

### What's happening

#### **Michael Forman retires**

Michael Forman the chair and founder of Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank retired this month. He has facilitated the foodbank giving out **151,671 meals**. This has helped so many people through difficult times, keeping families together, preventing eviction and keeping them out of debt. We will miss him.

We hope that he and his wife Elizabeth enjoy their retirement. They have been invited to a royal garden party at Buckingham Palace because of his work at Cheshire East Foodbank—we hope that they have a wonderful day and send us some photographs.



#### **ASDA lend a hand**



Trussell Trust have set-up an agreement with ASDA stores that means that we have started to collect food in ASDA Hyde. There is now a permanent trolley in the foyer for donations and we had our first “buy an extra can for the foodbank” collection under the agreement last month. In all ASDA shoppers have given 6,507 meals since the scheme started in June 2018. Thank-you to shoppers and staff who made the collection such a success.

#### **Easter School Holiday Meals**

This Easter we will be providing food parcels to families at local primary schools. Many families struggle over the holiday period when the kids do not receive a school dinner. Nationally almost 1 in 4 parents with children aged 18 and under are skipping meals because of lack of money. We estimate that we will have to provide up to 75 parcels—which adds up to almost 2,500 meals. Hopefully we will have enough Easter eggs to go round. Thank-you to the local primary schools at Pin-fold, St James', Arundale and Mottram who help us circulating invitations and vouchers to their parents.

#### **FOODBANK OPENING HOURS:**

<b>Hattersley Baptist Church</b>	Tuesday 12.00 - 1.00	Friday 2.00 - 3.00 (CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY)
<b>St Mary's Church, Hollingworth</b>	Monday 11.00 – 12.00 (or call 07709 098068)	(CLOSED EASTER MONDAY)

#### **About Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank Ltd**

The purpose of the Foodbank is to relieve persons in our community who are in poverty, need or distress. Originally focussed on Hattersley, we have extended our service to Hollingworth.

We co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies, faith groups, statutory bodies and other community based organisations to achieve these purposes and to exchange advice with them.

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## How you can help

### **Volunteers needed**

We are looking at recruiting new people to try to replace Michael and deal with the extra demand at foodbank. We need volunteers to help at our distribution centres at Hollingworth (Mondays 11-noon) and Hattersley (Tues 12-1pm and Friday 2-3pm).

Could you help?

- Welcoming, making tea
- Providing benefits advice
- Warehouse labelling and stacking
- Administration

We will provide training, but you need to bring compassion, patience and a commitment of 2 days per month.

### **Donate food**

The increased number of people coming to the foodbank means that we need more donations to keep pace. We tend to run out of specific items so please consider giving more:

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| • UHT Fruit juice        | Tinned rice pudding | Instant Mash |
| • Noodles                | Tinned meat         | Tinned fruit |
| • Tinned spaghetti hoops | Tinned fish         |              |

### **Time poor....**

**Set up a standing order** to the foodbank. Local people gave over £21,500 of food last year and everyone at the foodbank is a volunteer so we have no staff costs. However we still need money.—for example £10 a month would help with rent, admin, phone etc. etc. It will also let us fill in the gaps in the warehouse. Call us for more details or download the form from [www.tamesidesouthlongdendale.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.tamesidesouthlongdendale.foodbank.org.uk)

Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list below. They can be delivered to the Distribution Centre during opening hours. Items **in bold** are particularly needed at the moment **Thank you!**

Milk (UHT or powdered)  
Tinned **meat/fish**  
Tinned fruit  
**Fruit juice (UHT carton)**  
Pasta sauces  
Sponge pudding (tinned)  
**Carrots**, peas, sweetcorn (tinned)  
**Rice pudding** (tinned)  
Soup (tinned)  
Teabags/instant coffee  
**Instant mashed potato**  
**Tinned potatoes**  
Rice/pasta  
**Instant noodles**  
Toiletries

### **Foodbank numbers**

January to March 2019

- Provided 161 food parcels
- Provided 9% more parcels than in the same period last year
  - Received 4785 kg of food from donors
  - Gave out 4270 kg of food to hungry people

### **Tesco collection**

Thank-you to Tesco shoppers and staff at Hattersley. January to March 2019 they have given us

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| • Collection box        | 1,790 |
| • Give a tin collection | 2,166 |
| • Foodcloud             | 380   |

**TOTAL MEALS** **4,336**



## Thanks to our volunteers



It has been a busy quarter at foodbank, with two “give an extra tin” collections.

Thanks to **RossCare** who provide a van and 2 members of staff to move the food to the warehouse.

For each collection we have volunteers at the store, but there is also work in the warehouse sorting, weighing and putting the food in order by type and date. It's a lot of hard work lifting and shifting crates in the cold warehouse. So thanks to the daters, sorters, lifters, shifters and tea makers. You are the ones that enable foodbank to function. THANKS GUYS.