Cirencester Foodbank — emergency food for local people in crisis

April 2021

Dear St. Mary's Church, Fairford, Fairford Community Centre and St Thomas's Horcott,

I am writing on behalf of the Foodbank to thank you for your generous donation in April of 94.9 kg of food that will help families in crisis in Cirencester, Fairford and Tetbury and the surrounding villages to put food on the table. In April schools, churches, the WI and other groups donated 3.2 tonnes of food.

We continue to see increased demand and are incredibly grateful for any donations. At the moment we are in particular need of long-life sponge pudding and long-life juice. We have plenty of cereal, beans and tinned spaghetti. If you can't get out to donate food you can donate financially to allow us to buy products in: [https://cirencester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/](https://cirencester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/)

Statistics for last year are now available from our website. They show that 6,839 food bank parcels were provided to people in crisis in the South Cotswolds between April 2020 and March 2021 – 3,461 of these went to children. The food bank believes the increase in local people needing its support is due to increased redundancies; finances being hit by the impact of coronavirus; people waiting weeks for a first Universal Credit payment; people not able to access support or receiving payments that don’t cover the cost of essentials, continued issues with benefit payments and insecure work.

Many thanks

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