**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR MARCH 2017**

The days may be getting longer but so, unfortunately, is the list of people making use of the Food Bank – 112 this month, 60 adults and 52 children. Most of those making use of this service tell us that their benefits have been changed and there is a 6 week wait before they can receive any money again.

With the large turnover of clients that we have had recently, this has meant several large shopping trips to stock up. This is quite hard work and is why we are really anxious to find suitable accommodation for storage on a permanent basis. It would mean that we could have the supplies delivered and would save a lot of bending and lifting – none of us are getting any younger!

Whilst not accepting home made produce we have been given a large number of fresh eggs which have been surplus to requirements and these have been very gratefully received by the clients. It would be great if we could give more fresh food but unfortunately we just don’t have the space to accommodate a fridge or freezer in the CAB kitchen.

With Easter just around the corner, if anyone would like to donate some Easter eggs they would be well received as we are running low on treats for the children. As mentioned before, we are always pleased to receive cereal, fruit juice, milk, custard, rice pudding and just some ordinary packets of biscuits – we have plenty of chocolate bars like kit-kat.

My thanks to you all once again for your interest and support and may I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Jean Burt