**Manager’s report for February 2025**

Spring appears to be with us, finally. As I write, the sun is shining, and I hope it still is, when you read this.

This month we have fed 264 adults, 154 children in 118 households a decrease of 34.8% in numbers of households on last year. This compares to 343 adults, and 242 children in 181 households last February (which was an increase of 82.8% on the year before. In 2023 the figures had been 154 adults, 122 children in 99 households.) We had 6 new clients referred to us this month.

We continue to be grateful for all the support you offer us. We have had such positive responses to our requests for help. One supporter arranged for items we needed, to be delivered from an online supermarket, at a convenient time, which was amazing.

If you are thinking of donating to us, please do consider getting the Bank the Food app for your smartphone. You can download the free app from the ‘App store’ if you have an iPhone or from ‘Google Play’ if you have an Android phone. Then register on it and ‘follow’ our food bank (you can easily find us if you enter OX10 in postcode search).

When you shop at Waitrose in Wallingford, or the Co-ops in Benson, Woodcote and Dorchester, the app will ping your phone with a list of the most urgent items we need **when you arrive**. Those using the app already are making a real difference as they donate what is urgently needed. If you are one of those, thank you – and ask a friend to get the app too! Please know that you do not have to shop at one of those places; you can check the app and shop anywhere that suits you.

Please bear in mind that we are currently **swimming** in soup, baked beans and so please choose long life milk or juice, jars of coffee, tins of potatoes and tins of meat instead.

Easter is on the 20th April this year, so it would be lovely to start seeing Easter eggs arriving, so that we can get them out in good time to families.

With many thanks for all your support

Alice Penney

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