

Newsletter



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CHRISTMAS CHEER

PLEASE HELP

We would really appreciate donations of Christmas advent calendars before Friday 24 November for our clients' children. Selection boxes are also needed ideally before 15 December to ensure our clients' children receive them by Christmas.

TESCO ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Volunteers are needed for the annual TESCO collection at Batley; Garforth and Seacroft Tesco stores between 10 and 4 on Thursday 30 November; Friday 1 and Saturday 2 December. Please spare a couple of hours to help out. Contact us via telephone- 0113 2772229 or by



email –

volunteering@leedssouthandeast.foodbank.org.uk

Our top food items needed are:-

Tinned tomatoes; cooking sauces; juice; tea; biscuits; tinned fruit; custard; long life milk.

FACEBOOK

*Our Leeds South and East Foodbank Facebook account is <https://www.facebook.com/LeedsSouthFood>
Please check this regularly as we post lots of useful information for our clients and volunteers*

Harvest Festival

Massive thanks go to all our wonderful donors of Harvest Festival giving this year. Those donations gave a much-needed boost to our food stocks.

How the Foodbank helped

Food distributed by our volunteers and number of people helped-

During the year 1 April 23 to 30 September 23 we gave out:-

Food Parcels: **8563**
Total Adults fed: **5,238.**
Total Children fed: **3,325.**



Community

ANNOUNCEMENT

Following 10 years of unparalleled leadership of Leeds South and East Foodbank Board of Trustees, our Chairman, **John Casey**, has announced his retirement.

John was one of the founders of our Foodbank, which started with just one location in Middleton, with the aim of providing help and support to local people facing a food crisis.

Whilst the ultimate aim of our Foodbank is to overcome the need for having Foodbanks, demand for our services has continued to grow throughout John's tenure, and with his unrelenting commitment and guiding hand, our operations have expanded to eleven Foodbank centres that support communities throughout South and East Leeds.

We will all miss John's calm and professional approach, along with his valued friendship, but we think he is well deserving of a long and happy retirement and we wish him and his wife Kate all the very best for the future and thank them for their unwavering support - enjoy your retirement John.

The Board can also announce that Ronnie Adam has accepted their invitation to become the new Chair and we all look forward to supporting him in his new role. The board also has a new trustee in Katie Hayford.

Volunteers

A new foodbank at St. Philip's Church, Osmondthorpe, Leeds LS9 9EF opened on Thursday 12th October. A big thank you to Kelly and her new team of volunteers who provide a great service.

The foodbank is open from 11am to 1pm.

Welcome to our new volunteers Lucy; Rose; Francesca; Michelle; Sarah; Sharon; Derek; Cheryl; Farah and goodbye and thank you for your support to Shaun.



Get regular FREE donations for us when you shop online for groceries. It's a bit like cashback - but @giveasyoulive pay the money you earn to us as a donation, for free! Shop and raise > <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/.../leeds-south-and-east...>

We want to see a future where food banks aren't needed and we know that together, we can make that happen.

Find out more about our work by visiting our website:

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