**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR MARCH 2016**

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and I would like to say a special thank you to those people who donated Easter eggs to the Food Bank. It was great to be able to include them in the bags for families with children and they were much appreciated.

The call on our services this month has been undiminished with 107 people receiving food – 62 adults and 45 children. Due to the high turnover of our stock it has meant that, in spite of a large amount of food still in storage (pasta, soup, baked beans, tinned tomatoes etc;) we have had to visit the supermarket 5 times this month and spent around £600 replenishing the stock of items that are not so regularly given. This in turn has meant that our bank balance is going down at a steady pace, so thank you to all who support us financially; we really do need the money as well as the goods that come in abundance.

As well as food and money we have also been given 1000 bags, which have been paid for by a very kind person. When I am asked to talk about the Food Bank I am always very quick to point out that we are able to operate because the people of Wallingford and surrounding areas are so generous towards us. Rarely a week goes by without an enquiry from someone asking about how we operate and where our food comes from.

We are now well on the way to being set up as a registered charity and when this happens I will let you know so that those who want to support financially will be able to gift aid their donation.

Do call in and see us if you are in Wallingford when we are open (Mondays and Thursdays 11.00am – 1.00pm), you would be very welcome.

Jean Burt