**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR APRIL 2016**

This month has been fractionally quieter than the last two with 92 people receiving food – 60 adults and 32 children. Despite these comparatively high numbers of clients we are still being able to parcel up a wide variety of food (although unfortunately there is a limit to the amount of baked beans any one person can eat!!). Once again this month we have spent over £500 just making up the shortfall in stock and once again I say ‘thank you’ for your generosity. It’s also good to receive the donations of food that are collected in Waitrose, we took delivery of a large amount this morning and it kept us busy for quite a while sorting and stacking the items.

I am often asked if the people coming in for food are genuinely in need. I can only reply that the vouchers that are needed to obtain food are handed out by reliable organisations (we have about 20 on our books) and it is up to them to judge the person’s situation. If Eileen or I feel that we are being taken advantage of by anyone I will try and speak to them or the organisation who has given them the voucher and find out what the position is as far as their finances are concerned. I think in the 4 years that we have been operating, only two or three cases have come to light where we have been ‘used’ in the wrong way.

Also this month we have had some new volunteers join us and it’s been a pleasure to have them on board. I have now lost track of who knows who – especially as we have a pair of identical twins on the rota!

Thank you all once again for your continued support, we couldn’t do it without you.

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