

Emergency food aid referrals remain constant in South East Cornwall

Liskeard & Looe Foodbank are reporting yet another year of high demand for emergency food aid from local people referred by frontline professionals experiencing all types of crises. As we approach Christmas the number of local people referred to the foodbank is expected to edge close to 1,500 for the year including well over 500 children, showing a large number of young families who are finding it increasingly difficult to manage.

Seven Years on: no-one would have believed that in 2010 foodbanks would have been needed! In February 2017 the Liskeard & Looe Foodbank will have been operating for seven years, serving those in need in our communities.

Distribution Point in Torpoint

Following 2015 when almost 400 people in the Torpoint area needed emergency food aid, it was decided in conjunction with 'churches together in Torpoint' to open a distribution point in the town.

Since February, St James Church Hall has opened its doors on Mondays & Wednesdays 09.30-11.30 where volunteers distribute food aid to those in crisis who have been referred by frontline services.

This service may well be extended in the new year to include Fridays.



Thank you to all who volunteer for the Foodbank

In Liskeard, Looe and Torpoint there are many who volunteer their time helping make sure that local people don't go hungry

Thank You!



NEWS

A local family recently evicted were provided with food aid and particularly with the help of local churches funds were made available to provide temporary accommodation for 4 weeks until a permanent home was found. Thanks to all those who made this possible.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

As in previous years Christmas boxes have been given out throughout December with our emergency foodboxes. Thank you for all the wonderful donations!

Food Shortages

At present we are short of:

Fruit Juice (long-life)

Meat (tinned)

Fruit (tinned)

Steamed Pudding (tinned)

Potatoes (tinned)

Toiletries



The Foodbank Centre

is open

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

09.30-12.30

Liskeard & Looe Foodbank

Unit 1, Barras Place, Liskeard, PL14 6AY



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The Trussell Trust scoops top award at the Charity Awards 2016

As well as winning the top prize in the Social Care and Welfare category, The Trussell Trust was chosen as the Overall Winner at this year's ceremony for its nationwide network of more than 400 foodbanks, which provided over 1.1 million three-day emergency food supplies to people in crisis last year. From the opening of the first foodbank in a garden shed 16 years ago, the network now comprises over 425 foodbanks operating in over 1,200 distribution centres with the help of more than 40,000 volunteers who offer a cup of tea or coffee, a listening ear, and guidance about other support services to people receiving food.

How can you support this work?

A massive 'Thank You' to all those who regularly support the Liskeard & Looe Foodbank

As a local charity we rely completely on local people for donations of both food and finance to enable us to give out food to those in our communities who are experiencing crises.

Over the last 7 years we have distributed over 95 tonnes of donated food to more than 7,500 local people in Liskeard, Looe, Torpoint and surrounding villages.

This has become an increasingly challenging exercise for all the volunteers involved and many people are giving selflessly of their time and resources to ensure that their 'neighbours' do not go without. Please consider how you can help the Foodbank continue into the future. Would you like to become a 'Friend of Foodbank' with a regular monthly cash donation of say £3 or £5?

In May this year we signed a new two-year contract for the lease of the foodbank centre in Liskeard, unfortunately the rent has been increased by 14%. Currently the running costs of the Foodbank amount to £1,500 per month. For more information feel free to call in or contact us.

Please pray for all those experiencing crises at this time; those looking for work, those on zero-hour contracts or on minimum wage struggling to pay their way, and the many homeless people in our area. Pray for wisdom for the Foodbank volunteers as they come alongside those in need of help.

Thank you.



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