**Manager’s Report July 2025**

This month we have fed 326 adults and 203 children in 162 households. This compares to 264 adults, 182 children in 133 households last year. We have had 7 new clients request food this month which is typical of recent months.

Also, this month I have had two organisations start referring to us and that is more concerning than individuals as they often refer several people, especially when the organisation has only recently found us.This increase in demand is troubling, particularly as it comes in the summer months when people’s utility bills are smaller.

If you are thinking of donating food then please do use our app, Bank The Food. It tells you exactly what we need at any particular time. While our stocks are thin just now, we do still have lots of stock of pasta, baked beans, fish and soup – so please choose anything but those! Just now we are short on long life orange juice and apple juice, small jars of coffee, and toiletries, tined meat and tinned fruit.

Many of you do use the app. Back in March 2023 when we had just started using it we had 267 users. Today, I’m delighted to say that we have 801. It is really clear, when we collect the donations every week from Waitrose, that many of you are taking the trouble to check before you buy. Thank you.

One wonderful supporter has even arranged a delivery for us from Sainsbury, to come at a time when volunteers are in the food bank. He has asked what is needed and is sending just that. We are hugely grateful for his thoughtfulness and the generosity which will benefit so many local families.

I hope you are able to enjoy some sunshine in the next few weeks. It’s a relief it’s not so hot, but as I type it is raining which is also welcome to those of us lucky enough to have gardens.

With thanks for your support

Alice Penney