

2017 has been a busy year for the Foodbank, we have seen a 68% increase in the average number of vouchers redeemed. Romsey foodbank is now well-known across the area and we have support from many of the local agencies. We have now settled into our new premises at Unit 20 on the Romsey Industrial Estate after moving twice during the year!

## STOCK (FOOD / TOILETRIES / NAPPIES / CLEANING PRODUCTS ETC.)

	2017 Actual	2017 Average per month	% Increase for 2017
Stock In (kg)	11622	968	11%
Stock Out (kg)	10943	911	34%
Harvest donations	3065		33%

## WHERE HAS THE STOCK GONE?

Damaged or Out of Date (Disposed of)	72kg
Other Foodbanks Trussell Trust and Basics Bank	845kg
Christmas – Hampers and Extra school family support	1237kg
Other organisations / local Charities	1276kg
Foodbank Clients	7520kg

## SUPPORT GIVEN

There has been a 68% increase in the number of foodbank vouchers that have been redeemed in 2017 compared to 2016. In total we have supported 384 vouchers which has impacted on 1058 people, 527 adults and 531 children.

### School Holiday support

Over the summer and at Christmas we were able to offer families with children in school additional vouchers to help with food to replace where they have been having free school meals. At Christmas we also gave away Christmas goody bags and supported local children with 270 Christmas Sacks.



## FOODBANK CENTRES

Our main centre at Unit 20 Romsey Industrial Estate, which is open on a Wednesday morning (10.30am – 12.30pm) is where 41% of the vouchers have been redeemed, we also have distribution centres at Oasis Book Shop and North Baddesley Community Life Centre which is where the remainder have been used. These distribution centres mean that referral agencies can access Food boxes Monday- Friday if needed.



Our centre on a Wednesday can offer a lot more variety and choice than the distribution centres where they issue pre-packed food boxes. Unit 20 can offer a more individual service as well as being able to offer toiletries, sanitary products and other non-food items. It is a welcoming and friendly environment for people to come and have a cup of tea / coffee and chat to the Foodbank team. We also share the space with the local branch of CAP (Christians Against Poverty) debt centre and have had the opportunity to refer several people to this support service.

## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

We have a fantastic team of volunteers at the Foodbank who either give their time on a Monday afternoon ensuring the stock is collected, stored and in date etc or

on a Wednesday when the team support guests that come along to the drop in.

We currently have collection points at Romsey Abbey and Waitrose and would like to thank them for their continued support.

## AGENCIES

We have 32 agencies who refer to us. The most frequent users are Citizens Advice, North Baddesley Community Life Centre, Test Valley Housing and the local Schools.

## THANKS AND QUOTES

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the past year, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Romsey Community,

Local Head Teacher

*This service is incredible, and we were overwhelmed by the help shown by you and your team to support some of our most vulnerable families.*

Foodbank Client

*I would like to say thanks to all those who have helped me and my family over the past year. Don't know what I would have done without your support for me and my family.*