Management report February 2023

It has felt as if we have had a relatively quiet month. However, we have sent food to 154 adults, and 122 children in 99 households, compared with 136 adults and 53 children, from 76 households in February last year, and that is an increase of just over 30% in numbers of individuals. We continue to see many more families asking for help. In addition we have just sent vouchers to our 100th Ukrainian family - a sad milestone as we reach the 1yr anniversary of the start of the war.

Food price inflation is still with us. Many basic items have increased dramatically – on average the price of milk is up 50% on last year. In recent months we have tried to send out extra milk to families. A bowl of a healthy cereal with full fat milk is an easy meal for a child, requiring no heat.

We are delighted to say that Waitrose is now promoting our app, Bank the Food as well as the Co-ops in Benson and in Woodcote. We are very appreciative of this. All these supermarkets support us by housing a donation box. If you donate to us do get the app and if you have the app persuade someone else to get it. Volunteers will be in Waitrose soon to highlight the app and how helpful it is to us, so do say hello if you spot us.

Thank you for your support and all your donations which allow us to help those in need.

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