**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

We have just had the last foodbank session of the month and in keeping with the last few months, it has again been a very busy one – indeed twice as busy as last year. We have given food to 229 people – 143 adults and 86 children. The number of single people using our services has grown tremendously. From 86 households that received food, 50 were for single adults, many of whom have just come to us for the first time.

The donations of goods and money have still been coming in regularly and needless to say, they are all very welcome and our sincere thanks go to everyone who has helped to serve those in need. Our social media manager, Eileen, keeps up to date with what is needed and posts the information on Face Book and Wallingford Piper. We have found this very useful in that we are able to be specific about food that is in short supply and those reading her posts have responded accordingly. Thank you.

We are still operating in ‘lockdown’ mode (I am in ‘mission control’ at home and two volunteers are ground crew in the foodbank itself!!) We are intending to stay this way until the end of April, just in case there is another flare up of the virus and we have to isolate again, after that we hope to all be back in one place, but will still be operating the phone and deliver system rather than having clients coming in.

Our drivers have been wonderful with all the deliveries they have done, going out as far as Watlington and Woodcote. I did have a phone call this week from a gentleman who hadn’t eaten for three days and was desperate for some food. When I asked him where he lived he said he was in London, he had obviously found our address on the website. I was very sorry that we couldn’t help and just pray that he could find a foodbank near him. I do find it hard to say no to these people when I think of all the food that we have available.

My best wishes to you all. Stay safe and God Bless

Jean Burt