

## **Euston foodbank Lockdown update 7 April 2020**

Greetings All - hope you are well.

We had another busy session today with 64 people in the queue. Somewhat easier over four hours than a similar number over the 90 minutes of a Thursday evening. Still a team of cheerful volunteers, the new recruits are lovely.

It is great having Helena back running the sessions, sorry to say Deseline is now unwell. I spent my time today sorting out the deliveries, just a dozen self referring emails. In future we can direct these to the delivery systems that are springing up around us. But several long term volunteers were willing to do the honours, so one less thing to worry about now.

If we carry on buying in food to supplement our stores so we can feed all the homeless people the local authorities have put into the hotels around here, we may run out of stores and money somewhat sooner than we thought!

There was also time to listen in to a Trussell Trust Zoom meeting, it was interesting hearing about the other Foodbanks in London.

Some kind people in Kent have been making us (non-surgical) masks to wear, and posting them to us. Blue and white striped material, we like them! Helena wore hers on top of the disposable mask, with gloves and apron and distancing rules, which are second nature now. And we are also getting Perspex face Shields arriving shortly.

### **Food bank donations**

We have such an influx of people housed in the hotels around here with no food at all, that our numbers have doubled to 200 a week, super busy.

Money might be the best option for donations for now, as I go to the cash and carry wholesaler several times a week (for 10 X 12 litres milk, huge boxes of wheatabix, honey, tins of fruit & custard etc etc) as it's impossible to get a slot for the supermarkets to deliver just yet. When I can get a supermarket delivery I will order tins of corned beef and jars of pasta sauce. We have even run out of pasta would you believe!

<https://euston.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>