children's thoughtful designs bring warmth and encouragement to every parcel we deliver. Cards can be dropped off at our warehouse.

Toy appeal

We welcome donations of new, unopened toys through our Toy Appeal. Donating early helps volunteers prepare gifts for children in time for Christmas.

Christmas Tree Festival at the Crooked Spire

Our tree will be at the Crooked Spire Christmas Tree Festival from Saturday 14 November for two weeks! Decorated with client messages and baubles representing the organisations we work closely with celebrate what we achieve together. Come and see it!

Special thanks to Rosewood Wealth Management

Rosewood Wealth Management's appeal for help to **Power Santa's Foodbank Sleigh** will directly benefit our foodbank and members of our community. Food, essential items and Christmas treats are being collected at Rosewood's offices in Brimington from **Mon 23rd November to Friday 11th December.** Let's get Santa's sleigh off the ground!



HELP POWER SANTA'S FOODBANK SLEIGH

Donations accepted until Friday 11th December 2026

Rosewood are proud to support Chesterfield Foodbank this Christmas.

We are accepting donations of non-perishable food items and festive treats. Every item, big or small, makes a real difference to someone in crisis.

Drop off opens from **Monday 23rd November 2026.**

For more information, please visit:
www.rosewoodwealth.co.uk



Donations accepted at our offices located at:
Fourth Floor, 1 Waterside Place, Basin Square, Brimington Road, Chesterfield, S41 7FH
Opening Hours: **Monday - Friday 9am-5pm**

For more information contact us on: **info@rosewoodwealth.co.uk / 01246 932300**

ROSEWOOD
WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Ways to help

There are lots of ways you can make a difference in our community:

Get involved

- Volunteer your time at our foodbank, office, or at collections or in the community.
- Donate food through our supermarket collection points or with local groups.
- Share your specialist skills in areas such as governance, legal or fundraising as a trustee
- Support our work through fundraising events and community initiatives. See our campaigns page
- Champion our cause by telling others about the Foodbank and the needs in our community. Follow us and share on social media.

Donate

Financial donations help us respond quickly to need, purchase essential items and plan ahead for the months to come. Every donation, large or small, helps us support more local people. https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/

Businesses can support our next Crowdfunder appeal through match funding. Contact info@chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk to find out more.



Thanks to the Whittington Moor Methodist Church



Thanks to the Christadelphian Church

Thank You

To everyone across Chesterfield who has supported the Foodbank, thank you. Your kindness, generosity and commitment make a real difference to local people when they need it most. Together, we are building a stronger, more caring community.

From regular food and financial donations to giving time, skills and encouragement, your support helps us provide food, essentials, practical support and a listening ear to families and individuals facing hard times. Every contribution matters.

As we look ahead, and the weather cools, the need in our community to stay safe, fed and warm remains. With your help, we can continue to provide emergency food and practical support with dignity, compassion and hope.

Thank you for all your care,

Chesterfield Foodbank

Warmest wishes from all the Chesterfield Foodbank Team