**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR JUNE 2022**

The summer seems finally to have arrived. Many people are able to go on holiday for the first time in two years. Life seems more normal for most of us.

However, those we are in touch with at the food bank are not getting away and they are facing the same increasing cost of living that we are all noticing.

We have again seen an uplift in numbers of local people asking for help, 174 adults and 90 children from 100 households.

This is in addition to those fleeing the war in Ukraine. We have now helped over 50 households who are staying in our part of South Oxfordshire. They are a real mixture: mothers with small children, single people with relatives left behind, and now a few complete families including one from Mariupol. It is an absolute privilege to be in a position to help.

I would like to acknowledge the particular efforts of one volunteer, David Tole who has set up the system that allows us to send supermarket vouchers to the refugees. It has needed significant time, commitment, and care to get right. It is also costing quite a large amount of money.

We were also delighted to have a large donation of food from the children of Moulsford School last week. It is good to know that they are thinking of others as they head for the holidays.

Thank you all for your support. The need is great.

My best wishes to you all,

Alice Penney