

## Euston Foodbank Lockdown Update 20 May 2020

Greetings All, I hope everyone is well.



**Socially distanced chairs in Lancing Street outside the Foodbank**

We have settled into a routine, with big deliveries of a ton or more arriving twice a week at least, enabling us to meet the increased demand, which is creeping up to nearly 300 a week now. We still have the stranded European homeless men, who are challenging, but primarily more and more local families are completely losing income due to austerity and covid. We have really excellent teams of volunteers, and donations through the website continue at Christmas levels as well as additional generous gifts. I am still purchasing a lot from the wholesaler, (£600/week) which is what we have been given money for, though this is less the standard items now we have a better flow on the supply chain, and more of oil, toiletries, baby wipes etc.

I am thinking of solutions to how we can have a queue in the street in rainy weather, especially as the weather gets colder. The volunteers have suggested an awning, the type shops have that winds out to protect from the elements. If the church agrees, it would probably cost £8k, and I could apply for funding. What do people think?

So all is steady at the foodbank, four sessions a week at the usual times, socially distanced.