

1st Anniversary - The Year in Numbers

When we look back to a year ago, we were concerned about many things: whether we were ready, whether we had enough volunteers and enough food, would it work, was it right to do? In reality, we had no need to worry as God had it all in hand.

The first year has been testament to not only the hard work, character and courage of the project team, but also to the generosity of so many others. From school children to local businesses, churches to councillors, we have seen the very best of our great people of Dover.

So, what have we done in the first 12 months?

- Collected and sorted around 25 tonnes of food.
- Given three days of emergency food to nearly 1,800 local people.
- Distributed a total of 17 tonnes to those in need.
- Received £8,000 worth of financial donations.
- Spent £6,000 on running expenses covering warehouse rent, shelving, office equipment and stationery.
- Enjoyed the services of 70 volunteers who provided 5,000 man-hours to collect, sort and distribute the donated food.

**A really big thank you to each and everyone of you!
We couldn't have done it without you.**



"Someone using the services of a Foodbank once said to me that the Foodbank not only provides a box of food, but also a box of hope. I am grateful to all the volunteers and all the churches who give time and resources to ensure these valuable services run."

Archbishop Justin Welby





Archbishop Visits Foodbank Warehouse During Easter

On Tuesday 15th April the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, visited the warehouse to meet the volunteers and see how they sort the many tonnes of donated food. He then lent a hand to help sort some food items.

It was a real privilege to meet the Archbishop and the warehouse team were greatly encouraged by his words of support for what they do every week.

Why People Need the Help of Dover Foodbank

As can be seen from this table, there are many reasons why local people need the help of Dover Foodbank. Dover appears to follow the pattern found within other UK Trussell Trust Foodbanks.

Benefit Changes and Benefit Delays account for just over half of the total vouchers issued.

Low Income is an area of concern, and one that we watch closely since there is the potential for this to develop into more than a short term crisis.

| Crisis | No. Vouchers | Adults | | Children | | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|-----|------------|-----|-------------|
| | | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Benefit Changes | 124 | 182 | 66% | 92 | 34% | 274 |
| Benefit Delays | 363 | 462 | 70% | 198 | 30% | 660 |
| Child Holiday Meals | 1 | 1 | 17% | 5 | 83% | 6 |
| Debt | 60 | 72 | 73% | 26 | 27% | 98 |
| Delayed Wages | 9 | 9 | 56% | 7 | 44% | 16 |
| Homeless | 68 | 84 | 76% | 27 | 24% | 111 |
| Low Income | 153 | 240 | 70% | 102 | 30% | 342 |
| Other | 106 | 125 | 71% | 52 | 29% | 177 |
| Refused STBA | 1 | 4 | 50% | 4 | 50% | 8 |
| Sickness | 17 | 22 | 88% | 3 | 12% | 25 |
| Unemployed | 34 | 48 | 74% | 17 | 26% | 65 |
| Totals | 936 | 1249 | | 533 | | 1782 |

Please note: a voucher is required before visiting Dover Foodbank. These can be obtained from Dover Gateway in Castle Street, or any of the agencies listed on our website www.dover.foodbank.org.co.uk

Local Minister and Come Dine with Me Star, Reverend Andy Bawtree Faces Another Culinary Challenge

On Friday 11th July at 1pm in the Why Farming Matters stand at the Kent County Show, two vicars from the Diocese of Canterbury took part in a challenge to cook a tasty and nutritious family meal using only items typically found in a food bank parcel.

The aim of the *Ready Steady Foodbank* challenge was to highlight the importance of food banks and the practical difficulties faced by those in poverty.

Rev. Bawtree has some experience of cooking under pressure having been a contestant on Channel 4's *Come Dine With Me*. As part of his ministry in Dover, he is involved in supporting the Dover Foodbank and believes anything that helps raise awareness of food banks and food poverty is a positive step.



Raising Awareness at Dover Regatta

The Regatta was held on Saturday 25th July on the seafront. It was a beautiful summer's day which brought out many people from the Dover area. Local community associations were able to show the general public what they do.

Amongst the many Christian stands was Dover Foodbank. Dozens of people stopped to chat, leaflets were handed out and, all in all, the day was a marvellous opportunity to promote the work of the Foodbank.

Thank you to all those volunteers who gave their time to man the stand.



Supermarket Collection Days

During the course of our first year of operation, Dover Foodbank has managed to collect over five tonnes of food from supermarket collection days. The generosity of donors is very much appreciated and really encouraging.

A typical collection day starts around 9am. Volunteers usually work for a two hour slot, handing out shopping lists and asking people to buy an extra item (or two!) to donate on their way out. It can be both a rewarding and challenging experience volunteering on these days.

Thank you to all of you who have already helped in this way.

If you would like to volunteer for collection days, or any of the roles within Dover Foodbank, we would be very happy to hear from you. Application forms are available to download from our website, or please call the Foodbank number shown below and a form will be sent to you.



Tesco collection days 3rd to 6th July 2014

Dates for your diary

- 22nd November 2014 - Turning on of Dover Christmas Lights (we'll be there!)
- 27th to 29th November 2014 - Tesco collection days
- 26th April 2015 - Dover Foodbank Sunday Service, details to be confirmed

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