



ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2018

Tameside East Foodbank has now been in operation since December 2012 and works as a partnership of our local churches: Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, St John's Church, Dukinfield and New Life Church, Ashton under Lyne. We continue to work in partnership with the Trussell Trust and follow their operational procedures. The foodbank is registered with the Charities Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), charity number 1161048.

The foodbank provides 3 days of emergency food on production of a foodbank voucher; Tameside East Foodbank has over 150 agencies in Tameside who supply vouchers to people identified as being in crisis. These agencies vary from national organisations, such as CAB and the Probation Service, to small local charities working with specific demographic groups such as victims of domestic violence or homelessness.

Since opening the doors of the foodbank in 2012 we have received a total of 10425 vouchers, resulting in the feeding of a total of 22543 people; 14303 adults and 8230 children.

During the year January to December 2018 Tameside East Foodbank fed a total of 4531 people; this breaks down to 2824 adults and 1707 children. This is an 11% increase on the number fed last year. It has resulted in the distribution of 39425.5Kg of food.

The main reasons for clients requiring the support of the Foodbank continues to be changes and delays to welfare benefit payments; other reasons include low income, debt, sickness/ill health, homelessness and domestic abuse.

Warehouse Report

2018 was a year of peaks and troughs with regards to donations, the busiest times being Easter, June Tesco Collection, Harvest, Tesco Collection November and Christmas. The busiest month was December when we received in 7816kg and issued out 4941kg.

Finance Report

Once again, Tameside East Foodbank are very grateful to all our supporters for their generous gifts given this year to support our ongoing work. Without their help we would find it increasingly difficult to continue this provision to provide help to those in our local community who need to access the service. Tameside East Foodbank first opened in December 2012 and since that time we have been able to provide food for over 22,000 local people.

Volunteers

A total of around 100 volunteers continue to support the Foodbank by running the distribution centres (providing refreshments to clients, sign-posting clients to other agencies as well as distributing the food), in the warehouse (by weighing, sorting and replenishing food stocks) and at supermarket collections. Our volunteer co-ordinators are responsible for the recruitment of volunteers and operate a database of contacts to inform of specific needs such as staffing supermarket collections.

Our vision is to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis and we will continue to promote the foodbank within the local community and beyond. We will also continue to forge links with local businesses, employers, community groups and strategic agencies.

Again this year we have been so encouraged and blessed with the support given to us from across the local community.

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