**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR MARCH 2020**

As it happens, this is my 100th report for the Food Bank. It’s also the most unusual as I am not working in there at the moment. Due to all the current restrictions, Eileen, Liz and I – the three team leaders – are all having to ‘age isolate’. However, we are still in operation with a temporary management team of younger volunteers who are doing a grand job under difficult circumstances. Clients are no longer allowed to come into the Food Bank, we are operating on a ‘phone and deliver system’. We now have our own telephone line and the number to call for help is 01491 876677

The call on the Food Bank has certainly increased and the figures for March are 140 adults and 93 children. We are fortunate in that we are able to spread ourselves out a little and divide the operation up into roughly three sections – reception of donations, packing of food and delivery of same. The number of people offering their services has been wonderful and it has made the delivery of the food to various parts of the area we cover, much easier.

People have also been shopping for us, including a visit to a cash and carry, but of course the amount that we have been able to buy has been restricted in many of the supermarkets, for obvious reasons. If you are looking for things to donate, we are most in need of;

Tinned potatoes, tinned carrots, tinned peas, tinned spaghetti, tinned rice pudding, long dry spaghetti, rice and long life milk.

If you have any donations for us it would really help if they could be delivered – via the Wood Street entrance – between 12.00 and 1.00 on Mondays and Thursdays.

The people who support the Food Bank have never stinted in their giving but at the moment we are overwhelmed with their generosity and thoughtfulness. In times of crisis the worst and the best in people comes to the fore and there is no doubt at all that you are the best.

Stay safe and well and God bless you

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