**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR APRIL 2020**

This is my second report written in isolation and although I have not been physically in the Food Bank I am kept up to date with all that’s happening. The team at present in place are doing a really terrific job and as time goes on they are managing to refine the actual running of the operation. I vary rarely mention people by name but I would just like to break my own rule at this point and mention David Tole, who has been a member of the temporary management team. He has been a tremendous help in especially organizing the deliveries and the drivers needed for the job, but unfortunately he has had to step back and isolate himself on medical advice. Can I just say on behalf of everyone connected with the Food Bank, thank you David and stay well and safe.

As you would expect, the numbers for the month are quite large – 167 adults and 132 children. This equates to a very large amount of food and several people have been good enough to shop for us, which was quite difficult when the lockdown first happened as goods on the shelves were not easy to come by. We have since had a couple of supermarket deliveries made to us and people have also been using cash and carry outlets. I believe that we are well stocked with baked beans, pasta and soup and have been asked to put a message out asking for tinned meat dinners, hot dogs, corned beef and tinned meatballs. We are also not asking for any more toilet rolls. These items are very bulky to store and are now freely available in the shops. We are, at present, also able to take things like bread, fruit and vegetables as we do have use of a fridge. Please no fresh meat or fish.

Although I have been at home I have taken a great many calls and emails from people offering their help and we have also received many donations of money. It seems inadequate just to say thank you to you all, but I speak for all of us involved with the Food Bank, when I say that we wouldn’t be able to function without you so our thanks are truly heartfelt.

Hopefully if won’t be too long before we can return to some semblance of normality, but in the meantime I send my very best wishes to you all.

Stay safe, keep well and God Bless you

Jean Burt