**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR JUNE 2019**

This has been an exceptionally busy month, for no obvious reason. We have given a three day supply of food to 171 people – 98 adults and 73 children. This has meant that the cupboards have been very empty on more than one session and a lot of shopping has had to be done – over £600 worth in just over two weeks. I have been asked on more than one occasion why the box in Waitrose has been taken off the shop floor (temporarily) and yet we need to spend a lot of money in buying in stock. The answer to this is that a lot of the food that came through Waitrose was stock that we already had a lot of – pasta, baked beans, soup, tinned tomatoes, fish – all of which are in boxes at our home and which need to be used. We are certainly not ungrateful to the people of Wallingford for their generous giving and we hope to have the Waitrose box replaced as soon as we have a new permanent home.

Regarding the future of the Food Bank, there is still no decision as to where we will be housed on a permanent basis and our last session in the Rec Rooms will be 29th July. We were very anxious to continue the School Holiday Voucher Scheme, which we have run for the past three years and which had a big take up last year. To this end we are hoping to use a Portacabin which will be set up in a convenient location for clients and we are just waiting for final confirmation that this can go ahead. We aim to use it for three months, which will cost us about £2,000, but after that we are not sure where we will be.

As ever my sincere thanks go to you all for your generous donations and support for the Food Bank. With the Holiday Scheme on the horizon I thought it might be helpful to give you an idea of the kind of items we would give out for the children and which we usually have to buy. As mentioned earlier we really do have mountains of the above items at home but the following are needed: Cereal, Hot dogs, Corned Beef, Tinned dinners (eg; minced beef, ravioli, meatballs) Tinned spaghetti, Tinned/packets potatoes, UHT milk, Long Life fruit juice, Biscuits, Jam, Rice pudding, Custard, Treats.

With best wishes to you all,

Jean Burt