**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR JANUARY 2021**

In view of the speed of infection related to the new strain of Covid, it was decided that the Foodbank should operate on a different basis for the time being, in order to reduce the possibility of contracting the illness. As a result I have been working from my home, receiving all the answerphone messages left on the Foodbank telephone then transmitting them down by email to the people packing in the working area. Operating in this way means that it is easier to social distance when filling the bags and I have been able to look after all the paperwork involved. It looks as though we shall continue in this mode for another couple of months until the lockdown is eased.

It has been a very busy month with 226 people receiving our help – 142 adults and 84 children. We have also received large amounts of donated food and also very generous gifts of money. I do thank you all for your concern, it doesn’t go un-noticed or un-appreciated. Also every week I have two or three people offering their services in one way or another. Unfortunately, due to the present lockdown situation, we are not able to take on any more people to actually help in the Foodbank itself, but hopefully this might change when restrictions are lifted – some time in the future. I am told that there are numerous people offering their services as drivers and again, we are very appreciative of this.

Because we are operating on a rather remote basis there aren’t any special stories of interest to relate, but I can tell you that all those who receive help from us are truly grateful.

On a purely statistical note I should like to point out that the number of clients that were helped in December and January, exceeded by 100, the total number during the first year of operation! This is not a statistic to be proud of, I just thought you might like to know.

Do take care, stay safe and well. God bless.

Jean Burt