



Firstly, a big THANK YOU to all our volunteers for your tireless hard work and kindness during our four weekly distribution sessions. Thanks to those who make deliveries, collect recycling and take care of admin and finances, as well as all our trustees. Everyone is a volunteer and we couldn't function without you.

We are very grateful to the many local businesses whose staff have given up days to volunteer with us - completing vital stocktakes, food rotation and thorough cleaning of our distribution centre - including Santander (*pictured above*), Cisco, Openreach and Black Rock to name but a few.

We are currently supporting 50-70 households every week, 500 people a month, and this would not be possible without the incredible generosity of all our donors. Our most heartfelt thanks go to all those

individuals, offices, schools and other local groups who have donated both food and money over the last few months.

Special thanks go to Letchworth Food Bank, who in recent months has generously provided much needed emergency supplies in vast quantities from their own stocks when ours have been very low. Also to St Albans Foodbank who helped us out last week with an emergency donation.

We are now receiving bread and pastries from Tesco Tottenham Court Road via FareShare - which we are able to share with Streets Kitchen who also kindly provide us with various excess items. Thanks to Neighbourly, Lidl Camden are providing some fresh produce each week, and we hope to have a fridge freezer donated soon.

In May we were excited to receive a huge donation from the actor Hugh Grant, who along with others on Twitter has been raising awareness of Food Bank use and encouraging donations through the #foodbankchallenge: buy items to donate to your local food bank, post a picture of them on Twitter and nominate someone else to do the same.

Pictured here is Hugh's assistant Luke, with Alan the Black Cab driver who delivered the 300kg donation free of charge!



REGULAR FOOD COLLECTIONS

COULD YOUR WORKPLACE HOLD ONE?

EUSTON STATION'S "FOOD BANK FRIDAY"



Enormous thanks go to the amazing team at Euston Station who held their first "Food Bank Friday" in June, collecting **200kg of food and £250 in donations** from staff, commuters and shops within the station! Quarterly "Food Bank Fridays" are now planned at Euston throughout the year.

Could your workplace organise a regular collection? Please email us and we can provide shopping lists of items we need and lots of ideas on how to make your event a success!

- OUR OPENING TIMES -
Drop off your donations!
Sunday 2-3.30pm
Tuesday 12-4pm
Thursday 5.30-7pm
Saturday 11am-12.30pm

Food Bank Statistics January-June 2018

In the last 6 months we have supported a total of 3020 individuals, 750 of whom were children. This is an increase of 626 people compared to the previous 6 months.

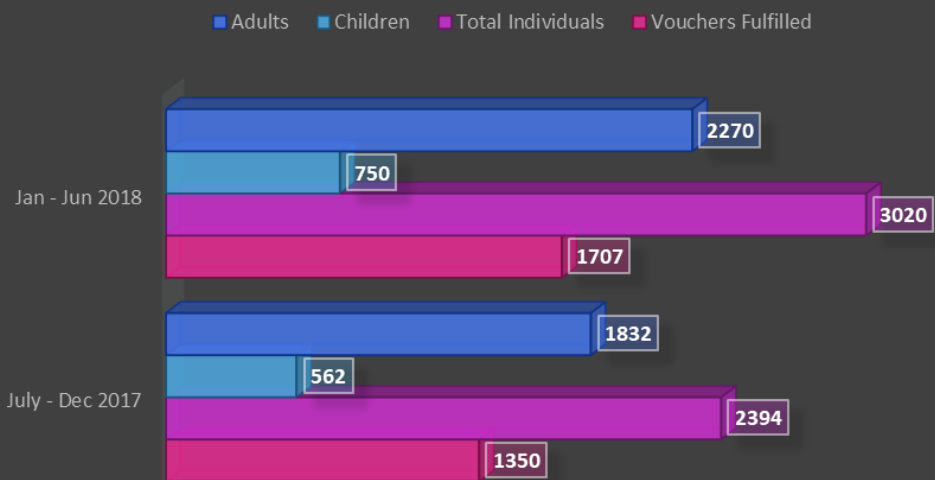
During these 6 months we have distributed nearly 30 tonnes of food, while taking donations of around 20 tonnes, so we are dealing with a constant shortfall and regular donations are a lifeline.

The next 6 months will likely see an increase in numbers over

the school holidays, and on the 5th December Universal Credit will be rolled out across Camden.

This will see all benefit claimants moved to the new system with its 5-week minimum period of no income until the first UC payment. We anticipate a large increase in referrals as more people become at risk of spiraling into debt during this time and beyond.

CLIENTS SUPPORTED IN LAST 12 MONTHS



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